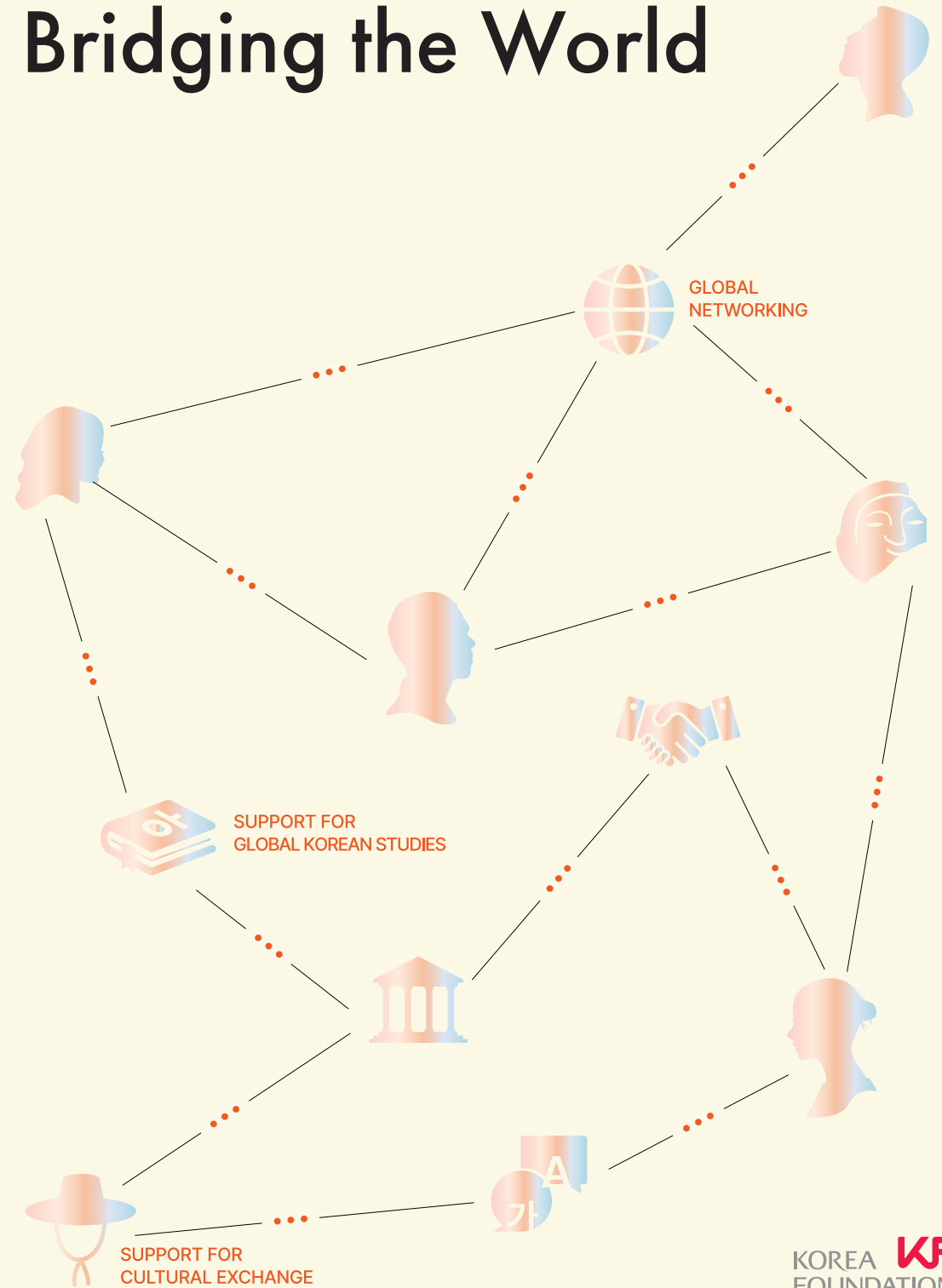


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Creating mutual trust between  
Korea and the world



KOREA **KF**  
FOUNDATION

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# CONNECTING PEOPLE, BRIDGING THE WORLD

With the realization of its vision of an interconnected globe, the KF is building friendships and fostering understanding between Korea and the world.

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## Message from the President

Since its establishment in 1991, the Korea Foundation (KF) has led the Republic of Korea's public diplomacy, serving as a bridge between Korea and the world. Through a wide range of initiatives—including support for global Korean studies, policy and knowledge exchanges, cultural and artistic cooperation, and the development of global networks—the KF has worked to promote Korea's values and culture internationally while fostering mutual understanding and cooperation among nations.

Today, the international community faces complex challenges, including fast-paced technological innovation, the climate crisis, and shifting geopolitical dynamics. In this time of profound transformation, the role of public diplomacy—grounded in trust and mutual understanding—is more important than ever. In response, the KF is strengthening the depth of its engagement to build resilient partnerships and ensure that Korea's voice reaches around the world, even amid rapidly changing global conditions.

The year 2025 marked a period of consolidating the foundation of KF's global partnerships. The KF launched the Indo-Pacific Security Dialogue in collaboration with the University of Sydney, expanding strategic channels of communication with key partner countries. In addition, the KF established an Endowed Curatorship for Korean Art at the Art Institute of Chicago, creating an opportunity to further promote the artistic value of Korean culture on the global stage.

Building on these achievements, in 2026, the KF aims to further expand the dynamism of its activities. While reinforcing existing networks, the KF will broaden the scope of its cooperation to include key regions of the Global South, particularly Latin America and Southeast Asia, thereby contributing to a more balanced ecosystem of international collaboration. At the same time, the KF will enhance public participation programs and regional initiatives so that Korean citizens can experience the value of public diplomacy in their daily lives, realizing a model of public diplomacy that grows in step with the people.

