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Bank of Korea Extends Operating Hours of BOK-Wire+

- Effective on March 30, 2026, The Bank of Korea will extend the operating hours of BOK-Wire+, its real-time gross settlement system (RTGS), from the current 09:00 - 17:30 to 09:00 - 20:00, representing an extension of two hours and thirty minutes.
 - o Since August 2025, the Bank of Korea has been working toward this extension, including developing related IT systems and conducting testing, in close cooperation with participating institutions.
- The extension is expected to significantly enhance the efficiency of cross-border payments by increasing the overlap of operating hours with major foreign large-value payment systems.
- In particular, improved accessibility to the domestic payment system for foreign investors is expected to promote the globalization of Korea's foreign exchange and bond markets.
 - o Foreign investors will be able to more efficiently settle bond transactions on the same day using Korean won funds obtained through CLS foreign exchange settlement. From a settlement infrastructure perspective, this will further support the scheduled inclusion of Korean government bonds in the World Government Bond Index (WGBI) on April 1, 2026.

- The Bank of Korea will continue to enhance BOK-Wire+, Korea's sole large-value payment system, to contribute to the development of the domestic financial market.