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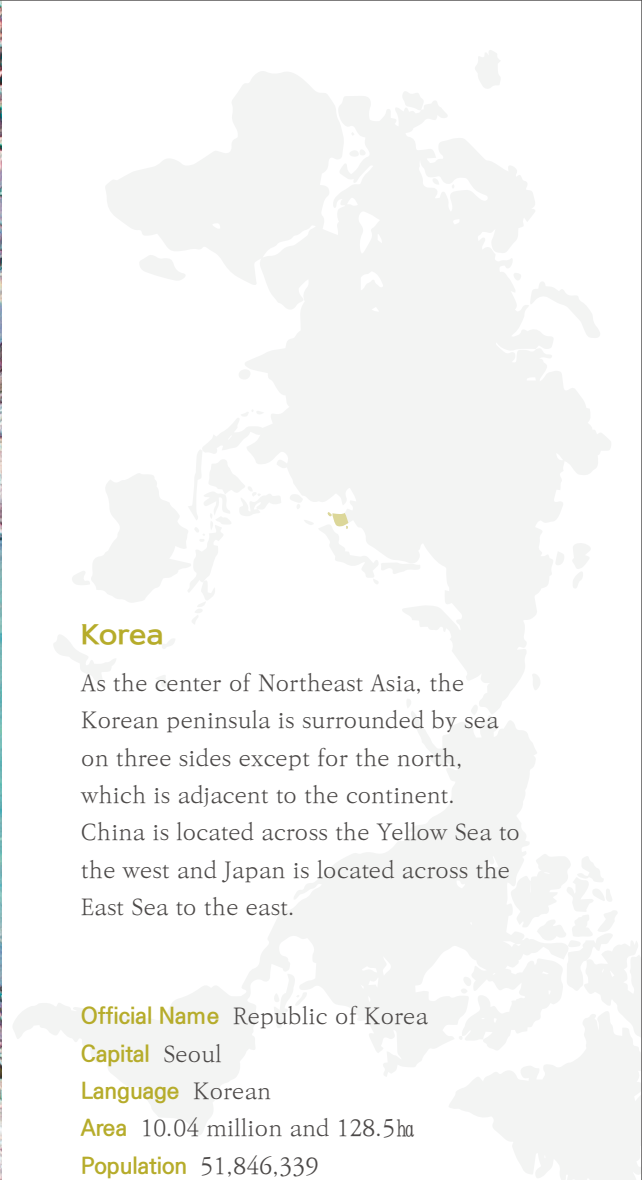
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WELCOME TO
KOREA

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An aerial photograph of a rugged, rocky coastline. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, contrasting with the grey and brown rocks. Several people are seen swimming and sunbathing on the rocks. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

“We are all riding
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Korean wave, and
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A light grey map of East Asia, showing the Korean peninsula, Japan, and parts of China and Russia. The Korean peninsula is highlighted in a darker shade of grey.

Korea

As the center of Northeast Asia, the Korean peninsula is surrounded by sea on three sides except for the north, which is adjacent to the continent. China is located across the Yellow Sea to the west and Japan is located across the East Sea to the east.

Official Name Republic of Korea

Capital Seoul

Language Korean

Area 10.04 million and 128.5km

Population 51,846,339

GDP 31,637.3 dollars

Currency Korean Won (KRW, ₩)

Climate Continental monsoon climate with distinct four seasons

Religion Christianity, Catholicism, Buddhism, etc.

Politics Liberal democracy with a presidential system

“Korea has abundant large/ small islands and marine resources as it faces the sea. The mountainous area is 70% of the land and there are a lot of beautiful mountains and national parks. With 30% of flat land, fertile farmlands and developed cities are in harmony.”

