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2013 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Trends

The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) trend in Korea shows a positive growth compared to the trends of the last five years. The FDIs fell slightly in 2013 from a year earlier due to a decrease in investments from Japan following the weaker Yen and other factors.

The amount of FDI on a report basis was 14.55 billion USD, down by 10.7% from 16.29 billion USD compared to the same period in the previous year, but up 9.9% compared to the 5-year average, which is 13.24 billion USD.

The amount of FDI on an arrival basis was 9.68 billion USD, down by 9.4% from 10.69 billion USD compared to the same period last year, but up 27.9% compared to the 5-year average of 7.57 billion USD.

FDI trends by sector on a report basis are as follows:

- (By nation) Investments from the USA (3.53 billion USD, down 4.1%) and Japan (2.69 billion USD, down 40.8%) decreased, while investments from European countries (4.8 billion USD, up 76.9%) increased.
- (By industry) Investments in the service sector (9.85 billion USD, up 2.6%) increased, while those in manufacturing sector (4.65 billion USD, down 23.8%) decreased.
- (By type) Mergers and acquisitions (4.98 billion USD, up 32.8%) increased, while greenfield investments (9.57 billion USD, down 23.7%) decreased.