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## Dedication of 7.5 million compatriots, ‘national asset’ dimmed by next year’s OKA budget cuts

The overseas Korean community is in an uproar. The 7.5 million compatriots who had anticipated a major shift in overseas Korean policy with the new administration’s inauguration have fallen into a deep disappointment and concern upon learning that the 2026 Overseas Koreans Agency budget proposal has been effectively cut by 5.7 billion won.

While the budget appears to have increased by 2.1 percent to 109.2 billion won, the “hidden reduction” caused by the transfer of support projects for Sakhalin and adopted compatriots (7.8 billion won) has been exposed, raising doubts about the government’s commitment to recognizing overseas compatriots as a “national asset.”

This is not merely a matter of numbers. The budget cut is deeply disappointing as it shows a lack of even the most basic respect for honoring the blood and sweat of our compatriots who preserved the flame of the independence movement and supported the nation during the IMF foreign exchange crisis.

Looking closely at the reality of this budget proposal, the problems become clearer. Despite the expansion of the OKA’s scope of work since its launch in 2023, core national projects, such as strengthening Hangeul schools, supporting the settlement of repatriated compatriots, building an overseas Koreans database and establishing communication platforms, are not being adequately supported.

Specifically, essential projects like establishing education and culture centers (7.2 billion won), supporting historically special compatriots (1 billion won) and the World Korean Business Convention (900 million won) have been drastically reduced. Meanwhile, the budget for repatriated compatriots, now exceeding 860,000 in population, remains a mere 1 billion won. That the budget for the agency overseeing 7.5 million compatriots falls far below that of local governments serving 50,000 people (800 billion won) or 100,000 people (1 trillion won) is tantamount to turning a blind eye to the survival and prosperity of the overseas Korean community.

Why is this budget increase so crucial? Overseas compatriots



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
are not mere “immigrants.” As President Lee Jae Myung emphasized in his Liberation Day message, the dedication of Korean residents in Japan to the independence movement made today’s Republic of Korea possible, and their donation of nine diplomatic compounds stands as an eternal testament. Even today, compatriots lead economic and cultural exchanges through global networks, contributing to national development.

However, budget constraints hold back this potential. Without support for Hangeul schools, the next generation’s identity weakens, inadequate settlement support for returning compatriots increases social costs, and the absence of communication platforms creates gaps in public diplomacy. Ultimately,

increasing funding is the government’s practice of “people’s sovereignty” and the key to resolving the inconveniences faced by the compatriot community and strengthening national competitiveness.

“The OKA was hastily launched without sufficient preparation, resulting in a half-baked agency due to budget and organizational shortcomings,” OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup said in an interview with Yonhap News Agency on his 50th day in office. “The systematic securing of resources for implementing national policy tasks is urgently needed.”

Therefore, the overseas Korean community strongly requests that the issue of cutting next year’s budget for the OKA be given significant consideration during the National Assembly’s budget deliberation process. A substantial budget increase is imperative for the OKA to properly fulfill its role as the governmentwide control tower for overseas Korean affairs, meet the needs of the 7.5 million-strong overseas Korean community and lead shared growth with the homeland. It is the state’s rightful duty to support its overseas citizens.

For the OKA to transform into a “working agency,” a budget increase is essential. To ensure the dedication of 7.5 million compatriots is never in vain, the overseas Korean community must unite in crying out, “The time is now for the minimum investment in our 7.5 million compatriots!” 



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Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup, a three-term lawmaker, becomes the first head of the Overseas Koreans Agency following the launch of the people-centered government.

## ‘Actively pursuing lowering age for dual citizenship and improving overseas voting rights’

‘Overseas Koreans are partners in cooperation, not subjects of management or regulation; we will implement demand-driven policies’

“The 7 million overseas Koreans are not subjects to be managed and regulated by our government but partners with whom we must collaborate and move forward together. We will focus on implementing demand-driven policies for overseas Koreans, not those based on administrative convenience.”

Kim Kyung-hyup (63), the first commissioner of the Overseas Koreans Agency since the launch of the “People’s Sovereignty Government,” shared his aspirations on Nov. 6 during an interview with Yonhap News Agency at the agency’s headquarters in Songdo, Incheon, to mark his 50th day in office.

“Although the organization and budget are still half-baked, I will leverage my experience as a three-term lawmaker to coordinate tasks with government ministries and secure cooperation from the National Assembly, striving to meet the expectations of the overseas Korean community,” he stated.

A three-term lawmaker from the Democratic Party of Korea, he was the first to handle overseas compatriot affairs at the Blue House during

the Roh Moo-hyun administration. In the National Assembly, he spearheaded the bill to establish the Overseas Koreans Agency and the Framework Act on Overseas Koreans in 2017.

He also worked to enact the Special Act on Koryo-in Compatriots.

“I feel a sense of destiny taking on this role as commissioner while also feeling a heavier responsibility, knowing the difficulties and various challenges facing the overseas Korean community that need to be resolved,” he said.

Kim emphasized that the OKA, now entering its third year, still has a long way to go as a fledgling organization and that he will focus on improving structural issues.

“Launched hastily by the previous administration without sufficient preparation, the OKA’s unstable and sloppy organizational structure has yet to solidify,” he said. “Moreover, with its budget showing little difference from the days of the Overseas Koreans Foundation, the tangible benefits felt by the overseas Korean community likely remain negligible.”



## ‘OKA must serve as comprehensive control tower unifying Korean communities worldwide’

He further expressed his determination to tackle issues step by step, stating, “Even when proposing the bill to establish the Overseas Koreans Agency eight years ago, we emphasized the need for integrated management of overseas Korean affairs scattered across multiple ministries. Yet, we still haven’t consolidated them into one.”

The following is a Q&A with Commissioner Kim.

**At the 19th World Korean Day commemoration ceremony held Oct. 2, President Lee Jae Myung stated that he would gather wisdom to lower the age for allowing dual citizenship and improve the overseas voting system. What is the response from the OKA regarding this?**

A recent study commissioned by the OKA found that lowering the age for multiple citizenship from the current 65 years to 40 would generate a production-inducing effect of 6.2 trillion won and an added-value inducing effect of 2.9 trillion won by 2044. This indicates that lowering the age limit benefits national interests. Political circles are also taking strong interest in this, with two bills to partially amend the Nationality Act already proposed in the National Assembly.

The OKA will derive advisable policy directions by considering the effects of lowering the age limit and reforms to related systems, such as social welfare and military service issues. It will actively pursue system improvements through consultation with relevant ministries, including the Ministry of Justice.

As a global trading nation, cooperation with the international community is crucial for the Republic of Korea, and support from the overseas Korean community is highly beneficial. Lowering the age requirement lays the groundwork for the overseas Korean community to freely travel to and from their homeland and contribute. The OKA plans to actively promote the policy’s effectiveness and the contributions overseas Koreans make to their homeland to foster public consensus.

Furthermore, addressing the inconvenience faced by overseas citizens who must travel hundreds to thousands of kilometers to vote at diplomatic missions should have been accomplished long ago. However, since institutional improvements for overseas elections, such as mail-in or internet voting, require amendments to laws and regulations, the National Assembly’s role is paramount. We plan to actively convey the demands of overseas voters to the National Assembly and work through consultations with the National Election Commission to make it more convenient for overseas citizens to exercise their suffrage rights.

**OKA is receiving criticism for falling short of expectations compared to OKA era.**

I see this as a structural issue rather than a lack of individual staff aptitude or capability. As a central government ministry, the OKA’s organizational and budgetary rigidity is unavoidable. We are well aware of the complaints from the overseas Korean community that increasingly complex administrative procedures have made receiving support more difficult than before.

This is precisely why, when the bill to establish the agency was proposed, we emphasized the need for a clear division of roles with private sector support organizations. Yet, such organizations are currently absent.

In Israel, for instance, various Jewish foundations share this role with the government. It is regrettable that the Overseas Koreans Framework Act did not explicitly stipulate enabling the Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center to sufficiently perform such functions when it was enacted. We plan to innovate the support system and operational framework for overseas Koreans to align with the current situation. Long term, we also plan to pursue the establishment of a private support organization, tentatively named the World Korean Foundation.

President Lee Jae Myung (3rd from L) salutes the national flag at the 19th World Korean Day Commemoration Ceremony held at the Grand Walkerhill Seoul Hotel in Gwangjin-gu, Seoul, on Oct. 2. From left to right: Ko Sang-gu, president of the World Assembly of Korean Associations; Kim Kyung-hyup, commissioner of the Overseas Koreans Agency; Lee; and Ko Tak-hee, co-chair of the World Korean Association Conference.



## ‘Organization and budget are still half-baked; I will leverage my experience as three-term lawmaker to drive cooperation with ministries and Nat’l Assembly’



OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup

**What about plans to restore and expand the system from the days of the Overseas Koreans Foundation, where consular officers specializing in overseas Korean affairs were dispatched to diplomatic missions?**

Since all policy answers lie in the field, it's crucial for policy staff to experience the overseas Korean community firsthand.

To swiftly advance the Lee Jae Myung administration's national agenda item 123 -- "tailored overseas Korean support" and "maximizing overseas Korean capabilities" -- we will expand dispatches beyond the former Overseas Koreans Foundation locations like the U.S. (LA/NY), China (Beijing), Japan (Tokyo), Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City), Australia (Sydney) and Kazakhstan (Almaty), as well as to locations with high demand from overseas compatriots.

