

First History and Culture Camp for overseas Korean youth residing in Korea is held

25 youth from Russia, China, Vietnam and CIS countries experience their homeland while reflecting on the meaning of Korean liberation from Aug. 13 to 16

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Lee Sang-duk) held its first History and Culture Camp for overseas Korean youth residing in Korea from Aug. 13 to 16.

Reflecting on the significance of the 80th anniversary of Korean independence, this camp was attended by 25 participants, including middle and high school students and university student mentors who were born and raised in Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), China and Vietnam, and are currently residing in Korea.

The camp was designed to help youth who arrived in Korea later in life to foster pride through experiencing their homeland's history and culture, build networks through interactions with peers of similar age and support their settlement in Korea.

Participants began their schedule Aug. 13 by visiting the OKA in



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Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, and attended the opening ceremony held at the Overseas Koreans Welcome Center, located in the same building.

“As we mark the 80th anniversary of Korean independence, this will be a time to reflect on the noble sacrifices made by overseas Korean independence activists for the freedom and peace of future generations,” Lee Ki-sung, director of the

Overseas Koreans Policy Department at the OKA, said at the opening ceremony. “I hope you will support one another and nurture your dreams in your homeland through meeting friends and colleagues who have also experienced immigration later in life.”

Following the opening ceremony, participants moved to the Korean Immigration History Museum in Incheon to learn about the immigration history of our overseas compatriots.

OKA holds training tour to strengthen Hangeul schools

300 teachers, students and parents participate at Silicon Valley, New Vision, and Dasom Schools in U.S.

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Lee Sang-duk) held the Weekend Hangeul School capacity building training tour in California from Aug. 14 to 16 to foster the next generation of Korean Americans.

The training was conducted in collaboration with Dasom Korean School (Principal Choi Mi-young) in Sunnyvale, California, the visiting Silicon Valley Korean School in Cupertino and New Vision Korean School in Milpitas. Approximately 300 participants attended, including over 150 principals and teachers, 70 students and 80 parents. This was the second such event following the Atlanta training session last April.

Under the theme “Korean Language and Identity Education in the AI Digital Age,” the training introduced the latest teaching methods aligned with the digital environment, along with know-how for school and classroom management.

Moon Young-sook, the chair of the Choi Jae-hyung Memorial Foundation, who attended as a special guest lecturer, delivered a



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session titled “80th anniversary of Korean independence: the diaspora who made Korea shine” to parents at New Vision Korean School.

Kim Cha-myeong, a teacher at Gwangmyeongseo Elementary School, and Kang Yong-cheol, a teacher at Kyunghee Girls' Middle School, conveyed the necessity of identity education and effective methods for teaching the Korean language and culture during a special lecture for parents at the Silicon Valley Korean School.