



Canada-Korea Interparliamentary Friendship Group

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CANADA KOREA INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP (CKIFG)
ELECTS ITS NEW EXECUTIVE

OTTAWA, ON – On March 20th, 2024, the Canada Korea Interparliamentary Friendship Group (CKIFG) held its Annual General Meeting on Parliament Hill to elect new officers (for 2024-2025). His Excellency Woongsoon Lim, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Canada, hosted lunch; and after the election of the new Executive, underscored the importance of Canada Korea relations and working together to further strengthen and deepen the bilateral ties.

2024-2025 Executive and Directors of CKIFG:

Co-Chairs:

Senator Yonah Martin (Senate)
MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman (House of Commons)

Directors:

Senator Salma Ataullahjan, MP Michael Barrett, MP Richard Bragdon, MP Martin Champoux, MP Marc Dalton, MP Ali Ehsassi, MP Stephen Ellis, MP Dave Epp, MP Cheryl Gallant, Senator Amina Gerba, Senator Clément Gignac, MP Michael Kram, Senator Stan Kutcher, MP Leslyn Lewis, Senator Michael MacDonald, Senator Victor Oh, Senator Gigi Osler, Senator Mohamed-Iqbal Ravalia, MP Francesco Sorbara, MP Tako Van Popta, Senator David Wells

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"The optimistic view about our common future has been substantiated by numerous achievements over the past year, including the operation of direct flights from Calgary and Montreal to Korea in addition to from Vancouver and Toronto, the launch of a 2+2 High-Level Dialogue on foreign and defence policy following last year's launch of 2+2 Dialogue on Economic Security and, more than anything else, the enhanced level of parliamentary exchange." ~ *His Excellency Woongsoon Lim, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Canada*

"I am honoured to have the confidence of my Senate and House colleagues to continue in my capacity as Co-Chair. I would like to thank outgoing Co-Chair MP Ali Ehsassi and welcome our newly elected Co-Chair MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman as well as all the Directors and members. Together, we can continue to strengthen our bilateral relations. Canada and Korea have a deep-rooted friendship forged through service and sacrifice - we remember today and always the heroic efforts of our beloved Korean War Veterans, without whom Korea would not be the prosperous country it is today." ~ *Senator Martin*

"I was honoured to be elected as the House Co-Chair, for which I am grateful for the confidence placed in me. I look forward to working with my fellow members to further strengthen the strategic partnership between Korea and Canada, built upon our shared values, complementary economic structures, and strong personal relationships." ~ *MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman*

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