We are currently discussing a consular dispatch plan with relevant ministries with a plan for strengthened institutional stability, differentiating it from the foundation era. Furthermore, considering the unique nature of the OKA, we will review various systems, such as on-site policy visit training programs and in-house overseas training to enhance field capabilities.

**The number of compatriots returning to Korea has risen to 860,000, and it is expected to soon reach the 1 million mark. I hear**

**there are plans to establish a dedicated organization to assist their settlement?**

The number of compatriots residing in Korea, which stood at around 300,000 in 2015, has now surpassed 860,000 a decade later. As more compatriots seek permanent settlement in their homeland rather than temporary stays, new policy demands are emerging beyond residency status, including employment, housing security and children's education.

However, these responsibilities are currently scattered across various ministries by sector -- residence, employment and welfare -- and have been implemented from the perspective of foreign nationals residing in Korea. Consequently, returning compatriots find themselves in a policy blind spot.

According to the Framework Act on Overseas Koreans, the state has a duty to support returning compatriots. As a response to the pressing challenges of the low birth rate, aging population and regional depopulation, the return of overseas Koreans who share bloodlines, language and culture must be actively embraced.

The OKA does not view returning compatriots as subjects of management and regulation. Instead, it will understand their historical and cultural backgrounds and implement support measures for stable settlement, tailored to each individual's circumstances.

To this end, a dedicated organization will be newly established to take the lead in overseeing and coordinating domestic compatriot policies within the government, providing customized support, improving systems and enhancing public awareness.

**The OKA is entering the third year since its launch, yet overseas Korean affairs remain scattered across various ministries. How do you plan to pursue the unification of service windows?**

One of the purposes of the Framework Act on Overseas Koreans is to centralize overseas Korean affairs, currently scattered across ministries, under the OKA.

However, similar responsibilities remain scattered across ministries, leading to inefficiencies due to duplication. We plan to actively coordinate with relevant ministries to integrate tasks while leveraging their expertise, thereby serving as the control tower for overseas compatriot affairs.

Encouragingly, we recently took over the support programs for Sakhalin compatriots and adopted compatriots, which were previously under the Ministry of Health and Welfare, enabling us to manage them more substantively.

**The budget for the OKA has not increased significantly compared to its foundation days, leading to complaints that the benefits felt by the overseas Korean community haven't changed.**

It rose by 3 billion won from 1.067 trillion won in 2024 to 1.071



## ‘Need for private sector organizational capacity to share responsibilities’ Actively promoting consular dispatches and support for returning compatriots

trillion won this year. Next year’s proposed budget of 1.092 trillion won is also nearly unchanged. While the budget appears higher than the 600-700 billion-won era of the Overseas Koreans Foundation, the number of employees has more than doubled, resulting in little net change in the budget.

Moving forward, we plan to do our utmost during the National Assembly’s budget deliberation process to secure essential project budgets for implementing the Lee administration’s national agenda.

**There are comments that the OKA, which brings together human resources from various government ministries and the private sector, faces challenges in fostering teamwork due to its diverse backgrounds.**

In football, assists are just as important as scoring goals. Great assists come when teamwork truly clicks. As I am not a career civil servant, I do not know the backgrounds of individual members. There will absolutely be no discrimination based on origin. Instead, I will focus on leveraging the strengths derived from diverse backgrounds. To foster effective teamwork, I will ensure a balanced distribution of members with varied backgrounds within each department.

Unlike the 1970s to 1990s, South Korea’s national power has risen, and the status of the overseas Korean community has also increased in their countries of residence. I believe changes in overseas Korean policies are necessary to align with this new reality.

South Korea is the only nation among those liberated from colonial rule that has successfully achieved both industrialization and democratization. Alongside the global “hallyu” wave, K-culture, K-dramas, K-food, K-beauty and the rise in national prestige, the status of our overseas Korean communities has also significantly increased.

Despite a brief crisis last year, we overcame it successfully and returned as a model democratic nation and cultural powerhouse. This is thanks to our compatriots overseas who maintained their interest in their homeland, actively engaged in various public diplomacy efforts and cheered us on.

Overseas Koreans are the foundation of a global trading nation and are pioneers who have expanded the economic territory of the Republic of Korea. Their role is also essential in securing international cooperation for establishing a peace regime on the Korean Peninsula, including resolving inter-Korean issues. I will strive to strengthen communication between the homeland and overseas Korean communities, build substantive partnerships and promote people-to-people diplomacy.

**To discover, nurture and utilize overseas Korean talent, establishing a human resources database is a priority, yet the current situation is inadequate. What is the plan for this?**

The necessary database construction for establishing and implementing



President Lee Jae Myung (R) converses with OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup at the 19th World Korean Day Commemoration Ceremony held at the Grand Walkerhill Seoul Hotel in Gwangjin-gu, Seoul, on Oct. 2.

proper policies related to overseas Koreans has not been achieved in all the days of the Overseas Koreans Foundation up until the present day. Enacting relevant laws, including measures to supplement personal information protection, is required for this. Long-term improvements to laws and systems are needed to eliminate discrimination between domestic citizens and overseas compatriots, enabling overseas compatriots and overseas nationals to register themselves during domestic entry and exit processes.

**Additionally, are there any new policies or visions to be pursued or revised?**

We plan to enhance support for Hangeul schools and similar programs to help next-generation compatriots maintain their Korean identity while strengthening tailored support for each compatriot community to ensure their stable settlement within their host countries.

Furthermore, to address crises, such as the regional population decline, and secure outstanding overseas talent to bolster Korea’s growth engines, we plan to newly launch the “Overseas Korean Youth Talent Attraction and Settlement Support Project” next year.

The OKA will strive to implement policies for our compatriots that embody the true Republic of Korea, enabling them to take pride in Korea anywhere in the world without any anxiety. 🇰🇷

## ‘The hearts that write in Hangeul from abroad leave deep resonance’

Record number of participants with 2,467 entries from 61 countries; 12 winners, including  
3 Grand Prize recipients

OKA: ‘Horizons of Korean literature will expand by connecting globally through Hangeul’

Overseas Korean writers who have chronicled their lives in Korean while living in foreign lands have gathered together to share their stories. The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup) held the 27th Overseas Koreans Literary Awards ceremony on Nov. 19 at the Kyowon Tour Concert Hall on Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul.

Twelve individuals, including the grand prize winners in the poetry, short story and essay categories, received awards at the ceremony. The event held special significance as it was the first time the OKA invited all winners to their homeland, creating a platform for literary exchanges.

“The useless time spent writing at the dining table late at night while my family slept saved me. I will continue to write honestly, one sentence at a time,” said Kim Hye-jin (Australia), who received the Grand Prize in the short story category, in her acceptance speech.

### For first time, all award winners invited to homeland

Kim Ji-hyun (U.S.), who received the Grand Prize in the Essay category, shared her thoughts: “When my voice grew faint in a foreign land due to the language barrier, the sound of my fingertips gathering ‘gosari’ ferns brought me back to myself. If my writing touches someone’s heart like light, that alone is enough. I dedicate this award to my mother’s memory.”

Park Tae-in, Grand Prize winner in the Poetry category, remarked: “It is deeply moving that compatriots from around the world can gather in one place through the common language of literature. As this is my first award, it feels like an even greater honor.”

Li Yong, a Chinese-born writer who received an honorable mention in the poetry category for “Apple-Pear,” introduced the origin of Yanbian’s apple-pear hybrid.

“Just as the apple-pear embodies dual characteristics, the identity of overseas compatriots also embraces two worlds,” he said, bringing tears to the eyes of attendees. “This award is not for me personally but a glory bestowed upon our generation of Yanbian compatriots and all those worldwide who have preserved



The “Conversation with the Author” event takes place at the 27th Overseas Korean Literary Awards.

our language and culture.”

Novelist Park Sang-woo, who has served as a judge for 16 years, remarked, “Every time I encounter the life trajectories of people worldwide through their works, I realize how narrow my own perspective has been.”

He diagnosed the current of diaspora literature as “an expanded world encompassing refugees, climate, economics and digital culture, moving beyond the stages of immigration and identity. Overseas Korean literature has great potential to become a stream of world literature.”

### Record-breaking 965 participants from 61 countries submitted 2,467 works

In his congratulatory address, OKA Vice Commissioner Byeon Cheol-hwan emphasized: “The Overseas Koreans Literary Awards reaffirm our ethnic identity, language and the power of literature. The very effort of writing in Korean overseas is a precious sentiment connecting them to their homeland and the Korean people.”

Participants unanimously expressed their hope in a joint statement, “This gathering will further strengthen the literary solidarity that is shared in the solitary journey of writing abroad.”

Launched in 1999, the Overseas Koreans Literary Awards annually honors winners to support the Korean literary creation





The ceremony for the 27th Overseas Korean Literary Awards takes place.

activities of the 7 million overseas Koreans worldwide and to discover and introduce outstanding literary works embodying the Korean identity.

Over its 27 years, it has produced 721 award-winning works, establishing itself as the “world’s only Korean language literary contest for overseas Koreans.” Notably, this year saw a record-breaking 2,467 entries submitted by 965 participants from 61 countries.

