

## Editor's Note

Greetings from the Seoul Institute.

The Seoul Institute (SI) is a think-tank for the Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG). Our institute produces policy proposals and recommend new programs for the SMG. More than 80 researchers with Ph.Ds in a variety of urban planning disciplines work tirelessly at the SI. The SI has now been about 30 years since the SI was established as the Seoul Development Institute in 1992. Since then, Seoul has been a dynamic city as the city has faced diverse challenges at different periods of time. The role of the SI has changed accordingly.

Seoul has come into spotlight as a city with innovative solutions to urban problems. Every year, officials from local governments in other countries or international organizations visit Seoul and the SI, interested in hands-on experience that Seoul can offer to cities around the world. They are also keen on original SI policy research studies. The SI has been active in sharing our research outcomes with other cities through international cities networks such as Megacity Think-Tank Alliance (MeTTA, <http://global.si.re.kr/metta>).

Here we offer English summaries of major research produced in 2019. This book contains 20 research studies chosen from over 100 that cover a range of fields in urban planning.

We hope this report provides a good reference to understand urban problems of Seoul and its innovative policy solutions with meaningful implications for cities around the world.

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