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## The KCUE actively agrees on the necessity of amending the Higher Education Act to secure university autonomy.

- Demanding bold financial investment  
to enhance the competitiveness of higher education

- The Korean Council for University Education (KCUE) underwent the inspection of state administration by the board of education of the National Assembly during the ordinary session held on October 11, 2024.
- In the operational report for the inspection of state administration by the board of education, Chairman of the KCUE, Park Sang-gue (President of Chung-Ang University) requested the National Assembly that "universities are currently facing a very serious financial crisis due to the 15-year-long freeze on university tuition fees, and bold investment in higher education is urgently needed to improve the competitiveness of higher education."  
To this end, he emphasized the need for active consideration and support for measures that would dramatically increase funding for higher education, including the **abolition of the sunset clause of the 「Act on Special Account for Assistance to Higher Education and Lifelong Education」**, which is set to expire in 2025, as well as the **enactment of the 「Higher Education Subsidy Act」** and the **establishment of a higher education tax**.
- Additionally, Chairman Park Sang-gue stated that he strongly agrees with the **opinions of National Assembly members Kim Dae-sik and Kim Jun-hyuk, who called for the "guarantee of university autonomy and a comprehensive revision of the Higher Education Act"** from the universities' perspective. He also expressed that, considering the future, this is the optimal time for legal reform and welcomed the need for **a comprehensive revision of the Higher Education Act**.
- The KCUE will **actively cooperate with the National Assembly** during this regular session to ensure that related laws are enacted and amended to enhance funding for higher education and secure university autonomy..