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**‘Discussion of Current Status of Fact-Checking by  
Global Journalism and the Operation of Media  
Self-regulatory Organization’**

The Journalists Association of Korea holds the World Journalists Conference (WJC). About 70 journalists from more than 50 countries participated. The conference starts on upcoming 26th, under the theme of ‘Notable cases of media coverage from the all over the world.’

The 2022 World Journalists Conference, hosted by the Journalists Association of Korea (President Kim Dong Hoon), will be held online and offline for three days from April 24 (Sun) to 26 (Tue).

The 2022 World Journalists Conference will be held both online and offline due to differences in the COVID-19 quarantine system in each country. Overseas journalists will participate by video conference, and there is a venue at the International Conference Hall on the 20th floor of the Seoul Press Center for domestic participants and foreign correspondents in Korea.

On the first day of this year's event, the first conference under the theme of ‘Current Status of Fact-Checking by Global Journalism and the Operation of Media Self-regulatory Organization’ will be held ahead of the establishment of an integrated media self-regulatory organization jointly promoted by the Journalists Association of Korea and other major journalism organizations. On the 26th, the second day of event, multiple conferences will be held under the theme of ‘Society Changed by the Journalism’ to share examples of how the journalism has changed society while staying faithful to the original role.

**‘Current Status of Fact-Checking by Global Journalism and the Operation of Media  
Self-regulatory Organization’**

The 2022 World Journalists Conference will be started with an opening ceremony consisted with a welcoming speech by Kim Dong Hoon, president of the Journalists Association of Korea; a congratulatory speech by Prime Minister Kim Boo-kyum; and a video introducing the Republic of Korea at 2 p.m. on April 25 (Mon) at the International Conference Hall on the 20th floor of the Seoul Press Center in Gwanghwamun, Seoul. The event of first day will begin under the chairmanship of Jung Min-ho (The Korea Times), head of the International Relations Department of the Journalists Association of Korea.

In the Conference I under theme of ‘Current Status of Fact-Checking by Global Journalism and the Operation of Media Self-regulatory Organization,’ the media self-regulation efforts conducted by major domestic media organizations and the related cases from different countries will be reviewed to restore the credibility of journalism. It will be an opportunity to apply best practices as well as to contribute to the development of journalism around the world by sharing notable cases of participating countries.

EunRyung Chong, Director of the SNUFactCheck Center, and Hyung Joon Ahn, journalist of the MBC, will present under the theme of ‘Current Status of Fact-Checking by Global Journalism and the Operation of Media Self-regulatory Organization in Korea’.

28 overseas journalists, including Sabina Inderjit (India), vice president of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), will present their cases.

All attendees will participate in a group discussion about the theme of day from 17:10 p.m.

### **‘Highlighting Exclusive News and Investigative Reports in Global Journalism’**

The Conference II, which will be held at the same venue as the previous day, will provide time for participants to share the notable media coverage from different countries from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the 26th (Tue).

Min-kyu Lee, a professor at Chung-Ang University, will present under the theme of ‘Three Representative Cases of Social Change brought by media reports in Korean journalism,’ while Hwan-bong Jung, a reporter of the Hankyoreh, will present under the theme of ‘Report on online public opinion manipulation committed by authorized organization’.

After the presentation of representatives from different countries, the event will be concluded with a group discussion about the theme of day.

Prior to the main event of the second day, Sonny Kwon, CEO of the PUBLISH, will give a special lecture for an hour from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. under the theme of ‘Blockchain-based News Ecosystem.’

Kim Dong Hoon, president of the Journalists Association of Korea, said “Journalists from different countries gathered to organize this year's event to consider ways to protect the proper function of journalism and restore people's trust,”and “If there is any exemplary case of policies or the operation of the media self-regulatory organization in other countries, we will do our best to apply it to our situation.”

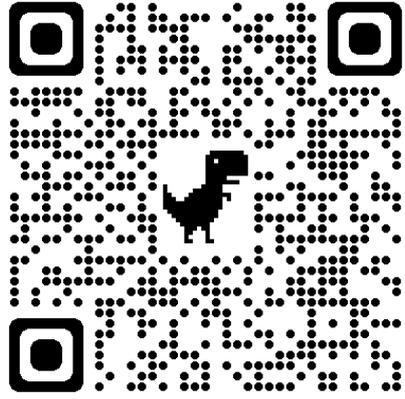
Prior to the main event, rehearsals and orientations of participants will be held on the 24th (Sun).

The event will be held both online and offline and who want to attend can access the event with QR code. In addition, Korean-English simultaneous interpretation will be provided at the site, and YouTube broadcasts will be provided only in English.

The presentation materials and videos of the event will be uploaded to the Journalists Association of Korea website ([www.journalist.or.kr](http://www.journalist.or.kr)).

Attachment : Overview of World Journalists Conference 2022

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# Overview of World Journalists Conference 2022

## 1. Title : World Journalists Conference 2022

## 2. Overview

- Date : 24(Sun) - 26(Tue) April 2022
- Hosted by : Journalists Association of Korea
- Venue : International Convention Hall [20F], Korea Press Center,  
Online·Offline(Hybrid) Conference

## 3. Purpose

- 1) Checking the status of disinformation verification and policy inspection in each country
  - Disinformation has emerged as a serious problem not only at the national level, but also at the global level.
  - Numerous serious risks and damage are caused by disinformation amid the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
  - Disinformation rapidly diminished the trust and influence of journalism, especially the original function of journalism including checking, monitoring and representing the weak is being tarnished.
  - The notable cases of the fact-checking and media self-regulation efforts from different countries should be shared to prevent disinformation, and ways for journalists around the world to cooperate should be discussed.
  - Building a human network for journalists around the world and cooperation between them if necessary.
  - Developing business models and efforts to restore the trust of journalism with cooperation.
  
- 2) A Society Changed by Journalism
  - A role of journalism is monitoring and checking authority.
  - Also to care for the underprivileged and nurture a healthy social environment.
  - We often witness cases wherein one sentence in an article or a photo helps create a better and healthier society.
  - At today's conference, we will provide the opportunity to present and share the best practices and instances of how certain journalism reporting has transformed entire societies in countries worldwide to boost our morale as journalists.
  - We hope you discover applicable article topics you may use from the presented best practices to induce specific policies in your respective countries.
  - We equally hope you discuss a role of journalism in fostering safe and peaceful societies.