

## Ministry of Health and Welfare

Team of Adoption Policy takes overall responsibility for adoption related policies and operations.

- Enactment and revision of the Act on Special Cases Concerning Adoption
- Improvement of adoption policy and establishment of measures for promoting domestic adoption
- Studies, researches, statistics, public relations, etc. on both domestic and overseas adoption
- Operations in regards to the 1993 Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention
- Operations of Korean Adoption Services, adoption agencies, and other relevant organizations

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## Public relations / Education programs

- Public relations to enhance the public awareness of adoption through TV, radio, mass media or new media channels.

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- Organize commemorative events for the National Adoption Day (May 11th)



- Offer education programs for prospective adoptive parents



- Provide training programs for staff working at adoption agencies



\* Legal basis: Article 5 and Clause 4 of Article 20 of the Act on Special Cases Concerning Adoption/ Article 18 of the Enforcement Rules of the Act on Special Cases Concerning Adoption

## Greetings

Adoption first began in Korea to find caring homes and parents for orphaned children during and following the Korean War. During the last 60 years, more than 170,000 Korean children have been adopted by families in overseas countries.

The number of adoptees visiting Korea today to seek their identity is increasing, but there is an extensive range of difficulties in the process not simply because of their lack of connections but mainly due to cultural and linguistic differences.

The international community seeks to establish protection and post-adoption services for children to ensure the best interest of children. The Korea Adoption Services was established in 2012 to fulfill such demands of the era and desires of adoptees for the provision of the services.

Korea Adoption Services aims to harmoniously execute the overall functions of supporting and coordinating adoption related operations by paying close attention to the voices of every one of the adoptees. Moreover, we endeavor to dedicate our services for the adoptees to discover their identity and live confident lives as who they are. For this, we seek your continued support and interest.

The President of Korea Adoption Services

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## About KAS

Affiliated to the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Korea Adoption Services was established on August 5th, 2012 for the purposes of encouraging domestic adoption and systemizing post adoption services (Article 26 of the Act on Special Cases Concerning Adoption).



We seek to establish and spread a stable, efficient and thorough adoption culture with the welfare and interest of children as our first and foremost priority.



We provide post-adoption services for overseas adoptees to support establishment of their sense of identity, and to help adopted children grow up in sound and robust environment.



We execute the research and study on adoption policies and services, and cooperate in international projects on adoption in Korea and overseas.



We also pursue other related projects commissioned by the Minister of Health and Welfare.

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## Post-adoption services

### Post-adoption services for overseas adoptees

- Provide financial support through public competitions for the post adoption service programs aimed at overseas adoptees and operated by adoption agencies or relevant organizations.
  - ※ Motherland tour program, Korean language course program, support programs helping adoptees for settlement in Korea, other seminar or cultural events related to overseas adoptees, etc.
- Support adoptees confronted with crisis:  
consultation service regarding the institutional care, psychological therapy, medical support, support for housing and other services that may help adoptees
- Confirm the acquisition of nationality:  
Check whether the adoptees have acquired the citizenship of the adoptive countries in order for them to be ensured full legal rights in their adoptive countries
- Preservation and management of adoption records:  
Preserve the information related to the children adopted through adoption agencies by digitalization and constructing database. In addition, collect and comprehensively manage the adoption-related information which has preserved at the child care facilities (orphanages) where the children had stayed before or during the adoption process.

### Post-adoption service for domestic adoptees

- Provide financial support through public competitions for the post adoption service programs aimed at domestic adoptees and their families and operated by adoption agencies or relevant organizations.

Programs for provision of emotional and psychological support	Provision of support for psychological therapy and consultation program for adopted children and adoptive parents experiencing psychological and emotional difficulties.
Educational programs for adoptive families	Educational programs that could help adoptive families cope with any range of difficulties experienced while raising adopted children
Events for adoptive families	Programs including family camp, sports festival, New Year's Eve party and experience activities, etc. participated by adoptive parents and adoptees

## Adoption Information Disclosure Service

- Provide adoption related information upon the request for the adoption information disclosure
- Systematically support adoptees to get connected and reunited with their birth parents
- Operate and utilize integrated adoption information management system for provision of harmonious services.

※ Reference [https://www.kadoption.or.kr/en/root/adpt\\_info.jsp](https://www.kadoption.or.kr/en/root/adpt_info.jsp)

### What is adoption information?

It includes



the identifying information of birth parents  
(name, birthdate, address, contact number)



adoption background  
(age of birth parents at the time of adoption, the name of local district where the parents had lived, date of adoption, and the reason for adoption)



information related to adoption agency  
(name of the facility where the child stayed before adoption or the name, address, contact number of the adoption agency)

### What is integrated adoption information management system?

It is a database that preserves the information regarding the adopted children and prospective adoptive parents by categorizing into certain items. It was built to encourage domestic adoption and provide adoption information disclosure service. Recently, KAS has been excavated and digitalized adoption related records preserved at child care facilities existed in the past. The key information is extracted from the records and migrated into the database

\* Legal basis: Adoption Information Disclosure (Article 36 of the Act on Special Cases Concerning Adoption)

## Research on adoption related policies and system, etc.

- Preparation for implementation of the 1993 Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention (Support enactment and revision of international adoption law and the Act on Special Cases Concerning Adoption)
- Conduct research on adoption policies and services in Korea and overseas countries
- Support for settlement of adoption system
- Strengthen cooperation between adoption-related agencies or organizations in Korea and overseas countries



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