

Multicultural Family and Supporting Policy for Marriage Immigrant in Korea

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I . Introduction

- Since 2005, immigration in Korea has shown a clear increasing trend because of women marital immigrants
- Three factors seem to initiate recently increase of women marital immigrants
 - New Type of International Marriage: A Large Influx of Marriage Immigrants
 - Change of Immigration Policy from Indifference to Integration
 - Flourish of International Marriage Business



I . Introduction

- ‘Multicultural Family’ became an important discourse and policy agenda in the provinces
 - ‘Multicultural Family’ defined a new type of family through international marriage, qualified a couple of Korean and foreigner
 - International marriage dominated in the provinces’ marriage pattern, making the demographic map more multi-national
 - Supporting program for multicultural family consented in the local community



I . Introduction

- Review the Current Government Policy
 - The government policy for multicultural family deserved to be named ‘multicultural policy’?
 - Supporting program for domiciled foreign women stigmatize them as the poor?
 - Koreans’ mind being changed toward multi-national and cultural direction?



II . Multicultural Family and Its Current Situation



1. Some Statistics about Multicultural Family

- The Total Number of Registered Foreigners (Domiciled Foreigners)

(Unit: person)

total	foreign citizenship	Korean citizenship	children
1,139,283	920,887 (80.8%)	96,461 (8.5%)	121,935 (10.7%)

source: Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs (2010.1.1)

- The Ratio of registered foreigners is 2.3% to the total Korean population



1. Some Statistics about Multicultural Family

- Number of Foreign Citizenship by Residence Status

(Unit: person)

total	foreign labor	marriage immigrant	student	Overseas Korean	others
920,887	558,538 (49.0%)	125,087 (11.0%)	80,646 (7.1%)	50,251 (4.4%)	106,365 (9.3%)

source: Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs (2010.1.1)



1. Some Statistics about Multicultural Family

- Concept of 'Multicultural Family': A New Type of Family, formed by international marriage that Korean married foreigner
- Compared to other immigrants, women marital immigrants have become the most important policy target because they reside permanently and give birth to the Korean child

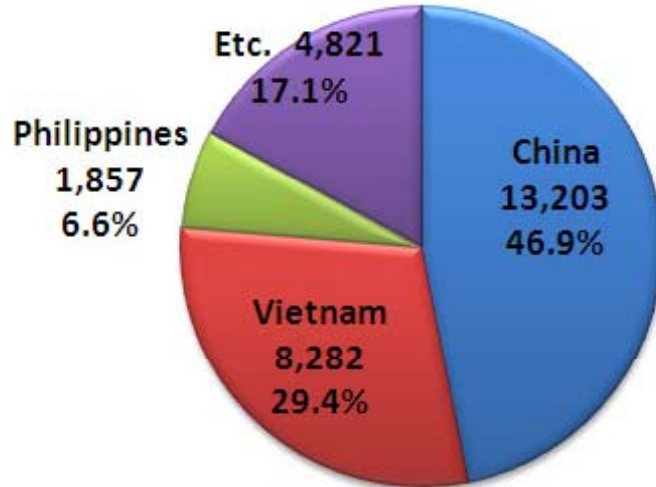


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- Distribution of marriage immigrant by Nationality

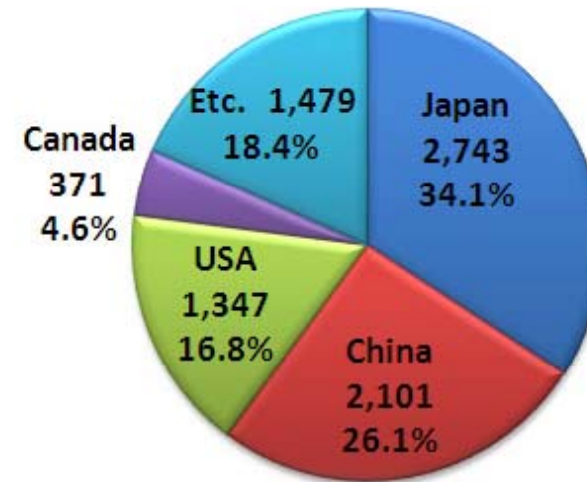
female immigrants

(unit : case)