Furthermore, the KF will expand the foundation of public diplomacy nationwide through closer collaboration with local governments, public institutions, and universities, and will strive to become a trusted organization through transparent communication with the public.

Moving forward, the KF will continue to work closely with partners around the world, doing its utmost to ensure that Korea's voice and values are conveyed in a balanced and meaningful way within the international community.

Thank you very much.

Guido SONG  
President  
The Korea Foundation



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# The KF's History

Since its establishment in 1991, the Korea Foundation has implemented a variety of programs and activities to enhance international awareness and understanding of Korea. As a result of its many achievements through its forums, invitations, and support programs for Korean studies and Korean arts and culture, the KF was designated as Korea's official public diplomacy organization in 2017. Laying the groundwork for further international cooperation, the KF subsequently opened the Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum Secretariat and the KF ASEAN Culture House. Building upon these successes, the KF will continue to implement more active public diplomacy activities in the years to come.

- **1991**  
KF established pursuant to the Korea Foundation Act
- **1992**  
Began to raise International Exchange Endowments  
Implemented Support for Global Korean Studies (including establishment of Korean studies professorships), Distribution of Resources for Korean Studies, Fellowship for Field Research, Support for Policy-Oriented Research, Support for Overseas Museums to Establish Korean Galleries, Korean Art Performances Abroad, and Support for the Publication of Korea-Related Books in Non-Korean Languages programs, Invitation Program for Distinguished Guests, and publication of books on Korea  
Began publication of *Koreana* magazine (English, Japanese, and Spanish editions) and KF Newsletter
- **1993**  
Implemented Fellowship for Korean Language Training  
Launched Korea-Japan Forum and Chinese edition of *Koreana*
- **1994**  
Implemented Scholarship for Graduate Studies  
Began organizing Korea-China Forum for the Future and supporting Korean Collections Consortium of North America (KCCNA)
- **1995**  
Implemented Next Generation Leaders program  
Launched Korea-France Forum and French edition of *Koreana*
- **1999**  
Launched Korean Art Workshop for Overseas Curators  
Began organizing Korea-Russia Forum  
Relocated to the Diplomatic Center
- **2002**  
Implemented Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Launched Korea-Germany Forum

- **2009**  
Implemented Korea-China Youth Exchange, Support for Korean Studies e-Resources, and Establishment of Korea Chair programs
- **2008**  
Global office in Ho Chi Minh City relocated to Hanoi  
Launched Public Diplomacy Seminar, Revisit Korea Program for Former U.S. Peace Corps Members, and KF Award
- **2007**  
Opened Tokyo office  
Received the Van Fleet Award
- **2006**  
Launched Korea-Spain Forum, German edition of *Koreana*, and KF Global Culture Tour lecture series
- **2005**  
Opened global offices in Beijing, Berlin, Ho Chi Minh City, Moscow, and Washington, D.C., as well as the KF Cultural Center in Seoul, a venue for interactive cultural exchange through exhibitions and performances  
Launched Korean Language and Culture Program for Diplomats, Employment of Teaching Staff for Korean studies or Korea language program, Russian and Arabic editions of *Koreana*, and Support for Broadcasting Korean TV Dramas Abroad program
- **2004**  
*Koreana* selected as "Outstanding Content Magazine" by the Korea Magazine Association (KMA)
- **2003**  
Began organizing Korea-India Strategic Dialogue










- **2010**  
Opened LA office and launched Support for Screening Films at Korean Diplomatic Missions program
- **2011**  
Implemented KF Global e-School and KF Global Challengers programs  
KF Cultural Center moved to Suha-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul
- **2012**  
Launched Korea Festival, Indonesian edition of *Koreana*, and Korea-Vietnam Forum for the Future
- **2013**  
Began organizing Korea-Singapore Forum  
Launched Korean Network for International Exchange (KNIE)
- **2014**  
Launched Global Public Diplomacy Network (GPDNet)  
KF Cultural Center renamed as KF Global Center to coincide with expansion of its programs and activities
- **2015**  
Launched Next Generation Policy Experts Network and KF Korea Workshop program
- **2016**  
Launched Regional Strategic Program and ROK-U.S. Strategic Forum  
Began publishing Korean and Vietnamese editions of *Koreana* online
- **2017**  
KF designated as the ROK's official public diplomacy organization  
Opened Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum Secretariat  
Opened KF ASEAN Culture House in Busan

- **2025**  
Launched KF-USSC Indo-Pacific Security Dialogue  
Established endowed curatorship position for Korean art at the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, USA)  
Held 7th Public Diplomacy Week celebrating 20th anniversary of the KF Global Center
- **2024**  
Launched KF Global Fellows program  
Established endowed curatorship position for Korean art and culture at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art (Washington, D.C., USA)  
Launched Korea-Australia Future Youth Forum (KAFF Youth)  
Established an endowment for the Korea Chair at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (UK)  
Established an endowment for the Korea Program at the Asia Society Policy Institute (USA)
- **2023**  
Established endowed curatorship position for Korean art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, USA)  
Established endowed curatorship position for Korean art at the Cleveland Museum of Art (Cleveland, USA)  
Opened ASEAN Digital Experience Zone at KF ASEAN Culture House  
Opened KF XR Gallery in Seoul
- **2022**  
Held 2022 KF Global Korean Studies Forum to commemorate KF's 30th anniversary  
Launched KF Global Challengers Academy  
Launched Korea-Australia Future Forum (KAFF)
- **2021**  
Opened Korea Foundation USA  
Launched KF Mt. Halla Forum  
Held 2021 KF Assembly for Overseas Museums to commemorate KF's 30th anniversary  
Won "Influencer of the Year - Institution" at 2021 Global Influencer Awards  
Opened 2nd permanent exhibition at KF ASEAN Culture House
- **2020**  
Launched BTS Special Korean Language Education e-School and KF Virtual Dialogue Series  
Published KF COVID-19 Trends Report  
Opened online exhibition galleries (VR) at KF ASEAN Culture House
- **2019**  
Opened Jakarta office  
Implemented Establishment of Endowed Curatorship for Korean Art at Overseas Museums program
- **2018**  
Moved headquarters to Jeju Island  
Launched KF Public Diplomacy Academy  
Hosted 1st Public Diplomacy Week

