

2018 Korean Language and Culture Program for Diplomats

Program Guidelines

1. Program Objectives

The Korean Language and Culture Program for Diplomats is a one-semester (three months) Korean language training program for diplomats and foreign government officials. This program was conceived in response to the increase in number of foreign government officials seeking support for high-quality and intensive Korean language and culture training in Korea. It is our intention that this program will help participants become better equipped with Korean language proficiency to carry out their duties. Also, we hope this course will assist in furthering knowledge and understanding of Korea.

2. Training Period: From March 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018 (tentative)

3. Language Education Institute

Korean language institute at a Korean university

◆ *From the year 2016 to 2018, Language Education Institute of Seoul National University is responsible for the program.*

4. Eligibility

The applicants in this program should be junior-level diplomats or government officials abroad who are (or will be) working with Korea-related issues.

5. Benefits

1) Airfare (economy class, direct round-trip): The Korea Foundation will reimburse the participants' round-trip ticket purchases directly to their bank accounts with proof of purchase in the form of a receipt or invoice.

* Please contact the KF immediately if there are difficulties with ticket purchasing.

2) Monthly Stipend: The participants will be provided with KRW 1,200,000 (approximately USD 1,200) per month to cover living expenses during the training period.

3) Tuition Fees: To be transferred directly to the language institute.

4) Health Insurance: The participants will be provided with travel insurance (in case of

accidental injury or illness) during the training period in the Republic of Korea.

- 5) Accommodations: Each participant will be provided with his/her own equipped room near the language institute.

6. Details of the Program (tentative)

Program	Contents
Korean language classes	Beginning level: 4 hours/day * 5 days/week * 10 weeks
Lecture Series on Korea I	Lecture series for understanding Korean culture, history, and society: 10 hours total (5 lectures)
Cultural Classes	Learning <i>Taekwondo</i> (Korean martial art), <i>Janggu</i> (Korean traditional double-headed drum) and others: 38 hours total
Cultural Activities	Outdoor activities to experience Korean culture (6 sessions)
Industrial Field Trip	A field trip to view the industrial sites of Korea (3 day trip)
Lecture Series on Korea II (by Korea National Diplomatic Academy)	Lecture series on international diplomacy, politics, and economy of Korea: 14 hours total (7 lectures, 4 days)
Visit to Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Discussion with Korean diplomats (in groups by regional bureau)

7. Documents to be Submitted

- 1) Official Letter of Recommendation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which should be written in English or be a copy translated into English.
- 2) Curriculum vitae (including the name of the school last attended)
- 3) Letter of Intention, less than one page in free form, written by the applicant. Topics covered should include why the applicant needs to understand Korea and how the experience in Korea will be used in the future.

8. Application Period: From July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 (closing date may vary depending on the Korean Embassy's circumstances)

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