

OKA's Events in July

July 4: Dialogue with Koryo-saram Youth

14: Joint reception by the OKA and the Korean Political Science Association

Opening ceremony for the 2025 Hangeul School Teacher Invitational Training Program

Outreach education for understanding overseas Koreans (Jeju)

19: Closing ceremony for the 2025 Hangeul School Teacher Invitational Training Program

OKA Announcements

Recruiting participants for 2025 World Korean Adoptee Convention

To be held in Incheon and Busan in Nov., applications accepted until Aug. 1, with total of 75 participants to be invited

The Overseas Koreans Agency is recruiting participants for the 2025 World Korean Adoptee Convention, which will be held in Incheon and Busan from Nov. 10 to 14 to help overseas adoptees restore their identity and strengthen their bonds with their homeland.

This year's convention is open to overseas adoptees aged 18 and older who are visiting Korea for the first time since adoption. A total of 75 participants will be invited. The application deadline is Aug. 1.

"This will be a meaningful opportunity for adoptees from around the world to experience Korean culture firsthand, share their stories with each other, and rediscover their identity and roots," the OKA stated.

The convention will begin with an orientation upon arrival. The second day will feature information sessions, an opening ceremony, a welcome luncheon and networking events with adoptee organizations.

The third day will feature a forum for leaders of each country and regional group discussions, followed by experiences with traditional Korean culture and industrial tours. The fourth day will feature volunteer activities and visits to institutions related to Korean history. The final day will conclude with a closing ceremony and farewell luncheon.

To apply for participation, participants must complete the two-step process: directly submitting the original application form to the Korean Embassy or Consulate General in their jurisdiction and emailing copies of the required documents to the OKA.

Applicants must submit the application form and self-introduction letter, as well as the following documents: ▲ Documentation release consent form, ▲ Liability waiver form,



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and ▲ Consent form for the provision and use of personal information. Additional support documents, such as vaccination certificates, may be attached if applicable.

The relevant embassy will conduct an initial review of the documents in July or August, and the OKA's review committee will make the final selection decision in August. Selected applicants will be notified individually, and applicants must book their own flights.

Applicants who are visiting Korea for the first time since adoption, who have not participated in the Korean government's homeland invitation program and who have a high recommendation ranking from the relevant embassy may receive preferential treatment in the selection process.

"We hope that this visit to the homeland will serve as an opportunity for adoptees to reaffirm their individual identity and strengthen the network of adoptees formed around the world," the OKA said.