

Smart Green Cities in Korea

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Since 2008, the Republic of Korea has pursued a “Green Growth” policy as a way of addressing climate change and at the same time achieving economic growth. As a result, various green infrastructure projects have been taking place not only at the central government levels but also city levels.

Seoul Metropolitan City and Incheon City, for example, have already made significant progress by transforming themselves into Smart Green Cities. While current developments are being driven by the city governments, it is expected there will be ample opportunities for investments from the private sector, particularly in the fields of both energy technologies and information technologies.



Particular focus will be given to the areas of transportation, buildings, and water and waste management where the combination of “green” and IT technologies will be numerous.

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