



## The 26th Korean Statistical Mission to Japan

The 26th statistical mission from Korea visited Japan from November 28 to December 3, 2011. It was headed by Mr. Jung Kyunam, Director-General of Population & Social Statistics Bureau, Statistics Korea.

They actively discussed the development and improvement of labour statistics with the SBJ staff. During a meeting at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare they exchanged views on vital statistics for foreign-born people. They also discussed improvement of agricultural surveys at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

A visit to the Kyoto Prefectural Government, where they were given a cordial welcome by the Vice-Governor, was also part of the program. They exchanged information on the statistical activities of local governments with the officers.

Japan and Korea have been cooperating with each other through the exchange of statistical missions almost every year since 1982. The missions aim to develop official statistics for both countries, and have served as opportunities for the two offices to discuss their experiences and challenges with regard to a wide range of statistical issues, such as organization, surveys, tabulation and data provision, as well as the circumstances of local statistical organizations.

The members of the 26th mission were as follows:

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| Mr. Jung Kyunam     | Director-General of Population & Social Statistics Bureau        |
| Mr. Song Seongheon  | Director of Employment Statistics Division                       |
| Ms. Park Eunyoung   | Deputy Director of Vital Statistics Division                     |
| Mr. Hong Byong-surk | Deputy Director of Agriculture and Fisheries Statistics Division |



The 26th Korean Statistical Mission with senior staff of the SBJ