Korea with #Hashtags

#K-POP #AdvancedTechnology #CleanEnvironment
#BeautifulStreets #Safe&ReassuringSociety #SafeQuarantine
#GallexyS **#Hanok** #Tmoney #HangangPark **#GKS**
#NationalMuseumofContemporaryArt #DeliveryOrderedToday
AtYourDoorTheNextDay #220V **#BTS** #DeliciousFood
#ShinRamyun #Bibimbap&Bulgogi #Tteokbokki&Gimbap
#High-speedInternet5G #Samgyetang #Chicken&Beer
#SojuBomb&PorkBelly #KoreanJeong #Dokdo **#TOPIK**
#InternationalStudentSupporters #GyeongjuHistoricSites
#K-METRO #ChuncheonNamiIsland #EastSeaTravel
#WestSeaTidalFlatExperience #BusanHaeundae **#Hanbok**
#KoreanCulturalEvents #KingSejongInstitute #KoreanInstructor
#DepartmentRightForMe #UnconstrainedCourseRegistration
#GyeongbokgungPalace #CampusClubs #Interests&Dreams
#EmploymentInKorea #JejuOlleTrail #EntertainmentProgramWriter
#IdolDance #SquidGame #WebtoonGame **#StudyInKorea**
#ShoppingParadise #DongdaemunNightMarket #FashionDesign
#KoreanSnacks **#K-Beauty** #ChocoPie #InstantCoffeeMix
#Kimchi #Myeong-dong #SmallHappiness #TraditionalMarket
#HallasanBaengnokdamLake #VolcanicIsland **#Seoul**

K-wave Hallyu

The interest of people around the world in Korean popular culture is very high. Around the 2000s, as the popularity of Korean dramas and popular songs created a craze in Asia, the word 'Korean Wave' started to be used.

In particular, the popularity of K-pop and idol stars is spreading beyond Asia to Latin America, the Middle East, Europe, and the United States. The charm of Korean culture is rapidly spreading worldwide based on online platforms.

Recently, Korean boy group 'BTS', as well as K-movies/dramas through OTT platforms, are gaining explosive popularity around the world, causing the 'K-culture content syndrome'.

The latest edition of the Oxford English Dictionary recently added new Korean words such as K-pop, K-drama, Korean wave, and Hallyu, and mentioned as follows.

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Korea is a place where both Koreans and foreigners can live safely and conveniently in all areas of daily life.

World-class ICT and internet speed,
Very efficient and inexpensive public transportation,
Numerous public convenience facilities available for free,

Shopping centers full of inexpensive and high-quality goods,
Rich/ healthy ingredients and delicious/ inexpensive food,
Fast and accurate delivery (courier) service within 24 hours of placing an order,

Most of all,
5,000-year-old cultural relics and beautiful traditional buildings (palaces and houses),
Internationally renowned creative and dynamic modern pop culture,
The natural environment that changes beautifully for each season (spring, summer, fall, winter),

Studying abroad in Korea offers an amazing opportunity to enjoy not only an excellent educational system and learning environment but also all of the above.



Korea, Academic Powerhouse

Korea has achieved the fastest economic growth in world history.
The source of the amazing change called the 'Miracle on the Han River' was 'education'.

"People are the national competitiveness!"

It was through 'excellent human resources' that a country ravaged by war and a country with only a few natural resources was able to dramatically escape from being the world's poorest country for the first time in 40 years and proudly rise to the ranks of advanced countries.

Korea is continuously nurturing talents in each field with its excellent education system and high enthusiasm for education and is also striving to nurture global talents who will lead future generations and the era of the 4th industrial revolution.

According to Education at a Glance 2021: OECD Indicators, Korea ranks first in higher education completion and ranks at the top in all areas of reading, mathematics, and science in PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment).



