OKA's Upcoming Events	 May 13: Osaka Expo "Korea Day" official event 15: Meeting with heads of major Korean organizations in France 16: Opening ceremony of Association for Korean Studies in Europe Training Program / Luncheon for French adopted compatriots 17: Dinner meeting with padok workers and Korean compatriots in Germany 21: Launching ceremony for Overseas Koreans Agency's supporters group Dongpo You 22: Flag presentation ceremony for 2026 World Korean Business Convention in Incheon, Korea 27-30: 2025 Future Leaders Conference
OKA Commissioner's Activities in May	 May 1: Opening of World Assembly of Korean Associations (WAKA) Continental Capacity Building Seminar Dinner hosted by OKA commissioner 8: MOU signing ceremony between OKA and Sangji University 12: 'Korea-Japan Friendship Gathering' to commemorate 60th anniversary of normalization of diplomatic relations between Korea and Japan 13: Official event of "Korea Day" at Osaka Expo 15: Meeting with heads of major overseas Korean organizations in France 16: Opening ceremony of Association for Korean Studies in Europe Training Program Luncheon meeting with French adopted Korean compatriots 17: Dinner meeting with padok workers and compatriots living in Germany 18: Dinner meeting with compatriots from Berlin 22: Meeting with Shinjuku Korean Merchants Association 2026 World Korean Business Convention flag handover ceremony 27: Opening ceremony of 2025 Future Leaders Conference 28: 2025 Future Leaders Conference's 'Dialogue with Overseas Koreans Agency'

OKA Announcements

Recruitment for 1st Korean Language Classes and Cultural Experience Program in 2025

Overseas Koreans Welcome Center offers opportunity for free Korean language training and traditional cultural experiences

Customized language and cultural education for overseas Koreans will be held in Incheon this summer.

The Overseas Koreans Welcome Center, part of the Overseas Koreans Agency, announced on May 21 that it will begin recruiting students for the first round of Korean language classes and cultural and experience programs in 2025 on a first-come, first-served basis.

The program is designed not only to improve participants' Korean language skills but also to let them experience the charm of traditional Korean culture. The program is open to all overseas Koreans over the age of 18, and each course is limited to about 15 participants.

The education and experience schedule is as follows. The Korean language classes will run for approximately six weeks, from June 16 to July 25, and the cultural and experiential programs will include a one-day "Hanji wireless light making" experience on June 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All classes will be held offline at the Overseas Koreans Welcome Center (30th floor, Buyeong Songdo Tower) in Yeonsugu, Incheon, and are completely free of charge. Registration for classes is only available through online application (Google Form), and the application links are as follows: ▲ Register for special Korean language classes: https://m.site.naver.com /1HQLP. ▲ Register for cultural and experience programs: https://m.site.naver.com/1HQNM.

The application deadline is June 11 for the special Korean language classes and June 4 for the cultural experience program.

"This program is designed to help Koreans visiting Korea become more familiar with the language and culture, and we hope that many overseas Koreans will be interested in participating," an Overseas Koreans Welcome Center official said.

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