

Bush to Visit Seoul for Summit

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U.S. President George W. Bush will arrive in Seoul Tuesday evening for a summit with President Lee Myung-bak.

After attending an official welcoming ceremony at Cheong Wa Dae Wednesday, the two leaders will discuss pending issues including the six-party nuclear talks and ways to persuade the legislatures of both nations to ratify the free trade agreement.

The two leaders will exchange their views on the prompt inclusion of Korea in the U.S. visa waiver program.

The two leaders may also discuss the recent incident of a shooting death of a South Korean tourist in North Korea and Japan's claims over the Dokdo islets, even though they are not part of the agenda.

After the summit, President Lee and Bush will hold a joint news conference.

The two leaders had been expected to adopt a joint declaration to broaden and upgrade the Korea-U.S. alliance, but have decided to have further discussions before finalizing the declaration.

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