STUDY IN KOREA EDUCATION FAIR

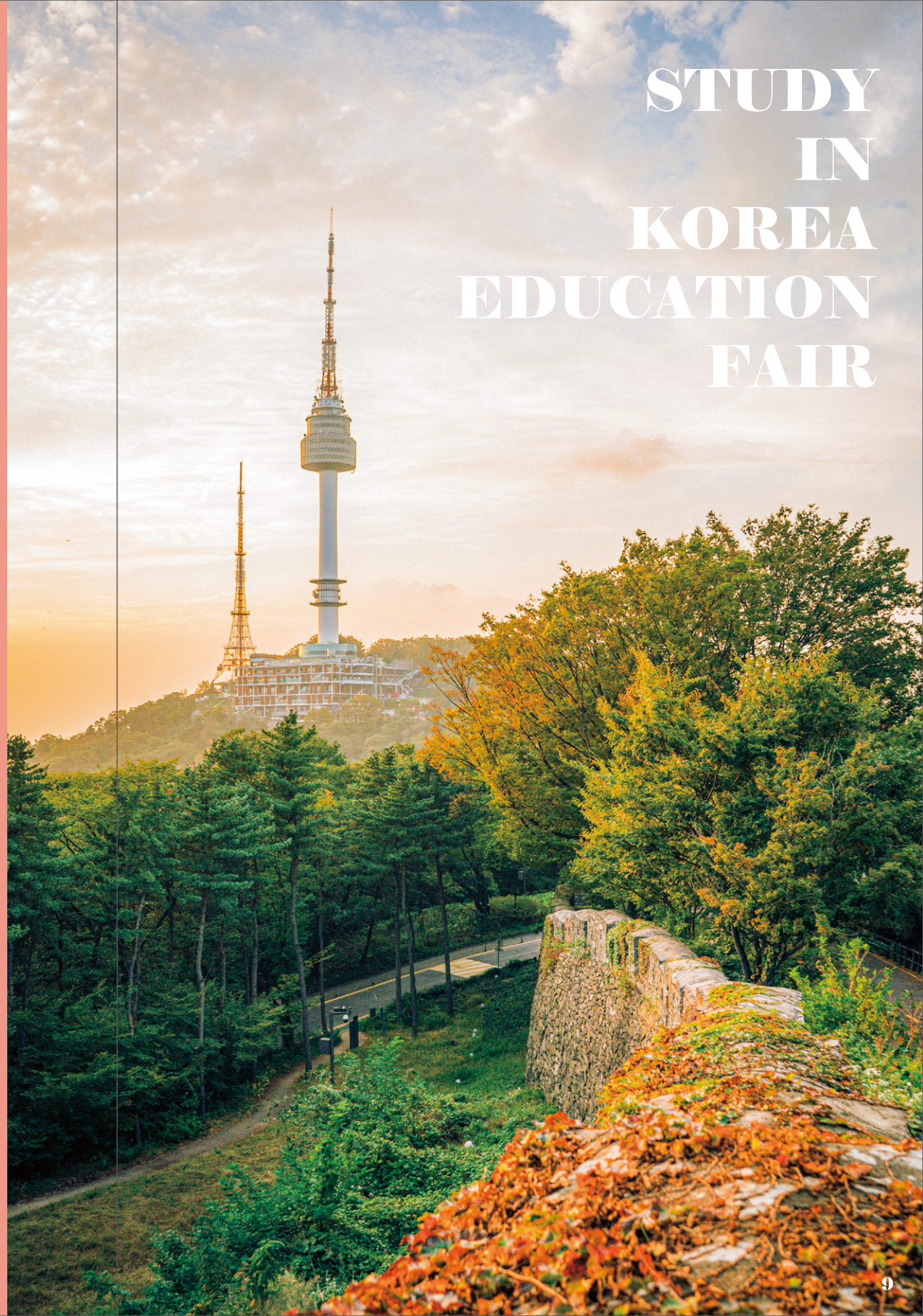
Study in Korea Education Fair

If you are planning to study abroad in Korea, it is necessary to find the latest information about Korean universities and to actively communicate with relevant people.

On the website (www.studyinkorea.go.kr) operated by the National Institute for International Education of the Korean government, comprehensive information on studying in Korea is provided in multiple languages, and various virtual fairs such as nationally customized and themed fairs are frequently held.

