

Korea addresses health security at first 'World Emerging Security Forum'

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A number of distinguished global leaders and experts joined the first World Emerging Security Forum, which took place in Seoul on November 16 and 17, 2021.

The two-day global forum under the theme of 'Future of Multilateral Cooperation In Response to Emerging Security Threats' was organized by the Republic Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss global cooperation against new security threats including emerging diseases such as COVID-19, cybersecurity, and emerging technologies and security.

In his opening speech, ROK's Foreign Minister Chung Eui-yong said global coordination is crucial in successful response to new security threats, expressing ROK's commitment to play a leading role to support global efforts to address the challenges through solidarity and cooperation.

The forum brought together, onsite and virtually, a number of leading global experts and leaders, including Eric Schmidt, former Google CEO and co-founder of Schmidt Futures, Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, and Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Former President of Estonia at the opening session.

"In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and other emerging threats, the forum provided a timely opportunity to identify obstacles that impede critical international cooperation and to start a discussion about ways to overcome these challenges," Dr Jerome Kim, Director General, International Vaccine Institute (IVI) said. "As the world's only international organization devoted exclusively to the development and delivery of vaccines for global health, IVI is privileged to join in this important discussion and to contribute to the efforts to find solutions to emerging security threats."