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**Capital Market Growth & Cooperation in Asia:
A Common Vision for the Future**

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abstract

Korea's stock market grew from 12 listed companies in 1956 to more than 1,800 in 2011 with the total market capitalization and the average daily trading amount of KRX-traded shares at KRW1,042 trillion and KRW6,863 billion, respectively.

To a significant extent, the remarkable success of Korea's stock market growth can be attributed to sustained efforts undertaken by the Korean government to encourage capital market development. Therefore, policy makers across Asian countries who are looking to emulate a similar home-grown success may find Korea's capital market development experience uniquely instructive in formulating and implementing growth initiatives for their capital markets. As Korea's financial regulator, the Financial Supervisory Service also plays a key role in enhancing the global competitiveness of the capital market and promoting cross-border cooperation.

The last decade has witnessed a number of merger activities among securities exchanges in the developed countries. In Korea, the KRX continues to operate as a quasi-public entity under private ownership structure. In more recent years, the KRX has focused on strengthening cooperation with stock exchanges in the Asia-Pacific region by sharing its know-how on IT infrastructure and modernization while promoting cross-listing of KRX products and the listing of foreign firms.