

# Newly designed Social Integration Policy

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# 1 Background : Policy Environment

## 1-1. Global Trend

### Economic Crisis and migration

- Economic & Financial crisis world-wide
- Since 2008, advanced immigration countries changed to close-door policy.
  - High unemployment rate, security reasons, social conflicts
  - Additional requirements & conditions imposed on immigrants

## 1-2. Domestic Trend

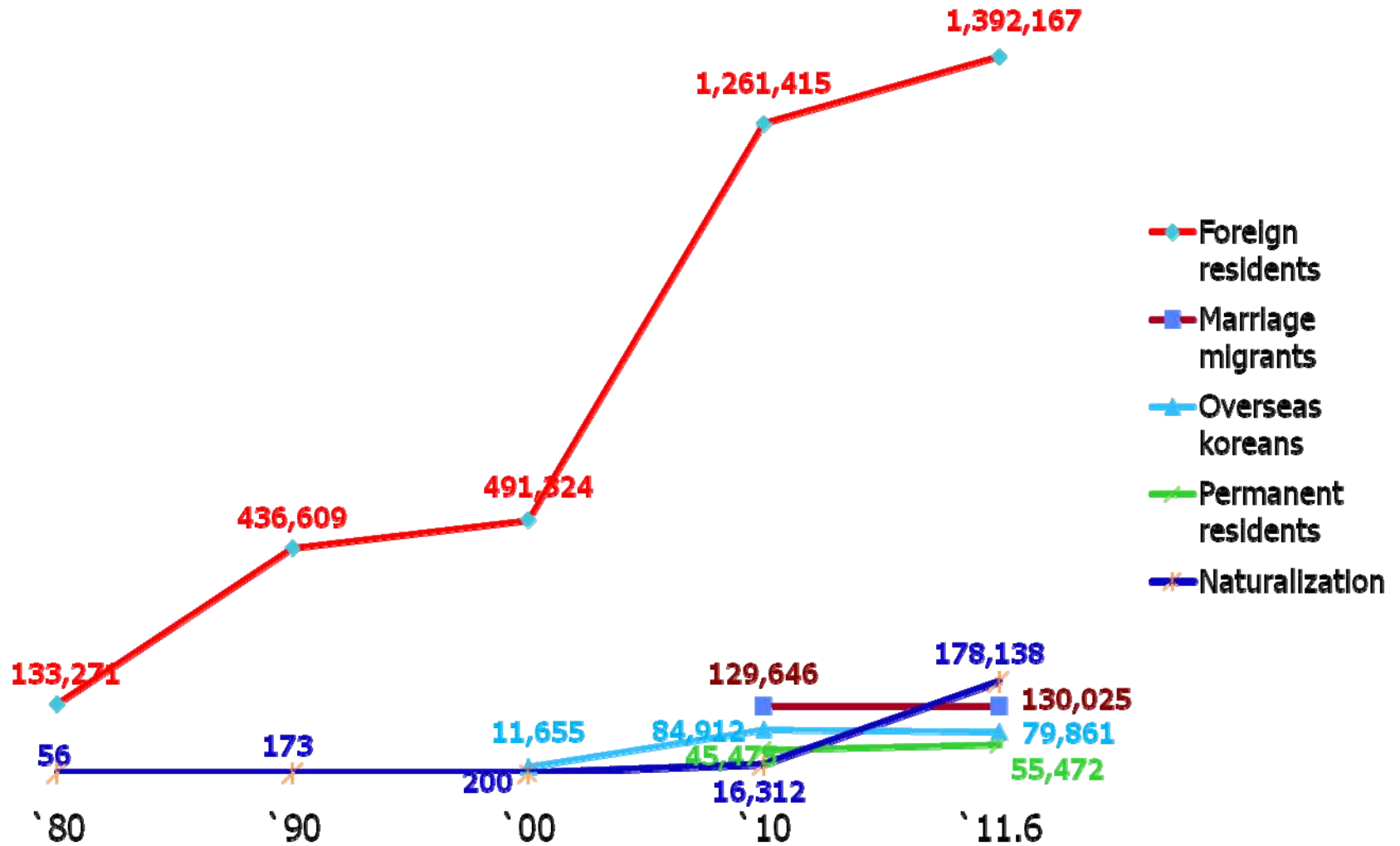
**Low birth rate & Aging Society,  
Net population outflow, International marriages**

- Labor shortage
- Growing demands for talented foreign workers
- Brain drainage
- International marriages in large scale

