

OKA appoints 'Big Star Teacher' of history communication Choi Tae-sung as first goodwill ambassador

Choi: 'I will work hard to overcome barriers between domestic Korean citizens and our compatriots'

The Overseas Koreans Agency announced on June 10 that it has appointed Choi Tae-sung, a Korean history lecturer known as the "Big Star Teacher," as a goodwill ambassador.

The appointment ceremony was held at the OKA headquarters in Yeonsu-gu, Incheon. This is the first time the OKA has selected an ambassador since its opening June 5, 2023.

The OKA said it selected Choi as an ambassador because he has been leading the way in raising overseas Korean awareness by conveying the history of overseas Korean immigrants and their contributions to their home countries to viewers in an easy-to-understand and entertaining manner in a number of Korean history lectures, including the EBS program "Choi Tae-sung's History of Korea."



OKA Commissioner Lee Sang-duk (L) and Ambassador Choi Tae-sung are in attendance at the goodwill ambassador appointment ceremony for Choi at the OKA headquarters in Songdo, Incheon, on June 10.

"I was surprised to learn that the people running Hangeul Schools were local overseas Koreans," Choi said at the ceremony. "Since then, I have been thinking about the dedication and sacrifices overseas Koreans make for their home countries."

"We hope that Mr. Choi will continue to work hard as an ambassador of our organization and raise the profile of overseas Koreans," OKA Commissioner Lee Sang-duk said.

Ambassador Choi will participate in the OKA's public relations activities and events to promote the understanding of the history of overseas Koreans, as well as to raise awareness and spread empathy for overseas Korean policies.

OKA expands 'Traveling Education for Understanding Overseas Koreans'

Lectures at 35 elementary, middle, high schools and universities, also providing education targeting public officials and general public

The Overseas Koreans Agency announced on June 9 that it is expanding its "Traveling Education for Understanding Overseas Koreans" program, which targets students in elementary, middle and high schools and universities in Korea, as well as public officials and the general public, to spread proper awareness of overseas Koreans.

In response to the increasing number of overseas Koreans living in Korea, the agency is developing educational content for public officials who directly interact with them together with the National Human Resources Development Institute. Based on this, the training will be held in the second half of the year for government employees while expanding it to the general public in areas with a high concentration of overseas Koreans. To this end, the agency will conduct a demand survey at the end of July for the second half of the training program.

The OKA is promoting education on understanding overseas



Lee Ki-sung, policy director at the OKA, lectures at Hanyang University on May 22 as part of the "Traveling Education for Understanding Overseas Koreans" program.

than 200 students, as well as a middle school in Goheung, Jeolla Province, with only 14 students. The program, which started in March, will visit a total of 35 schools by July.

"We will continue to expand educational opportunities so that students and other Korean citizens can familiarize themselves with overseas Koreans," Lee Sang-duk said.