

OKA's Upcoming Events

On-site inspection of 23rd World Korean Business Convention (Feb. 5-6)
Announcement of 2025 OKA Work Plan (Feb. 11)
Australia's NextGen Economic Seminar and Diaspora Meeting (Feb. 20-22)

OKA Commissioner's Activities in February

Feb. 3-6: **Visits to Los Angeles, Houston and Atlanta** (Briefing on damage recovery activities of the Korean community in Los Angeles, meeting with Korean community members in Houston, meeting with Korean businesspeople in Atlanta and joint pre-event inspection meeting for the World Korean Business Convention)

10: **Meeting with Park Il-joon**, executive vice president of the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and participation in the Overseas Korean Policy Discussion at Incheon National University (forum on Understanding Overseas Koreans and Related Policy Issues)

11: **Presentation of the 2025 OKA Work Plan and attendance at the 24th Overseas Korean Policy Committee**

13: **Meeting with Hong Moon-pyo**, president of the Korea Agro-Fisheries & Food Trade Corporation (aT)

19-23: **Visit to Australia** (Sydney Korean community meeting, NextGen Economic Seminar, general assembly of the Federation of Korean Societies of Oceania)

25: **Meeting with North Gyeongsang Province Gov. Lee Chul-woo**

27: **MOU signing ceremony with Korean Political Science Association**

28: **Meeting with Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) President Kang Kyung-sung**, meeting with Federation of Korean Associations USA President Seo Jeong-il

OKA Announcements

Call for companies to participate in 2025 Overseas Korean Companies Youth Internship Program

Open to companies with annual revenue of \$1 million or more and 10 or more full-time employees

The Overseas Koreans Agency is recruiting overseas Korean companies to participate in the 2025 Overseas Korean Companies Youth Internship Program by March 1 in order to provide opportunities for Korean youth to strengthen their global competencies and expand overseas, and to introduce overseas Korean entrepreneurs to outstanding young talents from their homeland.

Interns can work in any country where an employment visa can be issued, and their duties will be white-collar jobs in trade, administration, marketing and design. The internship period is six months (July to December).

To be eligible for the intern program, companies must be registered as a local business with an annual revenue of at least \$1 million, excluding overseas branches of public institutions and overseas subsidiaries of domestic companies, and have at least 10 employees at any given time. In addition, the company must be able to provide interns with on-the-job training and adaptation to the local environment, and must be able to offer administrative or professional jobs.

No physical labor beyond simple repetitive or clerical tasks, such as cleaning, serving, carrying or repetitive labeling, is permitted. In addition, the company must be able to provide at least US\$700 per month in cash (no in-kind substitutions), and minimum wage coverage is required for working holiday and work permit countries. Priority will be given to companies that support the acquisition of employable visas and companies that can hire full-time employees after completing internships.

The OKA plans to invite human resources managers of companies that use Korean youth as interns to Korea for three days of training and will provide roundtrip airfare and accommodation for the companies. In addition, the agency will cover a portion of the company's expenses (up to \$1,000 per person) for obtaining a visa that allows interns to work.

The interns will depart Korea in May after recruitment, interviews and domestic training. To participate in the program, overseas Korean companies should apply on the Hansang Net website (www.hansang.net). For more information, please call 032-585-3226 or email mjan23@korea.kr.