

OKA Commissioner Kim: 'Overseas Korean media, please propose good policies'

Appeal to participants of World Korean Journalists Conference held at Overseas Koreans Welcome Center

"The overseas Korean media, which serves as a bridge between the OKA and the overseas Korean community, should provide good proposals so that the agency can create sound policies for overseas Koreans and improve its systems," said Overseas Koreans Agency Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup on Oct. 14.

Kim delivered a congratulatory address at the 27th World Korean Journalists Conference and 18th World Korean Journalists International Symposium hosted by the World Korean Journalists Association at the Overseas Koreans Welcome Center in Yeonsu-gu, Incheon.

The symposium, themed "80 Years of Division: Peace on the Korean Peninsula and the Role of Overseas Media," was attended by over 30 Korean journalists from 20 countries.

"Peace, exchanges and cooperation on the Korean Peninsula are fundamental conditions for our continued growth, and overcoming the current division is an extremely important task," Kim said in his congratulatory address. "To this end, the role of overseas Korean media outlets in unifying the opinions of the compatriot community and shaping public sentiment is paramount."

The journalists visited Incheon's Ganghwa, South Chungcheong's Geumsan, and South Gyeongsang's Changwon, Jinhae and Masan until Oct. 17. They covered various local tourism, industries and specialty products while also holding a discussion forum to explore the development direction of the overseas Korean media.



OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup delivered an address of encouragement to over 30 Korean journalists from 20 countries at the 18th World Korean Journalists International Symposium on Oct. 14.

OKA holds settlement support briefing for permanent returnees in Sakhalin

Introducing entry procedures, support details, application schedule with Korean Red Cross

The Overseas Koreans Agency held a briefing session on Oct. 20 at the Sakhalin Korean Cultural Center in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia, to explain the government's support program for the permanent return, settlement and livelihood stabilization of Sakhalin Koreans.

This session was arranged to explain the return and settlement procedures for eligible returnees, including accompanying family members. Officials from the OKA and the Korean Red Cross visited the site to provide explanations in person, while relevant agencies, such as the Ministry of Justice, participated via videoconference.

The OKA supports the permanent return of our compatriots and their families who migrated to Sakhalin due to forced mobilization during the Japanese colonial period but were unable to return to



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their homeland after liberation.

Sakhalin Koreans selected for permanent repatriation and their accompanying family members are eligible for support under the Special Act on Support for Sakhalin Koreans, including: ▲ Transportation costs and initial settlement expenses necessary for repatriation, ▲ Operational costs for residential and living facilities and ▲ Rental housing assistance. Approximately 30,000 Koreans reside in Sakhalin, including about

5,000 first- and second-generation compatriots.

"The OKA will systematically support the permanent return of Sakhalin Koreans who have not yet returned to their homeland, and will continue to strive for their settlement and stable living conditions in Korea," OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup said.