In the Virtual Fair, you can receive detailed information about the desired university, major field, and scholarship application through university briefings (webinars), multilingual chatting, and one-on-one online consultation with university representatives. During the selection period, you can even apply for admission online and pay the application fee.

In addition, Study in Korea Education Fairs are held in major overseas countries and regions according to the annual schedule. By visiting the fair site in person, you can get better opportunities such as securing practical data on studying in Korea and consulting with experts.



TOPIK

Hangeul

Korea has its own language. Hangeul is evaluated as a scientifically excellent character because it can record a lot of speech sounds by combining 24 consonants and vowels. The reason why Korea's illiteracy rate is so low is the usefulness of Hangeul, which anyone can easily learn and use.

Every year, **UNESCO awards the 'King Sejong (the inventor of Hangul in 1443) Literacy Prize'** to a person who has contributed greatly to eradicating illiteracy in the world. As such, the excellence of Hangul is recognized by linguists around the world.

TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean) is a representative Korean language evaluation test hosted by the National Institute for International Education, a national institution.

TOPIK has beginner (Level 1 to 2) and intermediate (Level 3 to 6) levels and generally, TOPIK Level 3 or higher is required to enter Korean universities and TOPIK Level 4 or higher is required for graduation (TOPIK scores are valid for 2 years). However, in the case of English track courses taught in English, there are cases where admission is possible based on English scores rather than TOPIK scores.

The TOPIK test is conducted about 6 times a year in Korea and abroad. For a detailed schedule and application, please visit the official website(www.topik.go.kr).

There are TOPIK online learning platform (www.topik.go.kr) and online King Sejong Institute (www.iksi.or.kr) to support Korean language learning, and you can get help by visiting the Korean Education Centers or King Sejong Institutes available all around the world.

Scholarship

GKS

The Korean government operates the Global Korea Scholarship (GKS), which selects excellent international students from around the world and provides them with opportunities to study and live at Korean universities.

*** Since 1967, GKS Alumni over 7,440**

The GKS undergraduate degrees allows students to receive Korean language training (1 year) first and supports 4-6 years for a bachelor's degree and 2-3 years for an associate degree. After completing the Korean language training (1 year) for the GKS graduate degrees, applicants attain for up to 2 years for the master's degree and up to 3 years for the doctoral degree.

In addition to tuition, round-trip airfare (economy class), living expenses, and settlement support are provided. Additional subsidies are also provided for TOPIK level 5 or higher students.

The application guidelines are available in February for GKS graduate degrees and September for GKS undergraduate degrees.

In addition, living expenses are provided to students already studying abroad in Korea through GKS Program for Self-financed International Students. You can apply if your TOPIK scores and undergraduate grades are excellent. Each university provides a scholarship of 30-100% depending on the TOPIK level or GPA, and Korean language training institutes also support a scholarship of 10-50%.

Opportunities for various types of scholarships operated by Korean government agencies, corporations, and foundations are also open.

Detailed application conditions and applications for various scholarship programs such as GKS can be found on the website of the National Institute for International Education (www.niied.go.kr) and the Study in Korea (www.studyinkorea.go.kr).



Admission to Korean Universities

Higher education institutions in Korea can be divided into junior colleges (2 to 3 years), universities (4 years), and graduate schools (master's/doctoral).

Recently, as learning through online platforms has become more active, students can enter Korean universities through various types of programs, such as e-learning-centered cyber universities, online education courses in general universities, and joint degree programs between Korean and overseas universities.

The academic calendar in Korea is divided into two semesters a year, generally starting in March, the spring semester, and sometimes starting in September, the fall semester. In order to apply for admission to the semester, you must apply 4-6 months before the beginning of the semester. Since the application and selection period differs by university and curriculum, it is recommended to inquire directly with the university you wish to apply for.

The admission procedure is as follows.

