



### **Koffel Associates welcomes representatives from the Korean Fire Institute**

Koffel Associates met with representatives from the Korean Fire Institute (KFI) to exchange ideas regarding smoke control topics. Clay Aler, PE, Erik Anderson, PE, and Nicholas Sealover met with Dr. Nam Jun Seok and Dr. Seung Ho Joo for the day. The Korean Fire Institute, in conjunction with Yoon Young Fire Protection Engineering Co., Ltd, are leading an effort to develop technology and test methods to ensure the fire safety performance of the smoke control systems in Korea. Their work will include development of design manuals, developing smoke control codes/standards, creating a test apparatus for dampers and louvers, and maintaining a testing database. Koffel Associates was pleased to provide a US perspective on these topics.

After their meeting, the group was able to visit a local building that is provided with a fully functional smoke management system. Seeing the equipment installed and observing the operation of the system allowed for additional exchanges of ideas and discussion on the practical aspects of testing smoke control systems. A special thanks to Howard County Bureau of Facilities for granting us access to the building.

