

## Training seminar for Hangeul school teachers, students, parents held for first time in U.S.

OKA Commissioner Lee: 'I hope this will be beginning of new Hangeul school education that is in step with digital age'



OKA Commissioner Lee Sang-duk (5th from L, front row) takes a commemorative photo with participants at the "Hangeul school capacity building training with the OKA," which was held in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S., from April 18-20.

The first capacity building training session for not only Hangeul school teachers but also students and parents was held in Atlanta, U.S.

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Lee Sang-duk) held the "Hangeul school capacity building training with the OKA" in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S., from April 18-20.

This training session, held in cooperation with the southeastern council of the National Association of Korean Schools (NAKS) (Chair Noh Si-hyun), was attended by approximately 210 people, including 110 teachers from Hangeul schools in the southeastern region, 60 students and 40 parents.

NAKS is a nonprofit organization established in 1981 and has 14 regional councils, including the Southeastern Council, overseeing over 1,000 Hangeul schools.

Although the OKA has held training sessions for teachers in the past, this is the first time that it has directly visited local schools to conduct demonstration classes and lectures for students and parents.

This training session consisted of programs for teachers, special lectures for parents and demonstration classes for elementary,

middle and high school students. The teacher training session was held April 18 at the Avalon Hotel Conference Center in Atlanta. Teachers attended lectures, such as "An inside look into a good class" and "Expressing from vocabulary to paragraphs in one breath." They also participated in a workshop on the topic of "Strategy-centered teaching and designing and implementing learning methods."

"I hope this training session will provide new learning and inspiration to Hangeul school teachers," Commissioner Lee Sang-duk, who attended the training session in person, said in a congratulatory speech. "As this is the first time that the OKA has held a Hangeul school community training session created together with teachers, students and parents, we will not forgo any new attempts and offer full support in the future."

The OKA plans to continue to promote training programs that can enhance the capacity of the Hangeul school educational community by visiting local Hangeul schools in person to provide teachers with practical teaching methods, provide students with special educational experiences and share in shaping the direction of children's identity education through special lectures for parents.