### Domestic literary figures invited; ‘Conversations with Authors’ also held

Following the 27th Overseas Koreans Literary Awards ceremony, the OKA hosted a reading of the winning works and also arranged a “Conversations with Authors” event featuring invited domestic writers. Following voice actress Yoon So-ra’s “Award-Winning Works Reading Session,” a special lecture by author Woo Han-yong was held, followed by a “Conversation with Authors” between authors Koo Hyo-seo and Park Sang-woo and the award winners. This led to a serious discussion on the future direction of overseas Korean literature.

Woo explained the concept of diaspora and life as a diaspora member, while Koo introduced a novel featuring a diaspora character. At this event, author Park Sang-woo emphasized, “Elevating our language into literature is the most meaningful way to preserve the Korean language.”

Particularly noteworthy during the conversation with the authors was the serious discussion on how far artificial intelligence (AI) can replace literature and how it should be utilized. Deep discussions unfolded on a wide range of topics, including the direction of literary creation in the AI era, the identity of diaspora literature and the limitations of the author’s experience.

### ‘AI writing lacks human consciousness; it is merely repeated plagiarism’

The first topic of conversation was the issue of AI-generated

creativity.


“AI is merely a tool that recombines existing novels; it cannot capture human consciousness and experience,” writer Park emphasized. “Sentences generated by AI may seem plausible at first glance, but most are closer to the rehashing of existing texts processed through machine learning. It is not pure creation but rather remains at the level of flat imitation.”

Author Koo Hyo-seo stressed the absence of literary consciousness in AI, stating, “If you ask ChatGPT for a poetry critique, it produces elegant language, but this isn’t accurate evaluation -- it’s closer to a data-based trick.”

The Korean literary world’s response also came under scrutiny. Writer Park raised the concern, “While newspapers use AI detection programs to judge the authenticity of works in their New Year Literary Contest, the accuracy is low. It is risky to base disqualification solely on AI usage.”

The use of AI in judging the Overseas Koreans Literary Awards was reportedly a topic of actual discussion. Writer Park, who served as a judge, stated, “We analyzed the grand prize candidates using a program, reviewed the percentages and discussed them. It’s an era-defining variable we cannot ignore or exclude.”

Meanwhile, the OKA organized events during the award-winning authors’ visit to Korea, including introducing the winning works at Seoul Library and visits to the Yun Dong-ju Literary Museum and Namsan Library, providing overseas Korean writers with opportunities to directly experience the cultural and literary scenes of their homeland.

The anthology of winning works, “2025 Window of Overseas Korean Literature,” is available on the OKA website ([oka.go.kr](http://oka.go.kr)). The audiobook can be downloaded via the download service guide available at Seoul Library and Namsan Library or directly from the download site ([buly.kr/6ii8yAD](http://buly.kr/6ii8yAD)). Videos of the awards ceremony and author discussions will be released via the OKA YouTube channel. 

## ‘Cancer treatment, child care, business: That pain ultimately became my writing’

‘Immigrants who became crocodiles to survive; I too was a crocodile’

“Living as an immigrant, I encountered crocodiles of many faces. Long ago, I judged them; as time passed, I pitied them; now, I no longer distinguish friend from foe. I too was a crocodile.”

Kim Hye-jin (43), an Australian-based writer who won the Grand Prize in the Short Story category at the 27th Overseas Koreans Literary Awards hosted by the Overseas Koreans Agency, candidly shared her life as an immigrant, her identity as a writer, and insights about her award-winning work “Crocodile” in a post-ceremony interview.

After majoring in Korean literature in college and completing a master’s degree in Korean language education in graduate school, she chose to emigrate in 2009, when her husband went abroad for further studies. She launched her full-fledged writing career in 2019 with the publication of her short story collection “A Room of One’s Own.” She gained attention in literary circles after winning the Excellence Award at the “2025 12th Kyobo Bookstore Story Awards” for her short story “The Cleaning God,” which tells the story of an illegal immigrant in Australia who came to the country on a working holiday visa.

Kim’s work “Crocodile” captures the faces of diverse immigrants encountered in Australia.

“There are people who must do things they wouldn’t have done in Korea. Lives spent ferrying young people, drifting through labor markets enduring abuse, revealing inhuman aspects. They wanted to be predators but ultimately resembled crocodiles -- becoming someone else’s handbag.”

The crocodile in the work is a metaphor for “people who had to endure much to survive.”

“The crocodile symbolizes the coldness, duplicity and survival instinct everyone possesses. Immigrants adopt multiple personas to protect themselves in a foreign land. I respect that way of life.”

She laughed, saying, “I never expected at all to win the Grand Prize,” but her feelings at the awards ceremony were different.

“Novels aren’t exactly money makers, you know. This award was a huge comfort. I almost cried while giving my acceptance speech.”

Early in her immigration experience, the weight of child care



Author Kim Hye-jin, the  
Grand Prize winner in the  
Short Story category

and making ends meet distanced her from writing. To make matters worse, she was diagnosed with a rare cancer.

“I underwent treatment for about five years, from when my child was 1 until she started school. Raising a child alone without family support while undergoing chemotherapy was incredibly difficult. But those painful moments actually helped me write the story.”

Tears welled up in her eyes as she explained that she had stopped undergoing tests to avoid the pain of cancer treatment and now runs a restaurant.

“After everyone in the family goes to bed, I always sit down at the table and start writing my novel,” she said, adding it’s then that she endures the hardships of immigrant life through writing.

Her husband and daughter acquired Australian citizenship, but she still holds Korean nationality.

“I gave up on citizenship because I felt I couldn’t be a proud writer of Korean novels if I became an Australian citizen,” revealing her deep attachment to her mother tongue, writing and nationality.

Regarding these Overseas Korean Literary Awards, Kim expressed deep gratitude to the OKA, stating, “Receiving government-level support and hospitality holds great significance.”

Asked about future plans ahead of her upcoming appearance on KBS Radio’s Literature Hall next month, she responded: “The house I build in my mother tongue is large and spacious, but the life I must maintain in a foreign language is always overwhelming. My novels are that support. I want to write slowly for a long time.” 📖



## ‘The life of compatriots is like ‘gosari’ ferns, which bloom again even after being broken’

After IMF crisis, rediscovering dream of literature in America; ‘writing that resonates is my calling’

“That crisp snapping sound? It reminded me of moments when my life snapped. Ferns taught me what to discard and what to hold onto.”

Kim Ji-hyun (61), author of the winning essay “Gosari” at the 27th Overseas Korean Literary Awards, calmly recounted her 20-year life as an immigrant and her literary journey in an interview with Yonhap News after the ceremony.

She chose to move to the United States in 2002 for her children’s education and later settled in Seattle. Kim explained that her husband’s early retirement from Samsung Electronics following the IMF crisis was the decisive factor.

Initially, they maintained a long-distance family arrangement, but due to the difficulties her children faced, the entire family eventually reunited in the U.S. Life in a foreign land was far from smooth. During her time in Tennessee, she couldn’t even attend her mother’s funeral.

“There were no direct flights, so the round trip took three days. That left a heavy burden on my heart.” This experience later seeped into her writing as a profound shadow.

She worked as an editor at Geumseong Publishing in Korea and briefly taught English at a high school. Throughout middle and high school, she was a “literary girl” who was constantly active in the literary club and won numerous awards, but after marriage, she became a full-time housewife and drifted away from the world of creation.

“My mother always said she had a pregnancy dream about a blue persimmon tree... that it was a dream foretelling I’d become a writer.”

The encouragement she received since childhood lay dormant for a long time, only to be reawakened by the 2020 pandemic.

As her shop business slowed during COVID-19, she began writing afresh as if she were keeping a diary while gazing at Seattle’s ever-changing skies. Submitting an essay titled “Endurance,” which calmly depicted the life and inner world of an overseas Korean woman, to the Northwest Korean Writers Association contest and receiving an honorable mention, she returned to “A place of literature.” These old sensibilities felt



Kim Ji-hyun, Grand Prize winner in the Essay category

more familiar than the new.

Kim wrote about her experience personally gathering a “gosari” fern during her visit to Korea last year for her mother-in-law’s funeral.

“When you pick gosari, it makes a tock-tock sound, right? There’s that exact moment when it snaps. Hearing that, I recalled the breaks in my own life. It has to break to fit in your hand; if it doesn’t break, you just have to leave it be.”

She noted that the process of drying the ferns also resembled the process of sorting through life. Moreover, she explained that the ferns’ resilience to regrow even after being trampled was the most fitting image to symbolize her own experience as an immigrant.

“Being trampled, falling... yet still finding the strength to rise again. That’s what immigrant life is like, isn’t it?”

But winning the award opened a new door within her.

“Good writing ultimately comes from the power of empathy,” she said, expressing her aspiration to learn more deeply and observe more broadly.

“If I get the chance, I want to study more. I want to write pieces that create a sense of empathy using subjects that offer comfort to each person.”

Kim expressed deep gratitude for the awards ceremony and organization of the event by the OKA.

“I’m not even a person of national merit. Honestly, I just received this award while pursuing a hobby; yet they treated me so well. They put in so much preparation. I was deeply moved.” 🙏

## Korean Adoptee Conference concludes successfully, reaffirms roots, identity, solidarity

OKA Commissioner Kim: ‘Support for adoptees will be top priority in overseas Korean policies’  
First lady Kim: ‘Republic of Korea will become homeland that sincerely supports future of adoptees’

The 2025 World Korean Adoptee Conference, hosted by the Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup), concluded at the Nongshim Hotel in Dongnae-gu, Busan, reaffirming “roots, Korean identity and solidarity with the homeland.”

