

Koryoin youths build employment skills through hotel service training

40 Koryoin youths from Russia and CIS regions participate in one-month domestic vocational training in Jan.



The opening ceremony for the Overseas Koreans Agency's vocational training program is held Jan. 5 at the Korea Hotel Tourism Foundation in Ansan, Gyeonggi Province.

Young Koryoin residing in Russia and the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) regions participated in training to enhance their professional skills in their homeland, the Republic of Korea.

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Kim Kyung-hyup) conducted a vocational training program from Jan. 5 to 30 for 40 young Koryoin (27 from overseas, 13 from Korea). This training was conducted for participants selected through an open recruitment process. The training institution was the Korea Hotel Tourism Education Foundation.

Participants were selected from countries that include Russia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. They completed over 120 hours of practical training in various fields, such as Korean cuisine and baking, alongside approximately 80 hours of online and offline Korean language instruction.

Additionally, during the training period, participants receive hands-on hotel service education, including food and beverage service practice, at a hotel operated by the Education Foundation, and participate in traditional food culture programs, such as distilled liquor making and tea ceremony experiences. The program also includes historical and cultural experiences, such as visits to Gyeongbok Palace and Bulguk Temple.

This initiative aims to enhance the economic self-reliance capabilities of young Koryoin of Russian descent and strengthen their sense of solidarity with their homeland. It is the second customized program for this group, following an industrial training program in coding and industrial design conducted in June 2025.

The training program's opening ceremony was held Jan. 5 at the Korea Hotel & Tourism Education Foundation. Attendees included Chairman Yuk Kwang-sim, Dean Lee Won-young and OKA's Director of Russian Compatriots Lee Kyu-hyun.

"Food is a vessel that carries culture, possessing the power to connect people across borders and serving as an asset to introduce Korea to the host country," Dean Lee Won-young said. "I hope this one-month intensive training program will help trainees gain confidence and become a valuable, lifelong experience."

Meanwhile, the training institution, the Korea Hotel Tourism Education Foundation, is a specialized education organization in the hotel and tourism sector established in 1989. It operates the Korea Hotel Tourism College, the Korea Culture and Arts College, and the Embledon Hotel, providing practical training for professionals in the food, tourism and leisure industries. [\[창\]](#)