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Busan's Autumn 2026: Connecting Innovation, Maritime and Asian Capital Markets

Busan is set to welcome international participants across entrepreneurship, maritime affairs and finance in the final months of 2026. These gatherings will provide opportunities to strengthen international cooperation and highlight Busan's growing role as an international financial centre.

The season opens with FLY ASIA 2026 (7–8 October), bringing together venture capitalists, innovators, and start-ups from across Asia. By connecting high-growth enterprises with global investment networks, the expo reinforces Busan's foundation as an innovation-driven financial hub.

*Link: <https://www.fly-asia.org/main/>

The focus then shifts to the city's traditional strength in maritime affairs. Co-hosted with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the World Maritime Day Parallel Event (26–27 October) and Korea Maritime Week (28–29 October) will examine the future of ship finance, marine insurance, and capital deployment for eco-friendly shipping infrastructure.

*Link: <https://www.maritimekorea2026.or.kr/>

Looking ahead to early November, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) will convene the 47th ASEAN+3 Bond Market Forum (ABMF) alongside the Digital Bond Market Forum (DBMF) and the Cross-Border Settlement Infrastructure Forum (CSIF). These meetings will address critical developments in digital debt securities, cross-border settlement systems, and sustainable finance instruments, including green and blue bonds.

*Link: <https://asianbondsonline.adb.org/abmf/>

Together, these events illustrate Busan's connections with global innovation networks, maritime industries and international capital markets, creating opportunities for international cooperation and financial partnerships.