Held over five days, starting Nov. 10, under the slogan “Connecting Roots, Building the Future Together,” the conference saw participation from 90 adopted compatriots from 10 countries.

This conference was planned with a focus on helping the approximately 200,000 adopted Korean compatriots worldwide restore their strong bonds with their homeland and cultivate their Korean identity as vital members of the global Korean network.

Most participants were visiting their homeland for the first time, and they experienced Korean history and culture in Incheon, Paju, Ulsan and Busan while also enjoying networking opportunities.

“Through experiencing Korean history and culture, volunteering in meal distribution and environmental beautification, and participating in agricultural activities, we reaffirmed our Korean identity and bond with our homeland, while also gaining opportunities to form networks among adoptees,” the adoptees said in a joint statement.

### Visiting Paju's Mother's Embrace Park for healing

They visited Mother's Embrace Park in Paju, Gyeonggi Province, for a time of comfort and healing. The adoptees toured the Wall of Memory and the Peace Museum, experiencing spaces imbued with

meaning for remembrance and consolation.

Some participants quietly folded their hands before the Wall of Memory, while others patted each other's shoulders and shared stories for a long time. Others were seen reading the stories and looking at the photos of 900 adoptees displayed at the Peace Museum and taking pictures of them.

Attorney Carrie Rosser (Korean name: Ham Chorong, 49), who came from the United States, stood motionless for a while in front of the Wall of Memory, looking at cards bearing the names of adoptees.

“If Korea had been a country in my heart until now, today it became the land I actually stand upon,” she said. “Here I can feel



OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup delivers opening remarks.



Participants pose for a commemorative photo at the opening ceremony of the 2025 World Korean Adoptee Conference held at the Sheraton Grand Incheon Hotel in Songdo, Incheon, on Nov. 10.





First lady Kim Hea Kyung delivers a video congratulatory address.

memory in the air, the trees and even an individual stone.”

Laurent Dumoulin (Korean name: Lee Jae-dong, 43), president of the Korean Roots Association (Racines Coreennes) and an adoptee from France, said, “Hearing the message ‘We have not been forgotten’ directly warmed the deepest part of my heart.”

Mother’s Embrace Park is a symbolic space created on a portion of the former Camp Howze U.S. military base site (610,000 m2), covering an area of 2,224 m2. It embodies the meaning that “The children who have returned are embraced once more.”

### Exploring global network cooperation strategies

This year’s conference also saw participation from 16 leaders of global adoptee organizations. They held regional breakout sessions and a leaders’ forum to share common challenges and explore strategies for global network cooperation.

The leaders engaged in in-depth discussions on strengthening organizational and leadership capabilities, policy participation, and concurrently hosting the 2026 World Korean Adoptee Conference and a World Korean Adoptee Association homeland visit event.

At the closing ceremony, an implementation document was adopted pledging to resolve current issues in cooperation with the homeland, including: ▲ establishing cooperative systems and strengthening policy communication for mutual development between the homeland and adoptees, ▲ expanding support for the global adoptee network and leadership, ▲ increasing support for the children of adoptees as the next generation of compatriots, and ▲ strengthening support for adoptee communities by country and region.

The OKA will actively incorporate participants’ voices into future policies and projects, build sustainable networks through cooperation with overseas adoptee organizations worldwide and strengthen practical administrative support centered around dedicated service channels.


### 90 participants from 10 countries; most visiting their homeland for first time

At the opening ceremony on Nov. 10 at the Sheraton Grand Incheon Hotel in Songdo, Incheon, OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup stated: “We respect the arduous journey each of you has undertaken through the adoption process in your respective countries. We will further expand the ‘Roots Search’ program in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice, the National Center for the Rights of the Child (NCRC) and overseas adoptee organizations.”

He further emphasized that he would adopt supporting adoptees as a top priority in overseas Korean policies, stating, “We will create a more comprehensive support system so that adoptees can regain their pride as part of the Korean people and enjoy stable lives.”

“I express my deep respect for adopted compatriots who have grown up splendidly while preserving their roots as Koreans,” first lady Kim Hea Kyung said in a video address. “We will become a true homeland that deeply empathizes with the experiences of adopted compatriots and sincerely supports their future.”

In his welcome address, Director Jeong Ik-jung of the NCRC explained: “On July 19 of this year, a major change that alters 70 years of history occurred, shifting from a private adoption agency-led system to a state-led adoption system. We have signed a business agreement with the National Archives of Korea to ensure adoption records are preserved and managed in a secure environment.”

At the closing ceremony on Nov. 14, OKA Vice Commissioner Byeon Cheol-hwan pledged: “You are the very history of the Republic of Korea, having overcome adversity and successfully settled in your countries. You are the link connecting Korea and the world. The OKA will be a reliable support system for adopted compatriots to grow as proud Koreans in their countries of residence.” 

## ‘Seeking out roots is a healing journey to affirm one’s existence’

Lee Jae-dong, president of Korean Roots Association in France, ‘It is time to create global adoptee solidarity network that transcends nationalities’

Lee Jae-dong (French name: Laurent Dumoulin, 43), president of the Korean Roots Association in France (Racines Coreennes), who visited his homeland to attend the 2025 World Korean Adoptee Conference hosted by the Overseas Koreans Agency, candidly shared his thoughts on adoptees in an interview with Yonhap News on Nov. 13.

A web designer and graphic specialist, he is revitalizing the stagnant association to restore the adoptee community's identity and open a new chapter in cultural exchanges between Korea and France. The Korean Roots Association, established in 1995, is France's first organization for Korean adoptees. Approximately 12,000 Korean adoptees reside in France, the largest such community in Europe. The association partners with organizations like the OKA and the National Center for the Rights of the Child (NCRC) to support adoptees' return to Korea, provide guidance on F-4 (Overseas Korean) visas, offer Korean language education and assist in family reunification. It serves as a bridge enabling adoptees to engage with Korean culture and share their lives with one another.

“About 10 to 15 percent of our members have found their biological families in Korea,” Lee said. “This is not merely a reunion but a healing journey to affirm the meaning of one’s existence.”

He himself met his biological parents and three half-siblings in 2019 with the help of the NCRC and the French foreign ministry.

“The moment I reunited with my family, it felt like everything was healed,” he recalled.

Elected as the 11th president last year, he said: “The association faced a crisis due to a lack of participation from the younger generation. I wanted to inject new vitality through fresh projects.”

Leveraging his specialties, he personally oversaw all visual content, including website redesign, promotional material design and social media content creation. His efforts bore fruit. The association regained its vitality through diverse activities: online Korean language classes, founding a choir, Korean food experience programs like “kimbap” workshops, Chuseok and Seollal events, and joint events with the Korean Embassy, Hangeul schools, women’s associations and international student associations.

The network has expanded across France, and its 30th anniversary event in May was a great success, drawing over 400



Lee Jae-dong (French name: Laurent Dumoulin), president of the Korean Roots Association in France (Racines Coreennes)

attendees.

“As a member of the inaugural Global Future Generation Summit committee organized by the OKA, I am creating policy connections to help young adoptees gain academic and entrepreneurial opportunities in Korea,” he said. “The next generation of adoptees is not a generation looking only to the past. They are a global generation designing their future through Korea.”

His activities are also drawing attention in France. He is working to improve systems, such as transparency in adoption procedures, record preservation and support for family reunions in collaboration with the French Foreign Ministry’s International Adoption Mission.

“We are not simply adoptees. We are people building a cultural bridge between Korea and France. This blend of identities enriches us.” His words were full of conviction.

Lee is currently envisioning an integrated project encompassing all adoptees in France. He plans to create a platform where adoptees can discuss identity, family and social solidarity, transcending nationality and origin.

“We are Korean adoptees and members of the global adoptee community. Now is the time to build a Global Adoptee Solidarity Network, where people with different roots can empathize with one another.” 장



## ‘Finding my roots after 49 years; this is my first time stepping foot onto my homeland’s soil’

Ham Chorong, U.S. attorney: ‘My war orphan birth mother made the choice to give me up for adoption; I’m grateful for her decision for a better life’

“Born in Seoul and having traveled the world, I stepped onto my homeland’s soil for the first time in 49 years. I hope we remember where we were born and that through sharing our stories, we become a stronger community.”

Attorney Ham Chorong (American name: Carrie Rosser, 49), visiting her homeland for the first time to attend the ‘2025 World Korean Adoptee Conference’ hosted by the Overseas Koreans Agency, shared these sentiments in an interview with Yonhap News.

Born in Seoul in 1976, Ham was adopted to the United States at 7 months old. She grew up in Mason City, Iowa, a town of about 30,000 people, in a family of German and Dutch heritage. She currently works as a compliance officer and life sciences attorney at a biopharmaceutical company in San Francisco.

After touring various parts of Seoul, she bought cosmetics for her daughters at Olive Young and passed by the site of the hospital where she was born, where she said, “The cycles of fate and the emotions of return.”

Ham’s journey to find her roots has recently become more concrete. Through an emotional reunion with her biological sister over the phone, she is gradually piecing together the puzzle of her family.