# The KF in Numbers\*

## The Journey Thus Far

\* Statistics reflect the results of 2025.

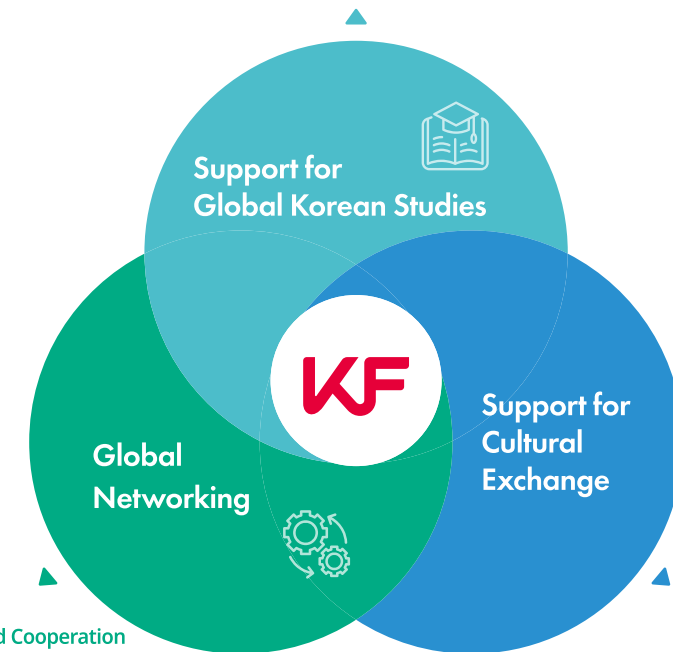
<p><b>42</b> billion won in annual project expenses</p> 	<p><b>795</b> annual projects</p> 	<p><b>143</b> total employees</p> 
<p><b>8</b> overseas offices in operation</p>  <p>Beijing, China; Berlin, Germany; Hanoi, Viet Nam; Jakarta, Indonesia; Moscow, Russia; Tokyo, Japan; Washington, D.C. and LA, USA</p>	<p><b>177</b> Korean studies professorships established at overseas universities with KF support</p>  <p>The KF promotes Korean studies abroad and fosters Korea specialists through its support for the establishment of Korean studies professorships at universities abroad.</p>	
<p><b>12,790</b> distinguished guests and next-generation leaders invited</p>  <p>The KF fosters a deeper global understanding of Korea by inviting distinguished guests and emerging leaders from around the world.</p>	<p><b>12,851</b> scholars and students conducting Korea-related research under KF fellowship programs</p>  <p>The KF encourages scholars and experts from abroad to conduct research on Korea and nurtures the next generation of Korea experts through a variety of scholarship and fellowship programs.</p>	
<p><b>319</b> forums and seminars organized and supported</p>  <p>The KF enhances global understanding of Korea and advances future-oriented cooperation by hosting forums and seminars with key partner countries around the world.</p>	<p><b>196</b> exhibitions supported</p>  <p>The KF endeavors to introduce Korean art and culture to the world and build a foundation for the sustainable growth of Korean art by supporting Korea-related exhibitions and cultural programs, establishing endowed curatorship positions for Korean art, and hosting workshops for Korean art curators.</p>	

# Programs and Activities

## Supporting Korean Studies Education and Research

The KF lays the infrastructure for Korean studies education and research at universities outside Korea through its support programs for the establishment of Korean studies professorships, employment of teaching staff, and the KF Global e-School. To foster the next generation of global Korean studies scholars, the KF supports graduate and doctoral students majoring in Korea-related fields, as well as

postdoctoral researchers at universities overseas. Similarly, a visiting fellowship program is offered to scholars conducting Korea-related research in Korea. In addition, the KF supports the establishment of Korea Corners at universities, museums, and other institutions, to serve as hubs for Korea-related resources and help promote Korean knowledge and culture worldwide.



### Building Trust and Cooperation through In-Depth Dialogue between Korea and the World

The KF invites distinguished individuals and emerging leaders from around the world to Korea, fostering sustainable international exchange. The KF also hosts international conferences, including bilateral and multilateral forums, that bring together experts from diverse fields such as diplomacy, security, economics, and culture to address issues of shared interest, and supports research on global issues and East Asian studies at policy-oriented research institutions abroad to enhance international cooperation. Through the operation of the Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum Secretariat, the KF implements and supports future-oriented, win-win partnerships with the five Central Asian nations.

### Bringing Korea and the World Together Through Culture

The KF supports museums abroad with Korea-related exhibitions and educational programs, providing international audiences with opportunities to experience Korean culture. In addition, the KF aids in establishing endowed curatorship positions at leading international museums, ensuring the permanent placement of Korean art experts. Through the publication of its quarterly magazine *Koreana*, media programs, special lectures, performances, and art events, the KF also introduces many aspects of Korea and Korean art and culture to the world. Located in downtown Seoul, the KF Global Center plays a key role in organizing international exchange events, including exhibitions and lectures, for all members of the Korean public. The KF ASEAN Culture House (KF-ACH), located in Busan, offers various programs in order to introduce ASEAN art and culture within Korea and promote cooperation between Korea and ASEAN.



