

## Directions for RoK-ASEAN Supply-Chain Cooperation and the Public Sector's Roles

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More than 80% of South Korea's exports to Southeast Asia are composed of intermediate goods. This indicates the interconnectivity of South Korea and Southeast Asia as supply chains. South Korea and the Southeast Asian region are no longer separate markets. The decline in Southeast Asia's overall exports is a structural factor leading to a decrease in South Korea's exports to Southeast Asia. However, as the Southeast Asian region becomes more dependent on China, there are doubts about whether Southeast Asia can become a viable candidate for South Korea's stable supply chain. Let's take Vietnam, which has achieved the highest level of economic cooperation with South Korea, as an example. We conducted an investigation on the number of items that accounted for more than 50% of the market share in Vietnam's import market between 2016 and 2020, based on the HS 6-digit code. During the same period, the number of Korean-imported items decreased from 193 to 146, while the number of Chinese-imported items increased from 1,328 to 1,795. To establish a stable supply chain between South Korea and Southeast Asia, multi-layered cooperation between the two regions is necessary.