

Lee invites union leaders to discuss cooperation with corporate management

In an effort to ease tensions over the recently passed "yellow envelope law," a pro-labor bill at the center of ongoing labor-management disputes, President Lee Jae Myung hosted leaders of the country's major labor unions on Thursday, emphasizing that his government's approach is rooted in basic human rights rather than a pro-labor or anti-business agenda.

Lee emphasized that a society that respects labor and a country favorable to business "are not mutually exclusive, but can and must coexist," underscoring that the new law is not intended to confront companies.

The law is highly controversial because it restricts a company's ability to sue striking workers for damages. While businesses fear it will embolden unions and lead to costlier strikes, supporters argue it is a vital measure to protect workers from devastating lawsuits, highlighting a deep-seated friction between labor and management.