# KF KOREAN STUDIES FORUM

in Atlanta, Georgia

KOREA **KF**  
FOUNDATION



Georgia Institute  
of Technology

## SUPPORT FOR GLOBAL KOREAN STUDIES

### The Korea Foundation lays the groundwork for Korean studies education and research.

The KF provides support to prominent universities abroad for the establishment of Korean studies professorships, and distribution of Korean studies resources to ensure the continuation of Korean studies education and research. The KF also offers a variety of targeted scholarship and fellowship programs to foster the next generation of Korea experts.

- Support for Korean Studies/Korean Language Courses
- Support for Korean Studies Networks
- Fellowship Programs
- Support for Distribution of Knowledge & Information on Korea
- Support for Korea Corners

## Support for Korean Studies/Korean Language Courses

The KF provides support to universities overseas to assist with the establishment of Korean studies professorships, and offers Korea-related courses and academic programs. Through the KF Global e-School program, which supports Korean universities in delivering online video lectures and special offline lectures to partnering universities abroad, the KF offers diverse Korean studies and Korean language courses and promotes the global development of Korean studies.

**29** universities in **9** countries

Establishment of Korean Studies/  
Korean Language Professorships

**8** universities in **5** countries

Employment of  
Teaching Staff

**21** universities in **15** countries

Dispatch of  
Visiting Professors

**185** universities in **49** countries

KF  
Global e-School

In 2025

- **Applications**  
Accepted online annually via [apply.kf.or.kr](http://apply.kf.or.kr)



KF Global e-School Workshop  
Seoul, ROK / Oct. 28, 2025

## Support for Korean Studies Networks

The KF organizes special projects to respond effectively to evolving social demands, thereby enhancing its support for Korean studies abroad. This includes cooperating with global partners such as the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and the Association for Korean Studies in Europe (AKSE).



- 1 KF Global e-School Workshop for Thai Educators of Korean / Bangkok, Thailand / Jan. 16, 2026
- 2 KF Global e-School Fellowship Welcome Reception (Korea University) / Seoul, ROK / Jun. 11, 2025

## Fellowship Programs

- **Applications**  
Accepted online annually via [apply.kf.or.kr](http://apply.kf.or.kr)

The KF offers comprehensive fellowships to promote the activities of Korea specialists worldwide and to foster the next generation of Korean studies scholars. Graduate and doctoral students in Korea-related fields at universities outside Korea receive scholarships, while early-career scholars are supported through postdoctoral fellowships. To promote active research on Korea, the KF also provides visiting fellowships for overseas researchers, supporting on-site fieldwork and data collection in Korea. In addition, the KF offers the KF-IUC Fellowship to strengthen researchers' academic Korean proficiency and enhance their research capacity.

**147** graduate students from **29** countries

Scholarship for  
Graduate Studies

**18** scholars from **7** countries

Fellowship for  
Postdoctoral Research

**14** fellows from **9** countries

Fellowship for  
Field Research

**9** fellows from **6** countries

KF-IUC  
Fellowship

2025 Recipients

KF Fellows' Day / Seoul, ROK / Jun. 13, 2025



1 KF Korean Language and Culture Program for Diplomats - Field Trip / Jeju Island, ROK / Jul. 15-18, 2025  
 2 KF Korean Language and Culture Program for Diplomats - Welcoming Ceremony / Seoul, ROK / Jun. 16, 2025



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• Applications

Applications must be submitted by Korean diplomatic missions outside Korea.

**Korean Language and Culture Program for Diplomats**

The KF provides an intensive two-month Korean language and culture program for foreign diplomats, allowing participants to improve their Korean language proficiency and enhance their understanding of Korean culture.

