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Ahead of the MAS-Korean Seminar The Representative of the Republic of Korea to Palestine visits MAS



Ramallah, Palestine, 15 April 2018: Yesterday a high-level meeting was convened at the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS) to finalize the preparations for a Palestinian-Korean Seminar on “Policy for Economic Development and Nation Building”. Representatives of the organizers, Dr. Nabeel Kassis, MAS Director General and H.E. Amb. Choi, Young-sam, the Representative of the Republic of Korea to Palestine, discussed preparations for the event taking place on Wednesday the 2nd May 2018 which will bring together Korean and Palestinian experts to share the experiences in development planning and nation building policies.

Two sessions will be held, the first will focus on Policy for Planning and Development, while the second will be on Policy for Nation Building. Two prominent speakers from the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) and the Korea National Diplomatic Academy will each give a 30-minute presentation that day. Two Palestinian experts will be discussants at each of the two sessions.

On this occasion, Dr. Kassis stressed the significance of the upcoming Seminar and its timing, given the recent developments in the Palestinian arena, and the complicated political and



economic situation. He added “We believe such exchange of experience is helpful in learning how research institutes and the government institutions can work together to strengthen the process of knowledge-based policy formulation, toward building an independent state and strong economy”.

For his part, Amb. Choi expressed his appreciation of the role that MAS is playing in this respect and his interest in furthering cooperation between Korean and Palestinian policy research institutes, recalling that such a joint seminar is not the first held at MAS.