

## FSC CHAIRMAN DISCUSSES BALANCE BETWEEN COVID-19 SUPPORT AND PREEMPTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT

FSC Chairman Eun Sung-soo met with the heads of five financial holding groups on August 10 and held talks on creating quality jobs for young adults in financial sectors, managing household debt levels and maintaining COVID-19 financial support.

**(CREATING JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS)** Chairman Eun stated that a rapid transition to a digital economy may lead to diminishing job opportunities for young adults. However, the growth of fintechs is contributing to the creation of new jobs. As such, financial institutions should work to create quality jobs that are desirable for young adults, especially with this year's joint job fair in financial sectors scheduled to be held in next month.

**(HOUSEHOLD DEBT MANAGEMENT)** In the process of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, a growth in private sector debt level has been unavoidable. In this regard, it is time to focus on risk management as the pace of the growth has been accelerating. In order to control the pace of growth at an appropriate level (5 to 6% for this year), the financial authorities are working on strengthening supervision. As such, financial institutions should work on preemptive management to help prevent excessive debt levels turning into potential risks for the economy and financial sectors.

**(COVID-19 FINANCIAL SUPPORT)** Over the past year, financial institutions made available KRW204 trillion<sup>1</sup> worth of financial support for SMEs and small merchants in the form of maturity extensions and payment deferrals. The authorities are closely looking at the upside and downside effects of extending these support programs and making them available for longer. In the process, the authorities will maintain close communication with financial sectors.

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<sup>1</sup> As of the end of June, 2021