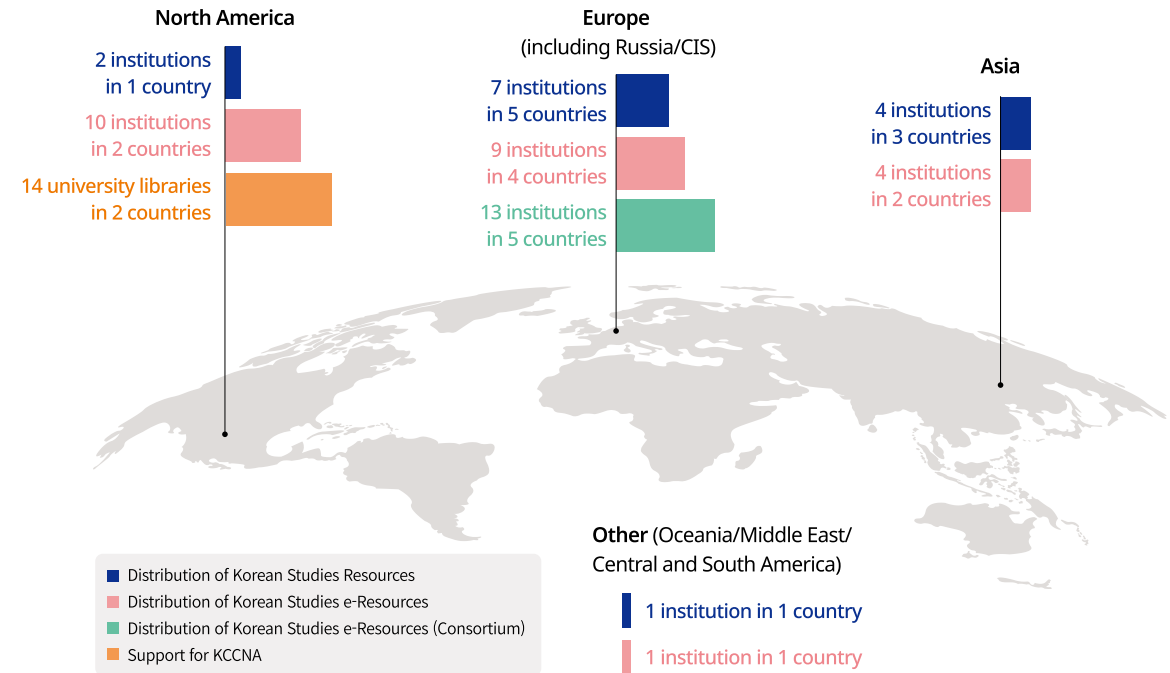


**Support for Distribution of Knowledge & Information on Korea**

The KF makes Korean studies resources available to overseas universities, libraries, research institutes, and museums. In an effort to promote Korea-related research, the KF also extends grant support for online journal subscriptions to facilitate overseas access to Korean studies resources.



In 2025



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**Support for Korea Corners**

The KF supports institutions outside Korea, such as universities, museums, and public libraries, in establishing Korea Corners, which serve as hubs to disseminate information about Korea and Korean culture. By facilitating the creation of Korea Corners around the world, the KF seeks to enhance interest in and understanding of Korea and foster the growth of Korean studies as an academic field.

# GLOBAL NETWORKING

**The Korea Foundation expands a global network for future collaboration.**

The KF builds a global network by inviting distinguished individuals and next-generation leaders from abroad to Korea, allowing them to experience and interact firsthand with Korean society and culture. Through bilateral and multilateral forums, seminars, and the Next Generation Policy Experts Network, the KF also facilitates and enhances future collaboration. Beyond these efforts, the KF supports research on global issues and East Asian studies at policy-oriented research institutions abroad, fosters future leaders through programs such as the KF Global Challengers, and encourages participation in public diplomacy activities. Meanwhile, the Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum Secretariat, under the operation of the KF, aims to strengthen practical, future-oriented, and mutually beneficial partnerships based on mutual trust between Korea and the five countries of Central Asia.

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- KF Invitation Program for Distinguished Guests
  - Next Generation Leaders Program
  - Youth Exchange Program
  - KF Public Diplomacy Programs for Korean Citizens
  - KF Global Challengers
  - Forums and Seminars
  - Support for Policy-Oriented Research Program
  - Regional Strategic Program
  - Next Generation Policy Experts Network
  - Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum Secretariat
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## KF Invitation Program for Distinguished Guests

The KF invites distinguished individuals from fields such as diplomacy and security, culture and the arts, media, academia, government, and business to Korea to build cooperative relationships. Invitees visit key organizations and businesses, experiencing Korean history and culture firsthand and deepening their understanding of Korea.

50 participants  
from 33 countries

KF Invitation Program  
for Distinguished  
Guests

In 2025



1 Invitation of Distinguished Guests in Parliament / Seoul, ROK / Apr. 22, 2025

2 Korea-Vietnam Future-Oriented Exchange Program / Seoul, ROK / Jul. 29-Aug. 2, 2025

## Next Generation Leaders Program

The KF runs the Next Generation Leaders Program with countries such as Australia, Indonesia, and the United States. The program provides a networking platform that connects talented emerging leaders from around the world with Korean experts across various fields, contributing to the development of future-oriented bilateral relations.

22 participants  
from 2 countries

Next Generation  
Leaders Program

In 2025

## Youth Exchange Program

The KF promotes youth engagement in public diplomacy and fosters a foundation for forward-looking bilateral relations through exchanges with young people from such as China, Japan, and Viet Nam. Through reciprocal visits, participants have the opportunity to attend meetings at key institutions, experience local culture, and network with peers to deepen mutual understanding.

173 participants  
from 6 countries

Youth Exchange  
Program

In 2025



KF Korea-Vietnam Youth Leaders Exchange: Korea Visit / Seoul, Gyeongju, and Busan, ROK / Sep. 14-23, 2025

## KF Public Diplomacy Programs for Korean Citizens

With the aim of increasing the Korean public's awareness of and involvement in public diplomacy issues, the KF holds public diplomacy lectures as part of its Public Diplomacy Academy.

15 universities	20 programs
Public Diplomacy Academy (Universities)	Public Diplomacy Academy (General Public)

In 2025

Public Diplomacy Academy	Lecture series held for universities, public institutions, and the general public to train public diplomacy specialists and strengthen Korean citizens' public diplomacy capabilities
KF Digital Public Diplomacy Youth Crew	Selection program for 35 young individuals who have an interest in public diplomacy and possess skills in utilizing digital technologies and platforms, providing them with opportunities to engage in digital-based public diplomacy activities

## KF Global Challengers

The KF Global Challengers program provides opportunities and inspiration for Korean youths to acquire the international mindset and workplace experience needed to succeed as next-generation leaders in the global arena. Through its extensive network of international exchange and cooperative activities, the KF offers the next-generation talents of Korea a chance to gain real-life work experiences at leading think tanks, museums, libraries, NGOs, and other international organizations in order to reinforce and advance their professional careers.