Due to her birth mother having health problems, a direct meeting is difficult, but she expressed her desire to convey her gratitude through her sister.

“My birth mother was an orphan of the Korean War who grew up in an orphanage,” Ham said. “Perhaps influenced by that, sending me for adoption was a choice made to give me a better life. I feel a deeper understanding and gratitude for that decision.”

Her family history was unique. Her adoptive mother was also an adoptee, and her older brother is also an adoptee from Korea. She described it as “not a coincidence but a meaningful connection.”

Her adoptive parents prioritized education above all else. Though neither parent had attended university, they took immense pride in her becoming a college student and a lawyer.

“The moment I passed the bar exam and when my husband asked for my parents’ permission to marry me were when they were most overjoyed. They loved and supported me



U.S. Attorney Ham Chorong visits Mother's Embrace Park in Paju.

unconditionally.”

At the opening ceremony of the World Korean Adoptee Conference, Ham, speaking as an adoptee representative, urged attendees to “listen to each other’s stories, learn and grow at this conference. Our journey begins anew here.”

She added her hope that adoptees would support each other and complete the mosaic of their identities.

She described the identity of Korean adoptees as “a unique mosaic formed by the convergence of diverse experiences. We are beings completed by each other’s pieces. We cannot be whole without acknowledging our beginnings.”

Ham highly praised the OKA’s invitation event for adoptees.

“Recognizing the past and building bridges to the future involves more than mere financial support; it includes cultural opportunities and public acknowledgment. Particularly, first lady Kim Hea Kyung’s video message showed us the belief that we are part of Korea.”

She said she wishes to visit Korea frequently in the future. She also pledged to maintain her network with adoptees. 장

## Mother and daughter embrace after 8 years; ‘Let’s see each other often while we’re alive’

After 5 years of suspended flights, second- and third-generation Sakhalin compatriots return to homeland with support from Ministry of Unification  
Overcoming pain of separation, tearful reunion with parents who have returned to live in Korea; late homecoming, brief reunion, then parting once more



Jang Lyubov (R) arrives at Incheon International Airport.

The early winter sun slanted through a long-term rental apartment in Jinjeop-eup, Namyangju, Gyeonggi Province, on the afternoon of Nov. 1. When this reporter pressed the doorbell, the door opened with a bright voice from beyond. Grandmother Kim Soon-ja (80), her husband Kim Hyeon-seon (93) and their daughter Jang Lyubov (59) welcomed us warmly.

This 66-square-meter home, neither cramped nor spacious, was provided by the government to Sakhalin Koreans who have returned permanently to Korea. For some, this house marks the end of their journey to settle down; for others, it remains a “homeland” still hard to reach.

The mother and daughter reunited on Oct. 30 after eight years apart. They say that as soon as Jang opened the front door and stepped inside, grandma Kim embraced her daughter and burst into tears she had been holding back.

When asked about her feelings at that moment, grandma Kim replied, “What words are needed? It’s just pure joy,” her face breaking into a bright, girlish smile, while her eyes reflected a mixture of yearning and happiness.

As lunchtime arrived, the table was set with dishes from both Korea and Sakhalin. Korean foods prepared by grandma Kim -- kimchi, spinach and “tteokgalbi” -- were served alongside salmon

roe, salted shrimp and sausage brought by her daughter from Russia. Korean and Russian words flowed freely among the three seated around the table, laughter spilling out. After the meal, Russian raspberry tea was served with chocolate and cookies for dessert.

Forty second- and third-generation Sakhalin Koreans, including Jang, visited their homeland at the invitation of the Overseas Koreans Agency and the Korean Red Cross. The purpose was to meet their first-generation parents and grandparents who had permanently returned to Korea but found it difficult to visit Sakhalin due to old age and health issues.

The “support project for second- and third-generation Sakhalin compatriots’ homeland visitation” began in 2017 but was suspended for five years due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2019 and the Russia-Ukraine war in 2022. It has now resumed after five years. However, the journey without a direct flight was long and arduous. Jang flew for over a day from Sakhalin via Vladivostok and Shanghai. “It used to be just three hours,” grandma Kim said wistfully. “I really hope the direct flights come back soon.”

Approximately 26,000 Koreans live in Sakhalin, either forcibly relocated there during the Japanese colonial period or born locally. After the Russo-Japanese War in 1905, Japan occupied Sakhalin Island, rich in coal and timber. In 1938, under the National Mobilization Order, young Korean men were taken to coal mines and logging sites.

### Direct flight route severed; 3 hours became 24 hours

Grandfather Kim’s family was also forcibly relocated from Samcheok, Gangwon Province, to Hokkaido, Japan, and then to the coal mines of Sakhalin. Even after Japan’s defeat in 1945, the tragedy did not end. The 1946 U.S.-Soviet Agreement limited repatriation to “Japanese nationals,” excluding Koreans. They were forced to live their entire lives as “stateless persons.”

‘All the Japanese left, but we had nowhere to go’

Grandma Kim lost her father in 1968, and her homeland remained only a memory of her hometown.





Grandma Kim Soon-ja (L); her husband, Kim Hyeon-seon (R); and daughter Jang Lyubov reunite after eight years.

In 1992, invited by the Korean Red Cross, she first set foot on Korean soil and visited her father's hometown, Goesan in North Chungcheong Province. During the Japanese occupation, the family was left behind in Goesan, while only her father departed for Sakhalin, and grandma Kim was born in Sakhalin.

She spent tender moments hiking Mount Songni with her older brother and sisters, but when she returned in 2010, she had lost contact with her sisters, and her brother, suffering from dementia, no longer recognized her.

'We met again after all these years, but he didn't even recognize me'

Although the Special Act on Support for Sakhalin Compatriots allowed first-generation permanent repatriation starting in 1992, second and third generations were excluded, forcing families to endure separation once more. Currently, about 300 first-generation compatriots remain in Sakhalin, while over 3,000 have repatriated permanently to date. Grandma Kim has lived here with her husband for 15 years. The Korean Red Cross covers the full rent, and utility bills are discounted.

"We each receive 500,000 won in basic support, totaling 1 million won for living expenses. Thanks to medical insurance benefits, we pay almost nothing for hospital bills and medication. The parks and walking paths are well-maintained, making it easy to manage our health. I can't express how grateful I am."

### Memories of Sakhalin; Joseon people who lost their nationality

Grandpa Kim learned Japanese during the Japanese colonial period and received Korean language education from people who came from North Korea after the Soviet occupation. He later majored in mathematics and physics at a Russian university, worked as a researcher at a seismic research institute and also lectured at the university. After returning to Korea permanently, he



Photos of grandma Kim and her husband from their youth are seen alongside the South Korean and Russian flags.

also gave special lectures on earthquakes and tsunamis at Seoul National University.

After losing her first husband, grandma Kim raised cattle in Sakhalin and ran a tailor shop. She was resolute in sending all four daughters to university. She remarried after her children grew up.

"You have to educate them properly so they don't become fools. My eldest and second daughters graduated from teaching colleges and now teach English, and my youngest daughter got a job at a mobile phone company."

Jang, now a grandmother of four, carries the bitter wounds of returning to Sakhalin after facing neglect and discrimination while working at a Korean restaurant. Still, she expressed pride in Korea's economic development and the "hallyu" wave, saying, "Now that it's a country recognized by the world, I feel proud."

Grandma Kim's granddaughter's wedding photo was stuck on the refrigerator. "My granddaughter got married on Oct. 10, which was also my wedding anniversary, but I couldn't even go and only saw it in photos."

"I feel the absence of my parents during holidays," Jang said. "They're getting old and need someone to take care of them, so I also think about wanting to live here with my mother."

However, the language and adaptation barriers are high for her to settle in Korea as she is not fluent in Korean. Moreover, there are practical difficulties due to her children and grandchildren living in Russia. Grandma Kim is well aware of this reality.

"The children studied and worked in Russian schools and couldn't learn Korean. Coming to live in Korea is also hard work," she said.

For the next two weeks until her return to Russia on Nov. 12, the mother and daughter plan to make up for lost time together, going to the market and taking walks. Grandma Kim held her daughter's hand and said: "Let's see each other often while we're still alive. Now that we're old, we don't have many days left to meet."

In one corner of the living room, a photo from 60 years ago stood out, displayed alongside the South Korean and Russian flags.

"I'm wearing the clothes I bought after working for a month on a farm when I was 19," she explained.

Also on display was a photo of the couple riding a pony on Jeju Island eight years ago. Though they lamented growing old, their eyes still sparkled with a love for life. 🇰🇷🇷🇺

# Professor Lim Deok-sang of U.S., contributor to modern mathematics

Significant achievements in development of algebraic geometry through research on finite group cohomology and variation theory  
Serving Korean community, including position as president of Korean Association and contributions to Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup) has selected professor Lim Deok-sang (1928-1982), a first-generation Korean American mathematician who made significant contributions to the development of modern mathematics, as the Overseas Korean of the Month for November.

Born in Kaesong, he enrolled in the first class of the Department of Mathematics at Seoul National University in 1946. That year marked the establishment of Korea's first mathematics department at Seoul National University and the founding of the Joseon Mathematical and Physical Society.

The chaos of the Korean War and impoverished living conditions prevented him from focusing solely on his studies. Working as a teacher at Kaesong Girls' High School to earn living expenses and money to cover tuition fees while pursuing his studies, he was only able to graduate eight years after enrollment. He later taught at Ewha Girls' High School before departing for graduate studies in the United States in 1955, embarking on his path as a mathematician.

