APEC Business Travel Card Scheme Operations of the Republic of Korea

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<td>Proposal from Australia during APEC Summit meeting</td>
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<td>1996.11</td>
<td>Agreement for card trial - Korea, Australia, and Philippines at the Manila Cabinet Meeting</td>
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<td>1997.5</td>
<td>Card trial of ABTC (Korea, Australia, Philippines)</td>
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<td>1998.7</td>
<td>Establishment of regulations for issuance and management of ABTC (7 amendments)</td>
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<td>1999.3</td>
<td>Operation on a permanent basis</td>
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<td>2005.10</td>
<td>Due to rapid increase of card applicants, MOJ and KITA signed a MOU</td>
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# ABTC Statistics

## Number of ABTC Issuance (Koreans)

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<td>ABTC Issuance</td>
<td>17,584</td>
<td>20,825</td>
<td>23,180</td>
<td>23,699</td>
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## Number of Valid Korean ABTC Holders

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<td>ABTC holder</td>
<td>34,849</td>
<td>43,786</td>
<td>48,005</td>
<td>61,569</td>
<td>58,961</td>
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- Korea has the second largest number of valid ABTC holders among the member economies
- This is the fourth largest in terms of population
ABTC Management Authorities

Korea Immigration Service
(Policy Development and Overall Control)

Incheon Airport Office
(Inspection)

Korea International Trade Association
(Registration, Issuance, Distribution)

Transfer duty to affiliated organization
Sign MOU
Before 2005, KIS managed all matters regarding ABTC
Due to lack of manpower, backlog increased for card issuance and pre-clearance
ABTC Management Authorities (After MOU)

1. Submit Application
2. Examine Business performance
3. Recommend applicant for approval
4. Examine criminal records and background check
5. Approval
6. Confirm result
7. Card Issue
Identify waiting list of foreigner applicants on the ABTC Core system and save as CSV file

Upload the CSV file to ABTC MSVS data storage of Korea ICIS

◆ about 1,400 foreigner applicants per week, completed in 30 seconds
Criminal records and immigration regulation status of the foreigner applicant is examined using ABTC MSVS of the ICIS

① is the foreigner ABTC applicant information ② is the result of MSVS
If “N”, the applicant has no criminal record or regulations for immigration
If “Y”, the applicant is regulated and needs further confirmation
(For 1,400 foreigner applicants, examination completed in 3 minutes)
Results of applicants with no regulations ("N") are sent to the ABTC System

- Normally, for the 1,400 persons, checking for regulations is done once a week and 300 foreigner applicants are approved consecutively for pre-clearance on the ABTC Core System.

Pre-clearance of foreigner applicants completed
Pre-clearance Confirmation System

Foreigner ABTC Cardholder PCS development and operation at ports

Before

‘KOR’ cardholders were allowed entry without further verification

Increase ABTC forgery to enter

After

easy to recognize pre-clearance record

Prevent ABTC forgery

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Pre-clearance Confirmation System

Foreigner ABTC Cardholder PCS at ports

① Input one of three (ABTC cardholder name, DOB, passport number)
② Display of pre-clearance record from Korea and information of cardholder

※ System is automatically connected with ABTC MSVS, so not necessary to upload the pre-clearance approved (result “N”) name list separately
Conclusion

Korea’s Strategy for Streamlined ABTC Processing

1. Accurate eligibility examination of Koreans through work break down

2. Establish system which allows collective search regarding foreigner travel ban and criminal records

3. Develop system to confirm pre-clearance of foreigner ABTC holders

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