

Sept. 29 - Oct. 1: 2025 World Korean Association Conference

Oct. 2: 19th World Korean Day commemoration ceremony

Oct. 20: Briefing session on support programs for Sakhalin Koreans' permanent return, settlement, livelihood stabilization

Oct. 21-22: 2nd World Korean Business Forum and Export Consultation Fair

## OKA Announcements

### Call for submissions: Essays about 'Overseas Korean Business Internship' experience

For 2025 program graduates, submit via Hansangnet, 10 winners to be selected, including grand prize, deadline Nov. 7

The Overseas Koreans Agency is holding a 2025 experience essay contest from Oct. 20 to Nov. 7 for its Domestic Youth Internship Program at overseas Korean companies, which aims to strengthen the global capabilities of young Koreans.

The contest category is essays (free topic), and the target applicants are 2025 program graduates (20th cohort). Entries should freely describe the overall experience, achievements, lessons learned and suggestions arising from the internship participation process.

Submissions are accepted via the Hansangnet website ([www.hansang.net](http://www.hansang.net)) under "My Space (Internship Activity Management - Internship Experience Essay)." ▲ Experience Essay (2,000 words or more, must include at least three photos) and the following must be uploaded as a single file: ▲ Application Form, ▲ Copyright Usage Agreement, and ▲ Personal Information Collection, Use and Third-Party Provision Consent Form. The file name should be submitted as "Country Name\_Applicant's Full Name." The submission deadline is Nov. 7.

Judging will be conducted by a contest judging committee involving external members from Nov. 10-14. The evaluation criteria are ▲ Content relevance (reflection of project purpose/intent, provision of information - 40 points), ▲ Content communication (clarity of message, use of supporting materials like images - 30 points) and ▲ Originality (creativity in format/composition - 30 points). Results will be announced



A poster for the "Overseas Korean Business Internship" experience essay contest

Nov. 21.

Awards will be given to a total of 10 entries: One Grand Prize (OKA Commissioner Award, 300,000 won in prize money), one Excellence Award (200,000 won), one Merit Award (100,000 won) and seven Encouragement Awards (gift cards worth 100,000 won each). The organizer will bear any taxes or fees on the prize money.

The copyright of submitted works remains with the entrants. However, winners must agree to allow the use of their winning entries for public interest

promotional purposes, including necessary modifications, alterations or reprocessing, for 10 years from the date of the award announcement. Works found to infringe intellectual property rights, such as plagiarism, theft or unauthorized use, will be excluded from judging. If such infringement is confirmed after an award is given, the award will be revoked and the prize money recovered. Submitted materials will not be returned. No additional submissions or modifications are permitted after the deadline. The schedule is subject to change at the organizer's discretion.

For inquiries, please contact the operations office ([okaintern@gmail.com](mailto:okaintern@gmail.com), 032-466-3225).

Personal information will be collected and used for contest administration, promotion of winning entries and institutional project promotion. It will be retained for five years from the date that the winners are announced. Details regarding third-party provision and entrustment are specified in the contest guidelines.