He published remarkable research achievements in algebraic geometry, the field studying the properties of geometric objects expressed as equations, and made significant contributions to the development of algebraic geometry.

In 1957, he earned his Ph.D. from Indiana University in the U.S. with a dissertation titled "Research on Cohomology Theory of Finite Groups."

Cohomology of finite groups refers to a core mathematical tool for understanding the structure and algebraic properties of groups. As an important theory bridging algebra and topology, it is essential for analyzing the structural characteristics of various finite groups.

He then served as an assistant professor at Columbia University in the United States. There, he developed the classification theory of modules defined over finite groups, laying the foundation for the then emerging mathematical field of algebraic K-theory. His work also significantly influenced geometric topology.

**First Korean professor at Ivy League university, also pioneered development of modern Korean mathematics**



Korean American mathematician Lim Deok-sang is named the Overseas Korean of the Month for November.

In 1959, through his paper "Modules over Finite Groups," he solved a major problem in Cartan and Eilenberg's homology algebra, which was a significant topic of interest in the mathematical community at the time. He astonished the global mathematical community by establishing a classification theory for modules defined over finite groups. The central theorem of this paper proved that, for  $\pi$  defined as a finite group, even modules based on a ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  ( $\pi$ ) must have finite projective dimensions and the module's cohomology must be self-evident, and that these have a necessary and self-sufficient relationship.

Professor Oscar Goldman, then chair of the mathematics department at Brandeis University, highly valued Lim's mathematical talent and research ability, recruiting him to the university in 1960. Hired as an associate professor for five years, he devoted himself to teaching and research. In 1965, he was appointed professor of mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania, becoming the first Korean mathematics professor in the Ivy League. He later served as the chair of the Graduate Mathematics Program (1974-1975) and the chair of the Mathematics Department (1975-1978) at the university.

He published his research findings in the "Seminar Notes SGA 7" of French mathematician Alexander Grothendieck, who is considered one of the greatest geometers of the 20th century. The



paper is regarded as a classic work laying the foundations of modern algebraic geometry.

He maintained deep bonds with world-renowned scholars, co-authoring a book on deformation theory with Grothendieck, who was his contemporary and also a 1966 Fields Medal laureate. Through Grothendieck's work, the study of algebraic objects (rings and modules) and geometric objects (varieties) became perfectly equivalent, opening the way to tackle difficult problems in number theory using algebraic geometry methods.

Intractable problems in number theory, like Fermat's Last Theorem, which had remained unsolved for centuries, began to be resolved using algebraic geometry. New applications of algebraic geometry, once seemingly detached from the real world, were discovered one after another. This included the use of elliptic curves, which played a key role in solving Fermat's problem, as well as uses in modern encryption protecting personal information on transportation cards.

### Served as chair of Seo Jae-pil Memorial Monument Construction Committee and contributed to its establishment

Professor Lim was also actively involved in activities for the Korean American community. He served as the fourth president of the Korean Association of Philadelphia (1974-1975), dedicating himself to the local Korean community, and contributed significantly as chairman of the Committee for the Establishment of the Seo Jae-pil Memorial Monument. The monument was erected on land donated by the state of Pennsylvania within a park, funded by donations from Korean compatriots residing in the Philadelphia, New York, and Washington, D.C., areas, along with support from the Korean government.

Furthermore, he served as an inaugural headquarters council member (1972-1975) and inaugural scholarship committee member (1978-1981) of the Korean Society of Engineers and Scientists in America (KSEA), founded in 1971. In these roles, he contributed to fostering exchanges among Korean mathematicians and scientists in the United States and nurturing talent.

Lim lamented the poor state of mathematical research in his homeland more than anyone else. When Seoul National University utilized U.S. foreign aid loans to invite Korean American mathematicians to the college, Lim actively participated. Starting in



Professor Lim Deok-sang (far R) of the Mathematics Department at Columbia University poses for a photo. (Provided by the Korean Academy of Science and Technology)



A 1971 interview with professor Lim Deok-sang in the Dong-A Ilbo newspaper

1976, he lectured on algebraic geometry at the university's graduate school for over two years, striving to nurture young scholars and advance Korean mathematics.

In 1971, he was invited by the Korean Mathematical Society to give a weeklong special lecture series. In an interview with the Dong-A Ilbo, he criticized the domestic mathematical community for its excessive focus on applied mathematics. He proposed the direction the Korean mathematical community should take, emphasizing the importance of fundamental mathematics (pure mathematics) and the necessity of support for it.

### Selected by gov't as 'Distinguished contributor to Science and Technology of the Republic of Korea'

Lim passed away in the United States in 1982 at the age of 54 before he could fully realize his potential as a mathematician. In 2020, the Ministry of Science and ICT and the Korean Academy of Science and Technology honored his achievements, which made a significant mark in algebraic

geometry through his research on algebraic K-theory and modular theory, by selecting him as a "Distinguished Contributor to Science and Technology of the Republic of Korea."

"Professor Lim Deok-sang elevated the stature of Koreans worldwide through his outstanding mathematical achievements," OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup said. "He contributed not only to the development of mathematics in Korea but also served the Korean American community, enhancing the rights and interests of Korean scientists and compatriots. We designate him as the Overseas Korean of the Month for November so that professor Lim's accomplishments may be widely known and long remembered."

The OKA identifies compatriots who have contributed to the development of the Republic of Korea or to enhancing the status of Koreans in their countries of residence, selecting and announcing them monthly as the Overseas Korean of the Month. Since March, the following individuals have been selected: Kim Pyeong-jin (former president of the Jeju Development Association in Japan), Hong Myeong-gi (former chairman of the M&L Hong Foundation), Im Cheon-taek (independence activist), Park Byeong-heon (former head of the Korean Residents Union in Japan), Park No-hak (former president of the Return of Detained Sakhalin Koreans Association), Lee Ui-gyeong (independence activist), Dr. Seo Se-mo and Chairman Seo Gab-ho. 📖

## ‘Implement overseas postal voting and lower age for dual citizenship’

‘Capabilities of 7 million overseas Koreans are Korea’s greatest asset and driving force behind national competitiveness’  
‘300,000 Koreans in Japan lack political rights; Japanese government must apply principle of reciprocity’

“We must now move beyond our individual regions to become a true global Korean network. The capabilities of the 7 million overseas Koreans, achieved through the wisdom and unity of Korean leaders, are the Republic of Korea’s greatest asset and the very driving force of national competitiveness.”

Jeon Heung-bae, president of the 2025 World Korean Leaders Conference (former president of the Federation General of Korean Associations Japan), shared these reflections after the conference hosted by the Korean International Leaders Conference (KILC, chairman Jung Young-kook).

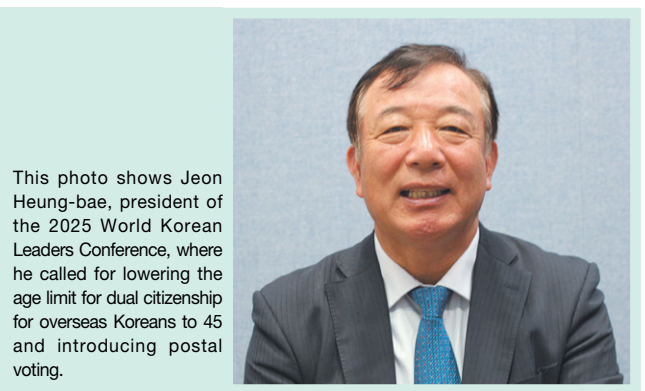
This conference, where Korean leaders worldwide gathered to discuss long-standing issues and future strategies for overseas Korean communities, successfully concluded on Oct. 23 to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the Overseas Koreans Information Center (OKIC).

“The very fact that leaders from around the world attended despite long-distance travel demonstrates the resilience of the Korean people,” Jeon said. “It reaffirmed that they are all major pillars of the Republic of Korea’s development. I hope this conference evolves beyond a simple event into a practical cooperation platform for the global Korean network.”

The slogan of this conference, “Toward a Wider World, Toward a Greater Korean People,” embodies the aspiration of approximately 7 million overseas Koreans to achieve mutual prosperity with their homeland and establish the Republic of Korea as a prominent global presence.

“Overseas Korean leaders must pool their capabilities across business, culture, education and society to form a global community,” Jeon said.

He highlighted as key achievements the focused discussions on lowering the age limit for dual citizenship -- a long-standing aspiration of the overseas Korean community -- and introducing postal and electronic voting systems for overseas citizens.



This photo shows Jeon Heung-bae, president of the 2025 World Korean Leaders Conference, where he called for lowering the age limit for dual citizenship for overseas Koreans to 45 and introducing postal voting.

“Lowering the age for dual citizenship from 65 to 45 would allow compatriots in their 40s and 50s who have completed their military service to freely travel between Korea and overseas while continuing their economic activities,” the former chairman said. “This is also positive for attracting human resources and strengthening national competitiveness.”

### Leading gathering of world leaders, presenting vision through Korean diaspora network

“Introducing postal or electronic voting systems would eliminate the need for compatriots to fly hundreds of kilometers and significantly boost voter turnout,” he said. “The government and National Assembly must actively work to enhance the rights and interests of overseas citizens and realize participatory democracy.”

