

- Sept. 10: Inauguration ceremony for Kim Kyung-hyup, third commissioner for the Overseas Koreans Agency
- 11: Signing of memorandum of understanding with Kazakhstan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs-affiliated Otandastar Qory
- 15: OKA and Korea Intellectual Property Office begin issuing apostilles without notarization procedure
- September's Overseas Korean of the Month: Dr. Seo Se-mo, 'eternal family doctor of Koreans in Hawaii' selected
- 18: 'Integrity Live' online and offline training conducted
- 25: Awards ceremony for Global Next Generation Summit appointment certificates
- 29: Opening ceremony of World Korean Association Conference

## OKA Announcements

# Open call for 2026 Regional Overseas Compatriot Settlement Support Program

Targeting local governments, with support for tailored living, safety, integration for compatriots residing domestically

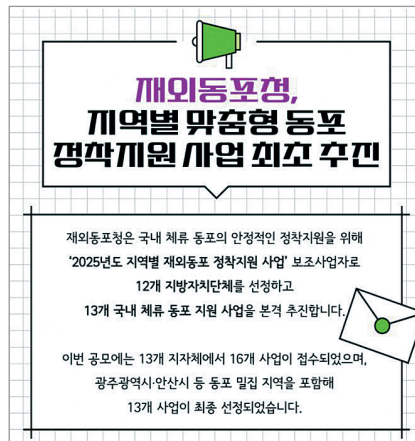
The Overseas Koreans Agency announced a call for proposals for the 2026 Regional Overseas Compatriot Settlement Support Program targeting metropolitan and local governments nationwide.

This call aims to develop tailored support programs enabling overseas Koreans residing in Korea to settle stably within local communities.

The application period closes at 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 2. Metropolitan and basic local governments under the Local Autonomy Act may participate individually or jointly. Selected local governments may freely propose projects in the following areas targeting overseas Koreans residing within their jurisdiction (F-4/H-2 visa holders, etc.): establishing a foundation for daily life (employment linkage, medical support, settlement counseling, etc.), improving resident awareness (integration events, etc.) and basic safety (public safety, industrial safety).

The total project budget is 686 million won, with national funding covering up to 50 percent of the costs. Local governments must submit official documents, including the project application letter, application form, plan and relevant supporting documents. If necessary, they may also solicit proposals from potential contractors to delegate the project.

The OKA plans to form a selection evaluation committee to



This image introduces the results of the 2025 Regional Overseas Compatriot Settlement Support Program's open call.

comprehensively review project feasibility, expected outcomes, budget appropriateness and performance management plans. Projects receiving duplicate subsidies for identical or similar initiatives, projects targeting broader multicultural foreigner populations and projects with for-profit, religious or political objectives are excluded from support.

The subsidy will be disbursed in two installments: 70 percent in the first phase and 30 percent in the second phase. Disbursement and settlement will be conducted through the e-Nara Help system. A progress report and settlement report must also be submitted

within two months after the completion of a project.

"We expect participation from various local governments to help domestic compatriots settle stably and strengthen mutual growth with local communities," an OKA official said.

For further details, contact the Domestic Compatriot Support Task Force Team at the OKA. (032-585-3283)

Meanwhile, in the open call for the 2025 Regional Overseas Compatriot Settlement Support Program, 16 projects were submitted by 13 local governments. Twelve local governments, including areas with high concentrations of compatriots, such as Gwangju and Ansan, were selected. Additionally, 13 support projects for compatriots residing domestically were promoted.