Newly designed Social Integration Policy

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Korea Immigration Service
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Economic Crisis and migration

- Economic & Financial crisis world-wide
- Since 2008, advanced immigration countries changed to close-door policy.
  - High unemployment rate, security reasons, social conflicts
  - Additional requirements & conditions imposed on immigrants
1-2. Domestic Trend

Low birth rate & Aging Society,
Net population outflow, International marriages

- Labor shortage
- Growing demands for talented foreign workers
- Brain drainage
- International marriages in large scale

Increase Permanent Residents &
Naturalizations → multicultural society

- Foreign residents are diversified
- Permanent residents and Quasi-permanent residents
Diversified Type of Residents

- Unskilled ethnic Korean workers: 25%
- Unskilled contract workers: 17%
- Marriage migrants: 11%
- Students: 7%
- Professionals & experts: 4%
- Permanent residents: 3%
- Investors: 1%
- Others: 33%
1-3. Aims of Social Integration Policy

- To assist migrants to adapt to Korean culture.
- To help respect for Constitutional principles and core values in Korean society.
- To encourage Koreans to recognize and appreciate the richness of different cultures.

Lead migrants to be sound & desirable members of Korean Society.
To tackle high divorce rate and victimizing foreign spouses
To help Children born in international marriage enjoying schooling

Naturalization based on international marriage (accumulated)
A program to provide Koreans who are scheduled to marry foreign spouses with information about local culture, custom and history of the spouses’ countries, Korean marriage visa policy and procedure (Oct 2010)

### Target
- Koreans who are intending to marry foreign spouse from 7 countries

### Point
- Local culture, custom and history, marriage procedures
- Korean Marriage visa policy and procedure
- International marriage consultation & experience

### Time
- Every or every other Wednesday
- (total 3 hours)

### Location
- 14 local immigration offices
2-2. Happy-Start Program

A program designed to provide newly-weds migrants with basic knowledge, institutions and visa renewal policy etc. (July 2009)

Incentives granted to participants (July 2011)
Representatives of marriage migrants and honorary immigration officials (naturalized through marriage) as mentors or interpreters

- Immigration policy & related acts, regulations, visa renewal, family invitation, permanent residency, naturalizations, etc
- Basic law and order, social welfare services, medical care system, rights and duties for marriage migrants
- Social integration program, regional & local support centers

Time & Place
- Every 2nd or 4th Thursday at 14:00~16:00
- 14 Local immigration offices & 16 Branch offices
3 Social Integration Program

Background

- Proactive policy implemented to prevent social and cultural conflict
- Growing needs for a systematic and standardized education program to help migrants and naturalized citizens
  - 1) Korean language course
  - 2) Understanding on Korean Society

Linked Incentives for naturalization, permanent residency

- Eligibility Test of Naturalization (exempted)
- Korean language proficiency test for Permanent Residency
- Additional points for quasi-permanent residency (Point based System)
On-line Korean Language Program

Delivered at 150 designated operating agencies in nationwide

From 2012, about 200 Multicultural Family Support Centers will join as operating agencies

On-line Korean Language Program is provided to those who have difficulties in attending group session
## Details of Social Integration Program

**Korean language course + Understanding on Korean Society course**

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※ “Basic level” is newly established

Those with less than 10 point in preliminary evaluation must take 15 hours of basic level
4. Training Program for Local Government Officials

Background

- Local government’s role is crucial to boost social integration
- The Program used as a tool to localize the service delivery system

Details

- Subject: Understanding of government policies for migrants and related multicultural institutions
- Organizer: IOM Migration Research and Training Center
- Number of participants: 20~40 officials every quarter
  - Participated by 34 for 1st quarter and 28 for 2nd quarter
  - Resume the 3rd quarter in Sep and 4th in Nov
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