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**Policy Programs for Overseas Koreans:
More Effective, More Responsive to Needs on the
Ground, and More Transparent in the Use of Funds**

- KIS, Host of a Training & Roundtable for Overseas Korean Support Centers Nationwide -

The Korea Immigration Service(KIS) of the Ministry of Justice(MOJ) held a capacity-building training and a roundtable discussion for staff from 37 Overseas Korean Support Centers Nationwide on Monday, August 31st, 2026, to help the centers manage their budget effectively and provide tailored residency support for overseas Koreans.

The training was organized to provide the centers with guidelines for transparent budget execution—as the KIS funds the centers for their operations, training, and other related activities—and to enhance the quality of residency support service aimed at helping overseas Koreans settle successfully in Korea.

The KIS explained 1) procedures for budget execution and financial reconciliation; 2) key considerations and major compliance requirements for budget execution; and 3) matters related to the operation of the Overseas Korean Support Centers Nationwide. In particular, the training featured a lecture by the Korea Fiscal Information Service(KFIS) to help participants better understand the proper use and management of government subsidy funds.

※ Korea Fiscal Information Service is a public institution under the Ministry of Planning and Budget(MPB), which is responsible for operation and management of the Digital Budget and Accounting System and the Integrated Government Subsidies Management System.

In addition, the KIS briefed center staff on the key components and implementation plans for the 'Employment·Entrepreneurship·Academic Support Program' and the 'Mentoring Program', which the centers will carry out as priority initiatives in the second half of 2026. It also asked for the centers' cooperation in implementing the programs.

The Employment·Entrepreneurship·Academic Support Program is designed to help overseas Koreans' self-reliance and stable settlement in Korea. The Mentoring Program aims to share firsthand settlement experience and practical knowledge of experienced overseas Koreans and experts.

The KIS will strengthen its support for the Overseas Korean Support Centers Nationwide so that the centers can move beyond simply providing information on residency-related civil services and serve as regional hubs supporting stable settlement of overseas Koreans in Korea across a range of areas, such as employment, education and daily life.

During the roundtable discussion that followed, the KIS had an opportunity to hear directly from staff at the centers about the challenges they face in their day-to-day work on the ground. Participants also discussed ways to further develop support programs for overseas Koreans and strengthen cooperation among relevant organizations.

The KIS stated, “The Overseas Korean Support Centers Nationwide plays pivotal role in providing direct, on-the-ground assistance to help overseas Koreans establish stable lives in Korean society. We will incorporate feedback from the field into our policies through ongoing communication with the centers and reduce the difficulties overseas Koreans may encounter while residing in Korea.

It added, “We will continue to provide training and support for the centers to ensure that allocated funds are used transparently and effectively in line with the programs’ objectives. We will also actively support the centers so that they can provide practical assistance by connecting local communities with overseas Koreans.

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