

# Korea and Japan: Trade and Investment Status

Numerous Japanese companies in Korea participated in the 13th Job Fair for Foreign-invested Companies in efforts to hire qualified local talent. Let's take a closer look at where the trade and investment relationship between South Korea and Japan currently stands.

Sources: Korea International Trade Association; Export-Import Bank of Korea; Ministry of Trade, Industry and Commerce

## 01 Korea-Japan Trade

Currently, Japan is Korea's fifth largest export market, and the third largest for imports. Since the start of the trade relationship between the two countries, imports have usually exceeded exports due to Korea's industrial structure of relying on Japanese parts and materials to manufacture major Korean export goods such as electronics, automobiles and machinery. Therefore, as Korea's global exports continue to rise, demand for Japanese imports are, in turn, increasing as well.

### Imports

In 2017, Korean imports from Japan reached USD 55.12 billion, with the major import categories being electronic parts, steel products and precision machinery.

### Exports

In 2017, Korean exports to Japan stood at USD 26.81 billion, with the top export categories consisting of steel products, mineral fuel and electronic parts.

## 02 Korea-Japan Investment

Japan ranks 12th among all countries that Korea has invested in up until now.

In 2017, Korean investment to Japan was at USD 647 million in declared amount, mainly in the manufacturing, wholesale/retail, and publishing/broadcasting/information service sectors.

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