¹Select the university (course) → ²Submit the application form and required documents → ³Pay the tuition → ⁴Obtain the admission letter → ⁵Apply for and obtain a visa. A visa is applied for at the Korean embassy in the country of residence or the location of the final school.

Documents required for visa issuance include an application for visa issuance (application for certificate of visa eligibility), a certificate of admission, an educational institution business registration certificate, documents proving the final academic background, and documents verifying finances.

* Foreign language documents issued abroad need notarized translation or Apostille confirmation.

Student visas are divided into regular degree programs and non-degree programs.

- The regular degree program (D-2) is a visa for education at a junior college or higher, study abroad, or research activities at an academic research institution, and the duration of one stay is 2 years.

- Non-degree program (language training: D-4) is a visa for training or research activities at educational institutions, companies, or organizations other than institutions that are eligible for student (D-2), and the duration of one stay is 2 years (6 months for language trainees).



Studying Abroad Expenses

Budget

In order to prepare for a stable and successful study abroad life, it is essential to have a well-planned budget.

Tuition fees (per semester) vary widely by university and curriculum. The average in USD is \$1,500 for language courses, \$2,100 for junior colleges, \$2,700 for universities, and \$3,000 for graduate schools.

* However, national university tuition is 30% cheaper.

Depending on your academic performance, you may be eligible for a university scholarship, and the scholarship ratio for international students is 25-30% at universities and 70% at graduate schools.

The cost of living (monthly) can vary greatly from person to person, but in terms of the essential cost of living, it is an average of \$750 USD.

〈Average monthly cost of living for international students (Example)〉

Type	\$ (USD)
Housing	300
Transportation	55
Communication	33
Insurance	45
Food & Other Living Expenses	327
Total	760

»» Results of the 2022 survey on international students in Korea (2,892 people) (NIIED)

The cost of one meal at university cafeterias and restaurants near the university district is \$3 to \$8, and the basic fare for a regular bus or subway is \$1 to \$2.5. With the transfer discount system in the metropolitan area, you can receive a discount if you transfer to another route or other means of transportation within the area.

The transportation card can be used while charging a T-money/ cashbee card at a nearby convenience store. It is also possible to use a deferred payment system by linking the transportation card function to a credit (check) card.

Immigration System

Foreign Resident Registration



In order for international students to maintain a stable life in Korea, it is required that they are well acquainted with the immigration system and procedures.

All foreigners who intend to stay in Korea for more than 90 days after entry must apply for a foreign resident registration (within 90 days of entry).

To obtain a foreign residence card, make a reservation by visiting the local Immigration Office (tel. 1345) with a photo, passport, and proof of residence (certificate of enrollment) and apply.

In order to smoothly prepare for life in Korea, such as opening a mobile phone, opening a bank account, renting a place, and signing up for insurance, a foreign residence card is usually required, so it is advisable to obtain it as soon as possible.

Even after initial registration, if any changes* related to the stay occur, you must apply for change and issuance within the deadline.

* Change of status of stay, an extension of sojourn period, change of address, change of registration, re-issuance of lost, etc.

By registering as a member on the **Hi Korea website**(www.hikorea.go.kr), you can conveniently handle immigration-related requests online.

Most Korean universities (International Office) are actively supporting international students' immigration-related affairs in various ways, so if you have any difficulties, you can contact your university for help.

Detailed regulations and systems related to visas and stay can be found on the website of the Korea Immigration Service, Ministry of Justice. (www.immigration.go.kr/immigration/index.do)



Health Insurance System

Health care is the most important thing when studying and living in a foreign country (abroad) after leaving your home country (hometown).

Korea is a country that is well equipped with professional medical staff, technology, and advanced systems, enough for people to come from overseas for medical tourism for treatment and surgery. In addition to university hospitals and large general hospitals, there are many primary medical institutions (clinics) for each treatment area in each region, so you can conveniently receive treatment and prescriptions in your area of residence.