As the immediate past president and current adviser of the Federation General of Korean Associations Japan, Jeon demonstrated strong resolve regarding voting rights issues within Japan.

“The Japanese government does not grant local voting rights to foreigners, leaving Zainichi Koreans bound by institutional





limitations,” he said. “Just as Korea grants voting rights to Japanese citizens, the same rights should be guaranteed to Koreans in Japan based on the principle of reciprocity.

“Currently, approximately 300,000 Zainichi Koreans, including special permanent residents in Japan, are unable to exercise their political rights. Granting them suffrage would mark a new turning point in Korea-Japan relations,” he added.

Jeon mentioned that President Lee Jae Myung delivered separate special messages to overseas Koreans and Zainichi Koreans in his August 15th Liberation Day address, stating, “I hope the new administration will actively review the issue of local voting rights for Koreans.”

Regarding KILC’s future direction, Jeon said: “The organization should be run as a community asset rather than an individual’s. The dedication of Director Jung Young-kook and other leaders is laying a strong foundation. I initially hesitated to participate as president of the conference, but I accepted the position after resonating with Chairman Jung’s sincerity and drive. Ultimately, leaders from various countries united their efforts to create a successful inaugural conference.”

### Five-point resolution, including support for successful hosting of APEC Summit

The conference resolution contained five key objectives: ▲ active support for the successful hosting of the 2025 APEC Summit, ▲ full support for the overseas expansion of youth and SMEs, ▲ a call for inter-Korean dialogue for North Korea’s denuclearization and peace settlement, ▲ expansion of the global Korean business community and ▲ commitment to realizing “A Wider World, A Greater Korean People” to achieve Korean culture, prosperity and a just world. Jeon highlighted “Full support for the overseas expansion of youth and SMEs” as the most crucial among these.

“If KILC members leverage their networks in various countries to

provide mentoring, market information and build local partnerships, it will serve as a stepping stone for the younger generation to go global,” Jeon said.

He also emphasized the importance of education and cultural exchanges for the next generation of overseas Koreans.


“We must expand exchange programs where young overseas Koreans learn about Korea, its language and culture, while Korean youth gain overseas experience,” Jeon said. “This is key to preserving Korean identity and strengthening global competitiveness.”

### Wang In memorial service and other efforts to strengthen civilian exchanges between Korea and Japan

Jeon, who also serves as a director of the Japan-Korea Friendship Association in Osaka, Japan, is working to increase civilian exchanges between the two nations. Through cultural events, such as the Yeongam County Sister City Festival and the Dr. Wang In memorial service held in Osaka, he is broadening mutual understanding and friendship between Korea and Japan.

Jeon interacts with Japanese individuals who understand Korea, including a chairman who is a former Japanese Diet member. Yeongam County also contributes to enhancing bilateral friendship by hosting a pre-event party and memorial service attended by over 30 participants, including the county mayor and council members.

“Political issues are sensitive, but exchanges in culture and humanity are always possible. Korea and Japan must build a foundation for cooperation for future generations,” Jeon said.

“The unity and leadership of the Korean people must transcend borders. I hope the conference will serve as an opportunity for compatriot leaders worldwide to unite as one network and jointly design the next 100 years of the Republic of Korea.” 



The Scholar Wang In’s Journey to Japan parade in the Insadong area of Jongno-gu, Seoul, reenacts the procession of the Baekje scholar heading to Japan. The parade, featuring residents of Yeongam County, South Jeolla Province, reenacted the most symbolic part of Wang In’s journey -- his crossing to Japan.

## ‘We must end era of hatred and misunderstanding’ Unified call to improve perceptions of Chinese compatriots

OKA holds ‘Policy Dialogue to Improve Domestic Perceptions of Chinese Compatriots’

To improve domestic perceptions of Chinese compatriots, experts and leaders of Chinese compatriot organizations urged fundamental policy shifts across residency status, nationality, budget and education, stating, “Improving perceptions must start with changing systems and policies, not just campaigns.”

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup), in collaboration with National Assembly members Chae Hyun-il and Lee Jae-gang, held the “Policy Dialogue for Improving Domestic Perceptions of Chinese Compatriots” at the National Assembly members’ office building in Yeouido, Seoul, on Nov. 24.

“The Republic of Korea faces a crisis of national sustainability due to population decline and the disappearance of local communities,” Kim said. “The return of overseas compatriots is the most effective and realistic solution.

“Uniting the 7 million-strong compatriot community and connecting their experience, knowledge and global networks with our nation is essential for establishing the Republic of Korea’s international standing and securing future growth engines.”

He argued that the foremost practical step toward this goal is supporting the stable settlement of compatriots returning to Korea.

He pledged to swiftly complete or achieve tangible progress on the following: ▲ integrating residency statuses for compatriots in Korea (H-2 and F-4), ▲ enacting anti-hate legislation and ordinances in local governments with large compatriot populations, and ▲ easing requirements for permanent residency acquisition and nationality restoration.

“It is the national duty to ensure our compatriots can settle stably, and that the next generation can carry forward their hopes,” Chae said in his welcoming remarks.

“The repeated anti-China and anti-Chinese sentiment protests, along with hate speech directed at compatriots in Korea, reveal another challenge our society must address,” Lee said in his opening remarks.

Kwak Jae-seok, director of the Migration Research & Training Center, who delivered the first presentation, emphasized, “Resolving the issue of discrimination against Chinese compatriots is a national task that can no longer be ignored,” stressing that the OKA must take a central role.



Key participants in the policy dialogue aimed at improving domestic perceptions of Chinese compatriots pose for a photo. Fifth from left is OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup, and sixth from left is co-host National Assembly Rep. Chae Hyun-il.

The second presenter, Park Dong-chan, director of “The 3rd Voice,” suggested: “For awareness-raising activities to take root deeply in Korean society rather than ending as temporary campaigns, institutional consolidation by the government is essential. This can be achieved through the establishment of legal mechanisms that directly regulate discriminatory and hateful expressions.”

In the subsequent plenary discussion chaired by professor Jeon Chun-hwa of Hongik University, government, academic and field representatives, including Kwak Sam-ju, senior adviser at the OKA; Kim Jung-ryong, representative of the Da-Gachi Forum; and Kim Dong-hoon, director of the Seoul Foreign Residents Center, presented diverse opinions.

“The OKA, the Ministry of Justice, and the Ministry of Employment and Labor have reached a consensus on integrating the H2 Visitor Employment Visa and F4 Overseas Korean Visa after multiple meetings,” Kwak said. “However, there are differences between ministries regarding the scope of permitted industries post-integration, which are currently being adjusted. The goal is to announce the final plan in December and implement the new system next year.”

Chinese compatriots and on-the-ground activists expressed agreement with the direction of the government policy while pointing out limitations in the budget and implementation structure. 장

# OK-Biz holds export consultations with 120 SMEs in North Jeolla Province

## OKA and Jeonbuk Province host 2025 3rd World Korean Business Forum and Export Consultation

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup) partnered with North Jeolla Province (Gov. Kim Kwan-young) to host the World Korean Business Forum and Export Consultation at Lahan Hotel in Jeonju on Nov. 12-13, supporting exports for small and medium-sized enterprises based in the Jeonbuk region.

On Nov. 12, a forum was held where experts gathered to discuss business revitalization for building a Hansang (韓商) Korean diaspora business economic sphere.

Approximately 110 participants attended the forum, including OKA Vice Commissioner Byeon Cheol-hwan, Vice Gov. Kim Jong-hoon of North Jeolla Province, members of the Overseas Koreans Business Advisory Group (OK-Biz), and representatives of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME). The event proceeded with an opening ceremony, keynote presentations and a panel discussion.

"With the global popularity of K-culture and the heightened brand recognition of Korea following the Gyeongju APEC Summit, now is the optimal time for our companies to expand overseas," Deputy Commissioner Byeon said in his opening remarks. "I hope this export consultation meeting will serve as an opportunity to expand the overseas market entry for outstanding companies based in Jeonbuk."

Following this, Jeonbuk Research Institute researcher Na Jeong-ho presented on the topic "measures to boost exports by SMEs in North Jeolla Province."

Professor Park Jeong-eun emphasized in her presentation titled "The future of the global Korean diaspora economic zone: The next-generation platform connecting regions and the world" that "The Hansang Korean diaspora economic zone demonstrates the ripple effect of Korea's cultural and economic convergence, and can evolve beyond a business network into a soft power economic zone based on Korean culture and identity."



OKA Vice Commissioner Byeon Cheol-hwan (4th from L) and other key attendees pose for a commemorative photo at the World Korean Business Forum and Export Consultation, which was held at Lahan Hotel in Jeonju on Nov. 12-13.

"The global expansion of the K-content, K-beauty and K-food industries will generate even stronger synergy when combined with the cultural trust assets inherent in the Korean diaspora network," she added.

Professor Seok Jun-ho of the International Trade department at Jeonbuk National University then presented on "Global trade trends and measures to boost exports by domestic SMEs." Following this, Lim Hye-sook, director of the Australia Korean Welfare Association (former president of World-OKTA Sydney Chapter),

continued with a presentation titled "The path to the Australian market: Successful overseas expansion strategies for SMEs."

