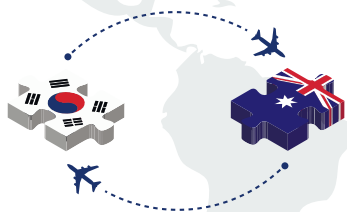


Korea and Australia: Trade and Investment Status

In his interview, Christopher Raciti, CEO of ANZ Korea and the Chairman of the Board at the Australian Chamber of Commerce expressed that he would like to see the trade and investment relationship between Korea and Australia continue to grow, diversify and receive greater recognition. Let's take a closer look at where this relationship currently stands.

01 KAFTA

The Korea-Australia FTA (KAFTA) entered into force on December 12, 2014. As one of Australia's most comprehensive trade agreements, KAFTA delivers significant improvements in market access and tariff liberalization for merchandise trade. Under KAFTA, Australian services providers receive the best treatment Korea has agreed with any trade partner. Investment commitments in the agreement protect and enhance investment in both directions.



Import and Export

Korea and Australia have a complimentary trade relationship, with Korea providing products such as automobiles, telecommunications equipment, computers, and refined petroleum, and with Australia exporting raw materials, manufactured products and food to Korea.

Korean exports to Australia were at USD 18 billion in 2017, a 194% increase from the previous year, while Australian imports to Korea were at USD 15.8 billion, a 32.2% increase from 2016, generating a trade surplus of USD 2.1 billion.



02 Korea-Australia Trade

The bilateral trade relationship between the two countries developed rapidly during the 1960s when the ROK pursued industrialization requiring large amounts of raw materials.

03 Korea-Australia Investment

The level of investment between the two nations is growing. Korean investment into Australia has grown from USD 4.9 billion in 2006 to USD 23.5 billion by the end of 2016, and this investment is starting to diversify into other sectors such as tourism.

Korea is the 16th largest destination for Australia's foreign investment abroad. At the end of 2016, Australian investment into Korea was at USD 17.4 billion.

