

## OKA provides necessities and relief supplies to Myanmar's Korean community affected by strong earthquake

The Overseas Koreans Agency has donated US\$30,000 worth of supplies and relief goods to affected Koreans following the recent earthquake in Myanmar. The OKA enacted the "Guidelines for Supporting Overseas Koreans in Crisis" early last year.

Accordingly, the agency has been actively helping compatriots overcome their crises, such as providing generators to the Cuban community in November last year after a typhoon caused a massive power outage.

After the strong earthquake in Myanmar, the OKA, in cooperation with the Myanmar Korean Association and local diplomatic missions, assessed the damage and relief needs of overseas Koreans and sent supplies. It will continue to actively consider additional support in light of local conditions.

"We were able to provide effective support thanks to the cooperation of the Korean Association and our diplomatic missions in the region," OKA Commissioner Lee Sang-duk said. "We hope



Cho Sung-hyun, chair of the Myanmar Korean Association, and his staff at the center of the earthquake recovery efforts

that this support will bring some comfort and help to our compatriots affected by the earthquake in Mandalay and Naypyidaw, Myanmar."

## OKA encourages Koryo students living in Korea who received Choi Jae-hyung Scholarships

Asian Development Foundation (ADF) to provide one-year scholarships to 20 high school and college students

The Overseas Koreans Agency gave words of encouragement to Koryo students in Korea who have received scholarships honoring Choi Jae-hyung (1860-1920), an independence fighter who was active in Russia.

Lee Ki-sung, director of policy at the OKA, delivered congratulatory remarks and cheered on the recipients of the scholarships at the 2025 ADF-Choi Jae-hyung Scholarship awards ceremony, hosted by the Asia Development Foundation (ADF) on April 12 at the Seoul Public Service Support Center in Yongsan-gu, Seoul.

In honor of Choi Jae-hyung's "pechka" spirit, ADF provides annual scholarships of 2 million won and a living stipend of 1 million won to Koryo college and high school students living in Korea in order to foster future generations with the potential to contribute to the Korean diaspora. This year, 12 university students and eight high school students received scholarships.

"The scholarship recipients are the future of the Koryo people and Korean society, and we hope that this scholarship will provide an



The 2025 ADF-Choi Jae-hyung Scholarship awards ceremony is held at the Public Service Support Center in Yongsan-gu, Seoul, on April 12.

opportunity for them to grow into global talents," ADF Executive Director Cho Nam-cheol said at the ceremony.

Congratulating the Koryo students on being selected as scholarship recipients, Director Lee Ki-Sung said, "As the Koryo diaspora overcomes the difficulties they face in settling in Korea and builds success stories, the OKA and the Asian Development Foundation will encourage them in their endeavors to contribute to Korean society more quickly and become dependable support."