The export consultation meeting held Nov. 13 was attended by approximately 80 participants, including 23 members of the Overseas Korean Business Advisory Group (OK-Biz) and overseas buyers invited by North Jeolla Province. They actively supported the overseas expansion of 120 SMEs based in the Jeonbuk region through one-on-one business consultations and other activities.

Notably, companies were categorized and matched accordingly, and buyers' demands were identified in advance to facilitate tailored one-on-one consultations. Additionally, advisory services were provided on trade policies, including customs and legal matters, to support companies' overseas expansions.

The first and second World Korean Business Forum and Export Consultation (held in Busan in June and Jeonnam in October) organized by the OKA saw participation from 60 overseas Korean businesspeople. These events facilitated 380 business meetings with 200 companies and achieved export consultation results worth 69.6 billion won.

The OKA plans to host two to three World Korean Business Forum and Export Consultation meetings in 2026 to support the overseas expansion of Korean SMEs through cooperation with local governments. 🇰🇷



## OKA signs MOU with Korea Legal Aid Corp. to protect overseas Koreans' rights

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup) announced on Nov. 17 that it has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Korea Legal Aid Corp. (Director Kim Young-jin) to strengthen the protection of overseas Koreans' rights and interests, and to enhance their legal welfare.

Overseas Koreans, including overseas citizens, often face difficulties in addressing various legal issues that arise during temporary visits to their homeland or while residing domestically. This MOU was established to expand support related to South Korean law, excluding matters concerning the laws of their country of residence.

Under the MOU, the two institutions will cooperate on: ▲ providing and linking legal services to protect the legitimate rights of overseas Koreans, ▲ supporting statutory education to help repatriated compatriots adapt to their homeland society and ▲ activating legal aid projects for overseas Koreans.

At the signing ceremony held that afternoon at the OKA in Yeosu-gu, Incheon, Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup said: "I express my deep gratitude to the Korea Legal Aid Corp. for its



OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup (L) signs a memorandum of understanding with Kim Young-jin, director of the Korea Legal Aid Corp., on Nov. 17 to protect the rights and interests of overseas Koreans.

extraordinary efforts to protect the rights and interests of overseas Koreans thus far. I look forward to both institutions communicating closely and cooperating to advance together toward the goal of strengthening solidarity between the homeland and the overseas Korean community."

## 24 second-generation Sakhalin compatriot elders visit Korea to experience their homeland

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Minister Kim Kyung-hyup) hosted an invitation event to strengthen the homeland ties of elderly second-generation Sakhalin compatriots. The agency selected 24 individuals who were ineligible for permanent repatriation due to the death of their first-generation parents.

They arrived on Nov. 18 and spent a week touring major Seoul landmarks. They also visited Gyeongju, where the recent APEC summit was held, along with Mungyeong Saejae and Danyang, experiencing traditional Korean culture. They also had time to reunite with relatives residing in Korea.

The OKA is supporting the permanent return of Sakhalin Koreans and their accompanying family members who were forcibly conscripted to Sakhalin during the Japanese colonial period but were unable to return to their homeland after liberation, in accordance with the Special Act on Support for Sakhalin Koreans. It also supports visits to the homeland so that permanent returnees can meet with their children or grandchildren residing overseas.



Second-generation Sakhalin Koreans visit their homeland at the invitation of the Overseas Koreans Agency.

Meanwhile, 21 first-generation Sakhalin Koreans residing overseas also visited their homeland this time. This project is implemented by the Korean Red Cross with support from the Japanese government.

"We hope this visit to their homeland will be a meaningful time for Sakhalin Koreans to feel a sense of belonging as members of the Korean nation and to strengthen their connection with their homeland," Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup said.

## OKA and Korea Deposit Insurance Corp. launch financial education, employment support and scholarship programs for compatriots resettling in Korea

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Korea Deposit Insurance Corp. (KDIC) (President Yoo Jae-hoon) on Nov. 10 to support the stable settlement of compatriots residing in Korea.

In order to ensure the stable settlement of returning compatriots in Korea, under the agreement, the two institutions will jointly promote ▲ economic, financial and legal education, ▲ employment preparation programs and ▲ scholarship programs for compatriot students.

“We will establish a solid cooperative framework with the Overseas Koreans Agency and develop programs that can be linked with the KDIC’s core business, such as financial and legal education, in order to create stable living conditions for overseas compatriots in Korea who are facing difficulties,” KDIC President Yoo Jae-hoon said at the signing ceremony held at the OKA headquarters in Yeonsu-gu, Incheon.

Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup said: “Supporting the settlement of compatriots in Korea is a national policy task of the government.



OKA Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup (R) signs a business agreement with Korea Deposit Insurance Corp. President Yoo Jae-hoon on Nov. 10 to support the stable settlement of repatriated compatriots.

Through this business agreement with the KDIC to support Sakhalin and Koryo-saram compatriots in Korea, we have gained a strong ally. To support compatriots returning to Korea who have been in the blind spots of government policy, both institutions will join forces to provide support from a closer place.”

## OKA expands support for Mexican Korean community, marking 120th anniversary of immigration

The Overseas Koreans Agency has begun a listening exercise around local conditions to expand tailored policies for the Mexican Korean community, which is marking its 120th anniversary of immigration. The history of Koreans in Mexico began in 1905, when 1,033 Koreans first set foot in Mexico after setting sail from Incheon’s Jemulpo Port.

OKA Vice Commissioner Byeon Cheol-hwan visited Mexico City and Merida, where Koreans first settled, from Nov. 2 to 7. He held discussions with key figures and representatives of organizations within the Korean community to explore ways to expand support for overseas Koreans in the Latin American region.

On Nov. 3, he visited the Korean Community Center and a Hangeul school in Mexico City, listening to the concerns of Korean representatives, including those from the Korean Association in Mexico.

The meeting was attended by South Korean Ambassador to Mexico Huh Tae-wan, President of the Korean Association in Mexico Jung Sang-goo, Chairman of the Central America and Caribbean Council of the National Unification Advisory Council Lee Jong-hoon and representatives from Hangeul schools. They introduced current issues facing the Korean community and welcomed the OKA’s commitment to strengthening policies for Koreans in Central and South America.



Overseas Koreans Agency Vice Commissioner Byeon Cheol-hwan (3rd from L) visits Merida, Mexico, on Nov. 5 and discusses the agency’s support policies and project implementation directions with representatives of the Yucatan Korean Descendants Association.

## OKA's Events in November

Nov. 3-7: Roundtable with Korean compatriots in Mexico for the "120th Anniversary of Korean Immigration to Mexico"  
 10-14: 2025 World Korean Adoptee Conference  
 10: MOU signing with the Korea Deposit Insurance Corp. to support repatriated compatriots  
 12: 3rd World Korean Business Forum  
 13: Roundtable with Korean journalists active in major overseas media and domestic reporters  
 13: Export consultation meeting for SMEs in North Gyeongsang Province  
 13: Korean startup showcase in Seattle  
 14: November Overseas Korean of the Month selected: professor Lim Deok-sang (USA), contributor to development of modern mathematics  
 17: Signing of business cooperation agreement with Korea Legal Aid Corp.  
 17: 27th Overseas Koreans Literary Awards ceremony  
 24: 3rd policy dialogue for domestic Korean settlement support

## OKA Announcements

### 'Seeking proud overseas compatriots who have made Korea shine'

OKA hosts online public participation event; open to all citizens until Dec. 5

The Overseas Koreans Agency is hosting an online event to discover and share stories of overseas compatriots making waves around the world alongside the Korean public. By inviting citizens to directly recommend overseas Koreans who represent Korea and excel in their respective fields, the event aims to expand the reach of the Global Korean Network through public participation.

The event runs from Nov. 19 to Dec. 5. Participation is simple: Follow the OKA's official social media account, then comment on the event post with the name of a "proud overseas compatriot who has made Korea shine." Afterward, capture screenshots of your follow screen and comment screen, upload them to the Google Form and your entry is complete.

Ten domestic residents will receive a 10,000 won Naver Pay voucher, while ten overseas residents will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card. Winners will be announced on Dec. 9, and prizes will be sent via mobile message or email within the same month.

The OKA has launched this event to enhance public awareness of overseas Koreans and establish a foundation for multilayered communication. While the 7.5 million overseas Koreans worldwide exert influence in the international community across fields like politics, economics, culture and science, their achievements often remain largely unknown domestically.



A poster for the "search for proud overseas compatriots who have made Korea shine"

A key feature is the introduction of an SNS-based "open recommendation system" to lower participation barriers. While previous contests or awards focused on experts, this event allows any citizen to participate by directly introducing the achievements of overseas Koreans in their community or individuals they find noteworthy.

The OKA explicitly states that winning entries may be disqualified if participation conditions are not met to ensure fairness. For example, entries will not be recognized if the SNS follow is not maintained during the event period or if the required screenshot image is not submitted. Only one prize will be awarded

per winner in case of duplicate wins. Prizes will be distributed based solely on the information provided at the time of entry, and no modifications are allowed after submission.

"The activities of overseas Koreans who are bringing honor to the Republic of Korea around the world are worthy of recognition and promotion by our society," an OKA official said. "This event, where domestic citizens directly recommend overseas compatriots, will serve as an opportunity to broadly highlight the achievements of global Koreans."

"Since the individuals are directly recommended by the public, we expect to uncover diverse achievements, including hidden talents and unknown, inspiring stories."



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