23 interns at 21 institutions in 8 countries

KF Global Challengers

In 2025

Internship	Details
Think Tank Internship	Support research projects and seminars at prominent policy research institutions that conduct Korea-related research
Museum Internship	Support Korea-related exhibition planning and operation at overseas museums that feature a Korea section
Library Internship	Work at prestigious libraries abroad that hold Korea collections
International Organization / NGO Internship	Experience the global stage at international cooperative institutions (e.g. European Parliament, Salzburg Global)
"Glocal" Internship	Assist with the planning and implementation of international exchange projects at international organizations based in Korea

KF Global Challengers Alumni Night / Seoul, ROK / Sep. 20, 2025



## Forums and Seminars

The KF regularly hosts bilateral and multilateral forums and seminars with key partner countries to enhance global understanding of Korea's policies and future-oriented cooperation.

15 forums and seminars

In 2025

- 1 7th Korea-Singapore Forum / Singapore / Apr. 17, 2025
- 2 33rd Korea-Japan Forum / Seoul, ROK / Aug. 19, 2025
- 3 KF-USSC Indo-Pacific Security Dialogue / Sydney, Australia / Aug. 27, 2025
- 4 23rd Korea-Germany Forum / Seoul, ROK / Sep. 11, 2025



## Support for Policy-Oriented Research Program

The KF provides support to leading policy research institutes abroad for the establishment of Korean research centers and Korea policy chairs, as well as for the operation of global policy research activities. In addition, the KF enhances international cooperation by implementing new strategic projects that reflect regional dynamics, in partnership with key countries.

24 projects

U.S. Policy-Oriented Research Program

40 projects in 27 countries

Support for Policy-Oriented Research Program (Non-U.S.)

In 2025

- Applications Accepted online annually via [apply.kf.or.kr](http://apply.kf.or.kr)

KF-CSIS ROK-U.S. Strategic Forum / Washington, D.C., USA / Dec. 3-4, 2025



## Regional Strategic Program

The KF implements public diplomacy activities targeting distinguished figures and the general public in countries of strategic and diplomatic importance, including the United States.

2 projects  
in the USA

Regional Strategic  
Program

In 2025

Discover Korea Research  
Visit Fellowship /  
Seoul, Pohang, Busan, etc., ROK /  
Jun. 30-Jul. 10, 2025



## Next Generation Policy Experts Network

The KF cooperates with think tanks abroad to identify and foster next-generation policy experts in order to continuously expand knowledge networks.

7 projects  
in 7 countries

Next Generation  
Policy Experts  
Network

In 2025

1 KEIO Center for Contemporary  
Korean Studies Next Generation  
Policy Experts Network / Seoul, ROK /  
Dec. 10-13, 2025  
2 Indonesia-Korea Social & Humanities  
Research Apprenticeship / Jakarta,  
Indonesia / Jun. 11-12, 2025



## Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum Secretariat



**Korea and Central Asia work together to build a future of common prosperity.**

Administered by the KF, the Secretariat provides support for the successful execution of the Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum, a ministerial-level multilateral cooperative body whose membership is comprised of the Republic of Korea and the five Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The Secretariat implements programs in various fields as dictated by the Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum, and develops new areas of cooperation and prospective projects. Through these efforts, the Secretariat aims to contribute to increasing practical and future-oriented collaboration between Korea and Central Asia.



2nd Central Asia and Republic  
of Korea Think Tank Forum /  
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan /  
Jun. 13, 2025

### Core Areas of Cooperation

The Secretariat implements projects on an annual basis in the following fields, as formulated by the Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum, in cooperation with relevant ministries and organizations in Korea.

#### Transportation and Logistics

Strengthening connectivity between Korea and Central Asia by improving infrastructure, refining related systems, and enhancing transport efficiency

#### Climate Change and the Environment

Establishing a foundation for sustainable environmental cooperation through sharing of water management and environmental technologies

#### Energy

Expanding knowledge and policy exchange in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency, and supporting future energy transition

#### Health and Medical Services

Enhancing health capacities in Korea and Central Asia through training of medical personnel and exchanges in rehabilitation and traditional medicine

#### Industrial Modernization and Diversification

Expanding economic, industrial, and technological sector cooperation and promoting exchanges among local governments

#### Education, Culture and Tourism

Fostering current and future experts, promoting cultural exchanges, and strengthening the basis for mutual understanding and exchanges through cooperation in tourism

**Secretariat-Initiated Programs** To enhance mutual understanding and communication between Korea and Central Asia, the Secretariat also operates its own website. At the Secretariat, resident fellows from the governments of the five Central Asian countries work to initiate public diplomacy activities with Central Asia.

#### Secretariat Website (KR/RU)

The Secretariat website provides up-to-date information on each of the five Central Asian countries, features articles written by experts in Central Asian studies, and acts as the business information desk of the Korea-Central Asia Business Council. It aims to function as a channel for mutual understanding and communication between Korea and Central Asia.  
[www.centralasia-korea.org](http://www.centralasia-korea.org)

#### Korea-Central Asia Policy Roundtable

Policy dialogues provide a platform for discussion of current issues facing Korea and Central Asia, and for sharing relevant knowledge with the aim of exploring policy options. Presentations by experts from each country and in-depth discussions promote exchanges and lead to the identification and implementation of cooperative follow-up projects.

#### Resident Fellowship Program

Officials from the five Central Asian countries join the Secretariat to assist in implementing various cooperative projects across the six core areas, aid in discovering new business models, and participate in public diplomacy activities (e.g. administering the Secretariat website).

#### Korea-Central Asia Think Tank Forum

The Korea-Central Asia Think Tank Forum is held on a regular basis to strengthen knowledge and policy cooperation between Korea and the five Central Asian countries. The forum activates policy dialogue among the presidential and foreign ministry-affiliated strategic research institutes of the five Central Asian countries and major Korean think tanks, building an expert network and broadening the vision and potential of Korea-Central Asia cooperation through diverse exchanges of views and agendas.

## SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE

**The Korea Foundation connects Korea and the world through culture.**

The KF introduces Korean art and culture to the world through a variety of performances, art events, and special lectures, and enhances international understanding of Korea and its culture through diverse programs in connection with Korean galleries at prominent museums abroad. The KF also produces and distributes a variety of multimedia resources and publications in order to introduce various aspects of Korea to the world. The KF operates the KF Global Center and KF ASEAN Culture House to promote mutual cultural understanding and exchange between the Korean people and foreign residents of Korea.

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- Support for Overseas Museums
  - Korean Arts and Cultural Exchange
  - Publications on Korea
  - KF Global Center
  - KF ASEAN Culture House
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## Support for Overseas Museums

• **Applications**

Accepted online annually via [apply.kf.or.kr](http://apply.kf.or.kr)

The KF provides support to prominent museums abroad for Korea-related exhibitions and cultural and educational programs. The KF also organizes the Korean Art Workshop for Overseas Curators, fostering overseas experts in Korean art to promote the operation of Korean galleries in overseas museums, and provides funding to overseas museums for the establishment of endowed curatorships for Korean art. Through these initiatives, the KF aims to build and expand a foundation for the continuous growth and spread of Korean art and culture.



1 Workshop for Korean Art Curators / Chicago, USA / Jun. 17-18, 2025  
 2 Korean Art Workshop for Overseas Curators / Seoul, ROK / Sep. 8-12, 2025

## Korean Arts and Cultural Exchange

In cooperation with relevant organizations, the KF organizes various Korean arts and cultural events at home and abroad in diplomatically strategic areas to introduce Korea to participants around the globe. By hosting special lectures overseas for university students and the public, the KF stimulates interest in research on Korean arts and culture and helps lay the groundwork for nurturing the next generation of Korea experts.



KF LAB Series ("Lectures on Arts and Beyond") / Chicago, USA / Nov. 12, 2025

## Publications on Korea

The KF publishes *Koreana*, a quarterly magazine introducing Korea through feature stories on specific themes; news from the world of Korean art and culture; articles on Korea's cultural heritage, nature, popular culture, food culture, and lifestyle; and translations of Korean literature. *Koreana* is currently available in print in English, and in webzine format in English and Korean. The magazine, which is known for the abundance of cultural content accumulated since its first English issue in 1987, is published in four seasonal issues annually. The 2025 issues focused extensively on domestic destinations Gyeongju, Ulleungdo, Mokpo, and Paju, offering a deep dive into local Korean culture and lifestyle. Domestic consumers can purchase print copies of *Koreana* via the KF's Naver Smart Store.

- **Subscription Requests:** Accepted via the *Koreana* website ([www.koreana.or.kr](http://www.koreana.or.kr))
- Print copies are available for purchase from the KF's Naver Smart Store ([smartstore.naver.com/koreafoundation](http://smartstore.naver.com/koreafoundation)).



Koreana 2025 Covers

## KF Global Center

The KF Global Center, located in Seoul, cooperates with local governments, foreign embassies in Korea, and related institutes to promote cultural exchange through exhibitions, performances, and education, all with the goal of building mutual understanding. In addition, through programs like Public Diplomacy Academy, the center enhances Korean citizens' understanding of public diplomacy. It also provides global internship opportunities for next-generation Korean leaders.

6 exhibitions, 8 immersive exhibitions, 1 project  
In 2025

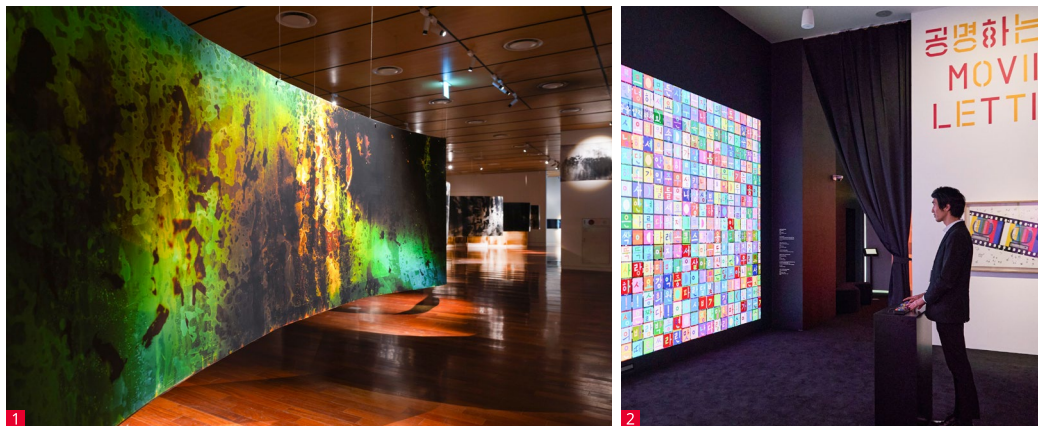
### KF Global Arts

Through exhibitions and academic events, the KF's Global Arts programs help the Korean public to better understand global art and culture. In an effort to improve cultural exchange across Korea, the KF also offers a variety of art and cultural events throughout the country, in cooperation with local governments and international exchange organizations.

Exhibitions	Exhibitions at the KF Gallery showcase visual arts in various media, including painting, sculpture, photography, crafts, architecture, and design, along with exhibits of cultures from various time periods and countries around the world.
Immersive Exhibitions and Digital Content	Digital public diplomacy experiential exhibitions are hosted at the KF XR Gallery, facilitating active communication between Korea and the world without temporal or spatial constraints through cutting-edge immersive content and media arts. This includes the operation of the KF Global Center Metaverse.

