

OKA's Upcoming Events

April 17-20: 23rd World Korean Business Convention (Atlanta)
25: 14th Korea Policy Institute Policy Awards Ceremony and 2025 Spring Conference

OKA Commissioner's Activities in April

April 3: Inauguration ceremony of the president of the World Federation of Korean Association of Commerce (Lee Jung-geun, president of Booyoung Group)
Interview with Kim Seok-ki, chair of the Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee
7: 69th Newspaper Day commemoration ceremony
8: MOU signing ceremony between OKA and Korea Agro-Fisheries & Food Trade Corporation
9: 1st Sangji Korea Forum
10: Ministerial meeting on national issues
Meeting with Bae Byeong-il, chair of Korea Scholarship Foundation
17~20: 23rd World Korean Business Convention (Atlanta)
23rd World Korean Business Convention Steering Committee, opening ceremony of business expo, welcome dinner hosted by OKA commissioner, opening and closing ceremonies of 23rd WKBC, etc.
18~20: Capacity building training for Hangeul schools
19: 2025 committee meeting of World Korean Association Conference
23~24: Plenary session of National Assembly Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Committee
25: 14th Korea Policy Institute Policy Award Ceremony and 2025 Spring Conference
29: Policy meeting on supporting the settlement of adopted Koreans in Korea

OKA Announcements

Call for nominations for 19th World Korean Day achievement awards

Nominations open until May 6; types of awards include National Medal of Honor, National Decoration and Commendation

To commemorate the 19th World Korean Day in 2025, which will be celebrated Oct. 5, the Overseas Koreans Agency is inviting nominations for the following awards to recognize overseas Koreans who have contributed to the advancement of the rights and interests of overseas Koreans and the development of Korea and the Korean community. The agency is inviting people to nominate suitable candidates by May 6.

The types of awards are the National Medal of Honor, the National Decoration and the Commendation. The eligibility requirements for nominations are as follows.

Those eligible for nomination include individuals and organizations who have contributed to the advancement of the rights and interests of overseas Koreans and the development of Korea and the Korean community under the following categories:

▲ Contributed to the settlement and improvement of the status of overseas Koreans as exemplary members of the Korean community in their country of residence, ▲ Contributed to the fostering of the Korean identity of overseas Koreans and the strengthening of their bonds with the homeland, ▲ Contributed to building a global Korean network and promoting exchanges between the Korean community and their home countries,

▲ Contributed to advancing the rights and interests of overseas Koreans in Korea, and ▲ Contributed to the mutual development of Korea and the overseas Korean community by supporting the development of human resources of overseas Koreans.

The minimum period of meritorious service for each award is 15 years or more for medals, 10 years or more for decorations and five years or more for commendations.

Those who are excluded from nomination include the following.

▲ A person who has already received a government award may not receive a government award again within seven years for a medal, five years for a decoration and three years for a commendation, regardless of the discipline or field of the award. ▲ An organization that has received an organizational prize cannot receive the award again for the same field within two years. ▲ A recipient of a medal cannot be recommended for an award of the same class or lower class or the same type of decoration and a recipient of a decoration cannot be recommended for the same type of decoration. ▲ Recipients of medals and decorations cannot be cited for the same meritorious service.

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