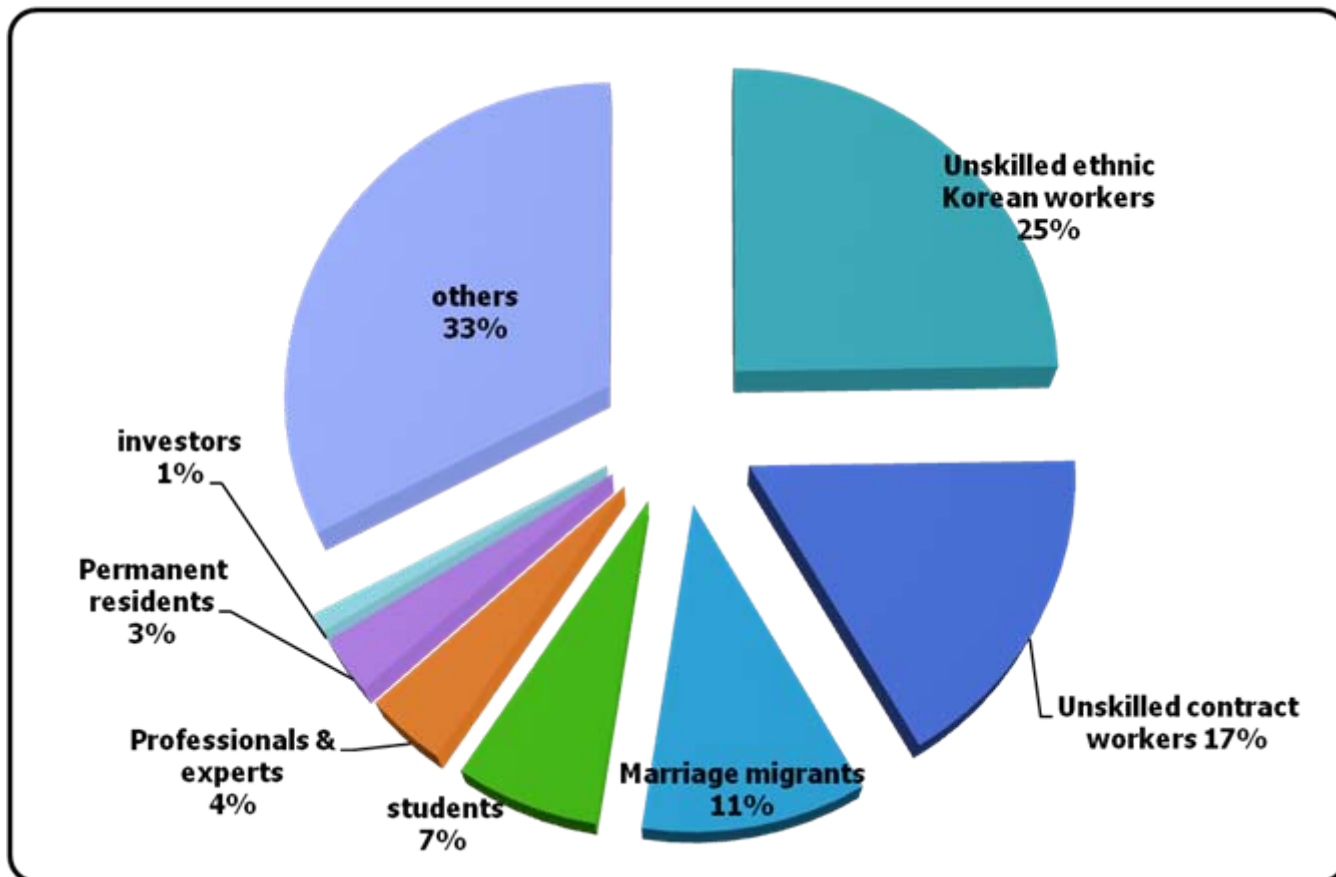
**Increase Permanent Residents &  
Naturalizations ➡ multicultural society**

- Foreign residents are diversified
- Permanent residents and Quasi-permanent residents

## Increase in Foreign Residents



## Diversified Type of Residents



## 1-3. Aims of Social integration Policy

- To assist migrants to adapt to Korean culture.
- To help respect for Constitutional principles and core values in Korean society
- To encourage Koreans to recognize and appreciate richness of different cultures

