

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."