1 KF Gallery Exhibition *A Sombre Aspect* / KF Gallery, Seoul, ROK / Mar. 27–May 16, 2025

2 KF XR Gallery Special Exhibition *Moving Letters* / KF XR Gallery, Seoul, ROK / Mar. 31–Sep. 12, 2025



## KF ASEAN Culture House (KF-ACH)



Located in Haeundae-gu, Busan, the KF-ACH has served as a two-way exchange platform between Korea and the ASEAN member states since its establishment on September 1, 2017, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the formation of ASEAN. The KF-ACH aims to promote ASEAN in Korea by holding exhibitions related to the history, societies, and cultures of the ASEAN member states, and by introducing distinctive performances and films from ASEAN that are not readily available in Korea. The KF-ACH is committed to contributing to the future-oriented development of ROK-ASEAN ties and will continue close cooperation with relevant government organizations such as the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs, diplomatic offices abroad, and ASEAN embassies in Korea.

### KF-ACH Facilities

Exhibition Galleries (Permanent and Special / ASEAN-ROK Gallery), ASEAN Digital Experience Zone (Info Media Wall, Live Media Wall, Immersion Room, VR Lounge, Digital Playground), Auditorium, Seminar Room, Cooking Studio

#### Facility Rental

KF-ACH facilities are available for rent by institutions and organizations promoting ROK-ASEAN cultural exchange. Please visit the KF-ACH homepage at [www.ach.or.kr](http://www.ach.or.kr) for details.

### ASEAN Art and Culture Programs

To improve public understanding of ASEAN cultures and provide opportunities for ASEAN residents in Korea to enjoy their own culture, the KF-ACH introduces the ASEAN member states through exhibitions, performances, cultural events, film screenings, and educational programs. The KF-ACH also provides a wide range of experiences for people of all ages, interests, and cultural backgrounds, and encourages active participation.

#### Exhibitions

Permanent Exhibition, Special Exhibition, and Cooperative Exhibition on the themes of the art, culture, and history of the 11 ASEAN member states  
ASEAN Digital Experience Zone introducing the cultural heritage, traditions, landmarks, and environment of ASEAN through digital media, VR, and interactive media

#### Cultural Events

Invitation of ASEAN artists to hold performances in Korea  
Festivals and cultural events where people can enjoy food, drink, handicrafts, goods, and books from ASEAN  
Opportunities to learn about ASEAN culture through screenings of films not easily accessible domestically

#### Educational Exchange

ASEAN Language Courses  
ASEAN Cooking Class  
ASEAN Outreach Program for Children  
Special Workshop on ASEAN for Korean Teachers  
KF-ACH Group Visit

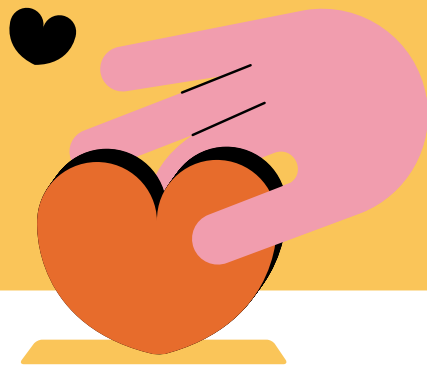
1 Permanent Exhibition *ASEAN Storyteller: Spiritual Beliefs, Art and Life* / KF-ACH, Busan, ROK / Year-round

2 Myanmar Cultural Day – Pray for Myanmar / KF-ACH, Busan, ROK / May 17, 2025



## The KF's CSR Activities

The Korea Foundation dreams of  
a happier Korea, together.



The KF is a global partner in giving, standing in solidarity with neighbors at home and abroad, and fulfilling its social responsibilities. Through the KF Social Contribution Fund, formed by the voluntary contributions of our employees, the KF strives to deliver meaningful hope to those in need.

### 2025 Donations

- Emergency humanitarian aid for victims of the Myanmar earthquake (KRW 5 million)
- Humanitarian support for recovery from large-scale wildfires in Korea (KRW 10 million)
- Holiday gift packages for underprivileged communities (KRW 5 million)
- Donation to English mentoring program for multicultural children (KRW 4.5 million)

Beyond financial contributions, KF employees actively engage with local communities and put sharing into practice on the ground.

### 2025 Social Contribution Activities

- Beach clean-up activities under local "Adopt-a-Beach" programs
- Meal service volunteering at senior community kitchens
- E-waste recycling and resource circulation campaigns, and more

The KF will continue to combine the core value of public diplomacy—connecting people to one another—with a spirit of sharing, helping to build a warmer and more inclusive Korea.

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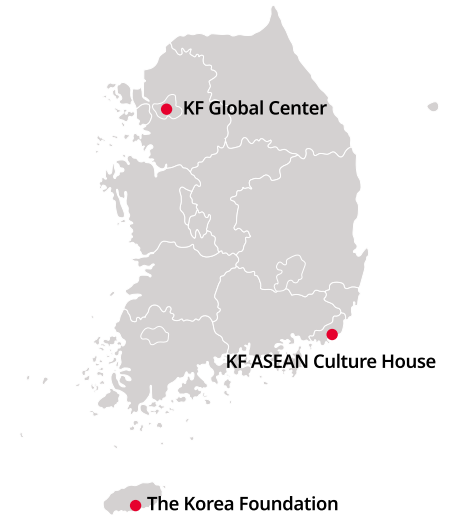
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