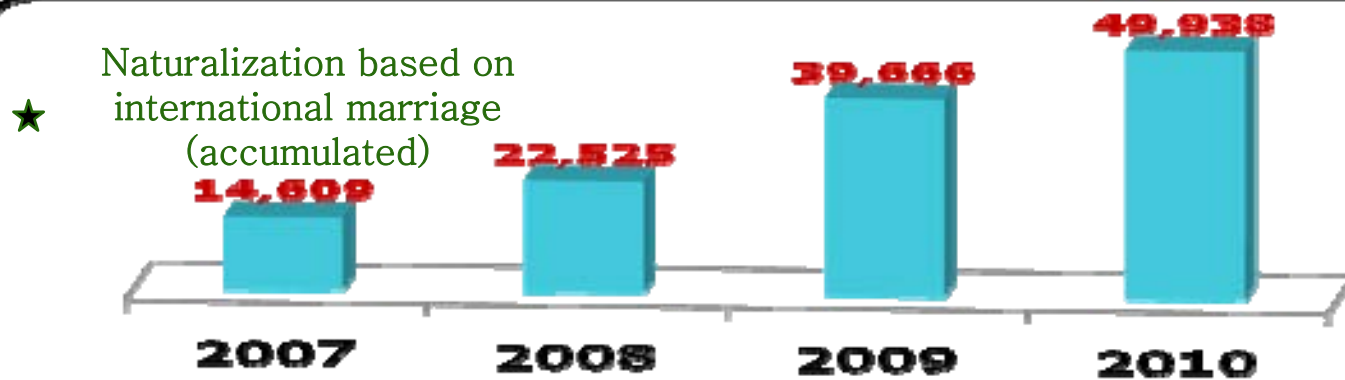


**Lead migrants to be sound & desirable  
members of Korean Society**

## 2 Programs related International Marriage

### Background

- To tackle high divorce rate and victimizing foreign spouses
- To help Children born in international marriage enjoying schooling





## 2-1. International Marriage Guidance Program

A program to provide Koreans who are scheduled to marry foreign spouses with information about local culture, custom and history of the spouses' countries , Korean marriage visa policy and procedure (Oct 2010)

### Target

- Koreans who are intending to marry foreign spouse from 7 countries

### Point

- Local culture, custom and history , marriage procedures
- Korean Marriage visa policy and procedure
- International marriage consultation & experience

### Time

Every or every other Wednesday  
(total 3 hours)

### Location

14 local immigration offices

## 2-2. Happy-Start Program

A program designed to provide newly-weds migrants with basic knowledge, institutions and visa renewal policy etc. (July 2009)

- Incentives granted to participants (July 2011)
- Representatives of marriage migrants and honorary immigration officials(naturalized through marriage) as mentors or interpreters

### information

- Immigration policy & related acts, regulations, visa renewal, family invitation, permanent residency, naturalizations, etc
- Basic law and order, social welfare services, medical care system, rights and duties for marriage migrants
- Social integration program, regional & local support centers

### Time & Place

- Every 2nd or 4th Thursday at 14:00~16:00
- 14 Local immigration offices & 16 Branch offices

# 3

## Social Integration Program

### Background

- Proactive policy implemented to prevent social and cultural conflict
- Growing needs for an systematic and standardized education program to help migrants and naturalized citizens
  - ★ 1)Korean language course 2) Understanding on Korean Society

### Linked Incentives for naturalization, permanent residency

- Eligibility Test of Naturalization (exempted)
- Korean language proficiency test for Permanent Residency
- Additional points for quasi-permanent residency(Point based System)



## On-line Korean Language Program

- Delivered at 150 designated operating agencies in nationwide
- From 2012, about 200 Multicultural Family Support Centers will join as operating agencies
- On-line Korean Language Program is provided to those who have difficulties in attending group session

## Details of Social Integration Program

Korean language course + Understanding on Korean Society course

Course			Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5 (Understanding on Korean Society)
Korean language			Basic	Beginners' 1	Beginners' 2	Intermediate 1	Intermediate 2	advanced
time required			15hr	100hr	100hr	100hr	100hr	exemption
Understanding Korean society								
Classification by Level	Pre-evaluation	Marriage migrant	Point 0~10	Point 11~29	Point 30~49	-	-	Point 50~100
		General migrant	Point 0~10	Point 11~29	Point 30~49	Point 50~69	Point 70~80	Point 90~100

※ “Basic level” is newly established

Those with less than 10 point in preliminary evaluation must take 15 hours of basic level

## 4

# Training Program for Local Government Officials

## Background

- Local government's role is crucial to boost social integration
- The Program used as a tool to localize the service delivery system

## details

- Subject: Understanding of government policies for migrants and related multicultural institutions
- Organizer: IOM Migration Research and Training Center
- Number of participants: 20~40 officials every quarter
  - ※ Participated by 34 for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 28 for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
  - Resume the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in Sep and 4<sup>th</sup> in Nov

# Curriculum

sector	subject	Time (16hr)
Immigration policy	Understanding of Immigration trend and multicultural society	2
	Basic policy directions for migrants	2
Social integration	Social integration policy for migrants	2
Registration	Registration of foreigners	1
Visa	Understanding visa system	2
Nationality	Overview of nationality system	3
Field Trip	Incheon International Airport, Hwaseong Immigration Processing Center	2
Special Lecture	Foreign residents ' experiences on the Korean society	2

Thank you  
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