In addition, Korea has a well-established national health insurance system. All citizens can enjoy medical benefits such as health checkups (free), medical treatment, surgery, and nursing services at a relatively easy, fast, and low cost.

Previously, international students enrolled in privately operated (disease/injury) insurance individually or as a university-specific group.

However, from 2021, they are enrolled in health insurance programs run by the government, expanding national health support for international students.

Student visa (D-2) holders are automatically enrolled after foreign resident registration, and language training visa (D-4) holders are registered 6 months after the date of entry (those staying less than 6 months are not eligible for registration).

If you join the National Health Insurance (regional insured) and pay a monthly premium*, you can receive the same medical service benefits as Koreans.

* It is usually around \$45 per month. The amount may be adjusted due to system improvement or individual income.

For more information on health insurance for international students, please visit the National Health Insurance Service website (www.nhis.or.kr/nhis/index.do).



Part-time Work

In principle, employment of international students is not allowed, however, if certain conditions are met, part-time work at the level of those normally performed by students (simple labor) is possible.

If the holders of student (D-2) and language training (D-4-1, D-4-7) are faithful to their studies and receive confirmation from those in charge of international students at the university, the economic activities are allowed and can be extended up to 10 to 35 hours per week depending on the level of Korean language proficiency and the degree programs.

If you want to work, you must obtain a part-time work permit.

The permit procedure is as follows.

1. Write a standard labor contract with an employment agency → 2. Fill out a part-time work of foreign student confirmation form through the university representative → 3. Submit an application for a part-time work of foreign student permit (online/visit office) → 4. Denial or permission (apply a permit sticker/print out online)

You can apply in person at the competent immigration office or on the Hi Korea website (www.hikorea.go.kr).

After completing your degree, if you want to find a job in Korea, you can change to a Job Seeker (D-10) and search for a job. The job seeker visa is for 6 months at a time and can be extended up to 2 years. When you are officially employed, it shall be changed to a Foreign National of Special Ability (E-7).

The number of institutions and companies seeking global talent is increasing, and the Korean government, regional (local) institutions, universities, etc. are also gradually expanding employment information provision services for foreign students.

The National Institute for International Education and the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) hold a Job Fair for International Students every year. If you visit the Contact Korea website (contactkorea.kotra.or.kr), a government organization is charged with the attraction of global talented professionals, you can check information on global recruitment at any time.



International Student Service Center

There are 170,000 international students from all over the world studying and living in Korea.

The largest number of international students come from China, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, and Japan, which are neighboring Asian countries. Recently, students from various countries from North America, Central and South America, the Middle East, and Africa to Europe, are coming to Korea to study.

The National Institute for International Education, run by the Korean government, has established and is operating the International Student Service Center to support the ever-increasing number of international students in their successful study life and stable settlement.

At the International Student Service Center of the National Institute for International Education, the following services are provided.

- ° Customized counseling in 8 languages (visit, phone, email, online bulletin board *)
 - * Study in Korea website (www.studyinkorea.go.kr)
- ° On-campus consultation for international students (visiting each region and university)
- ° Job Fair for International Students
- ° Networking and support with the International Student Associations in Korea
- ° Publishing guidebooks for international students

The International Office (International Student Support Department) of the university where international students belong provides various services for the study and life of international students.

- Orientation, mentoring program, 1:1 buddy program
- ° Regular/ irregular international student counseling
- ° Korean language clinic for international students, Korean tutoring, academic/ thesis support
- ° Support for global Korean culture classes and cultural experience activities for international students
- ° Employment (startup) support program, camp or online special lecture, employment information
- ° International student life/ medical support, on-campus international student association/global ambassador activities, etc.

Everyone has different concerns.

We have different languages, cultures, dreams, and talents,
but we will think together, dream together, and work together.



'60 years (since 1962)', a time spent with global talents by the National Institute for International Education, an institution specializing in international education cooperation run by the Korean government.