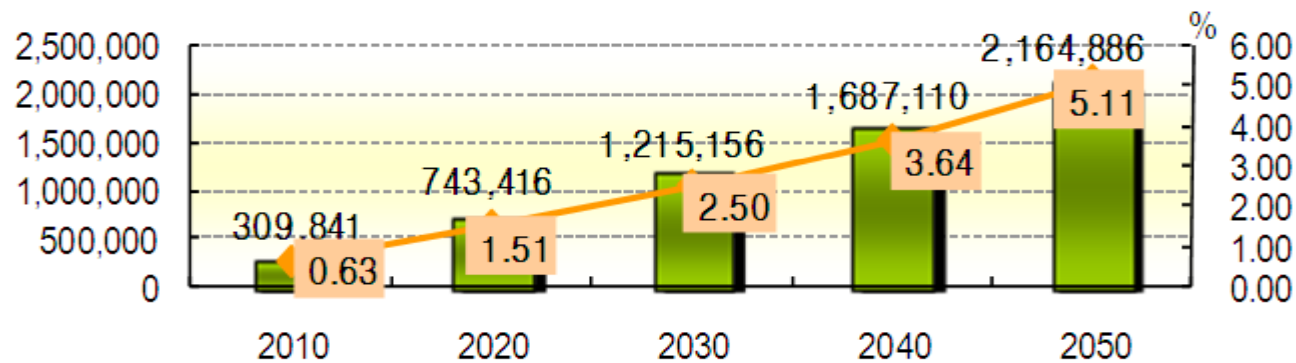
male immigrants

(unit : case)



1. Some Statistics about Multicultural Family

- The Long Term Prediction of Marriage Immigrants In Population



- ✓ Bar graph: Number of Marriage Immigrants (unit: person)
- ✓ Line graph: Ratio to The Total Population (unit: %)



1. Some Statistics about Multicultural Family

- The trend of increase of marriage immigrants will continue because of the falling birthrate, the aging society, and globalization
- In 2050, ratio of marriage immigrants and their children would be predicted over 5% in the Korean population, which means the Korean society would become 'multicultural society'



2. The Plights and Challenge of Marriage Immigrants

- Human Rights Violation in The Process of International Marriage
 - Commercialization of marriage through the involvement of marriage agencies



2. The Plights and Challenge of Marriage Immigrants

- At marriage meeting : the Korean man picks up a bride among many Vietnamese women
- Right to choose spouse gives to the Korean man, unilaterally
- Only two hours taken to choose spouse, pushed by international matchmaking company



2. The Plights and Challenge of Marriage Immigrants



- A group wedding : the next day of marriage meeting
- 3 or 4 days of honey moon follows after wedding ceremony in Vietnam
- False information and short course marriage give cause for conflict and divorce of multicultural family

2. The Plights and Challenge of Marriage Immigrants

- Discord in family life, Social Exclusion, and Social Prejudice
 - Lack of inter-cultural communication, and conflict in family life
 - Low income and lack of job training participation: the stratum of more than a million won ~ less than two million won holds 38.4%; the stratum of more less than a million won holds 21.3% (a monthly average of family income)
 - Discriminative treatment and prejudice against multicultural family



2. The Plights and Challenge of Marriage Immigrants

- Problems of Child Care and Education

- Linguistic and intellectual retardation of multicultural family's children
- Discriminative treatment in school and society, due to the differences in appearance and way of speaking



III . Supporting Policy for Marriage Immigrant



1. Multicultural Policy of The Korean Government

- Step-by-step Policy by Lifetime Cycle
 - Stage of Marriage Preparation
 - Stage of Forming Multicultural Family
 - Stage of Raising Child
 - Stage of Educating Child
 - Stage of Advancement in Multicultural Family's Competence
 - The Situation of Dissolution of Family
 - Every Stage of Lifetime Cycle



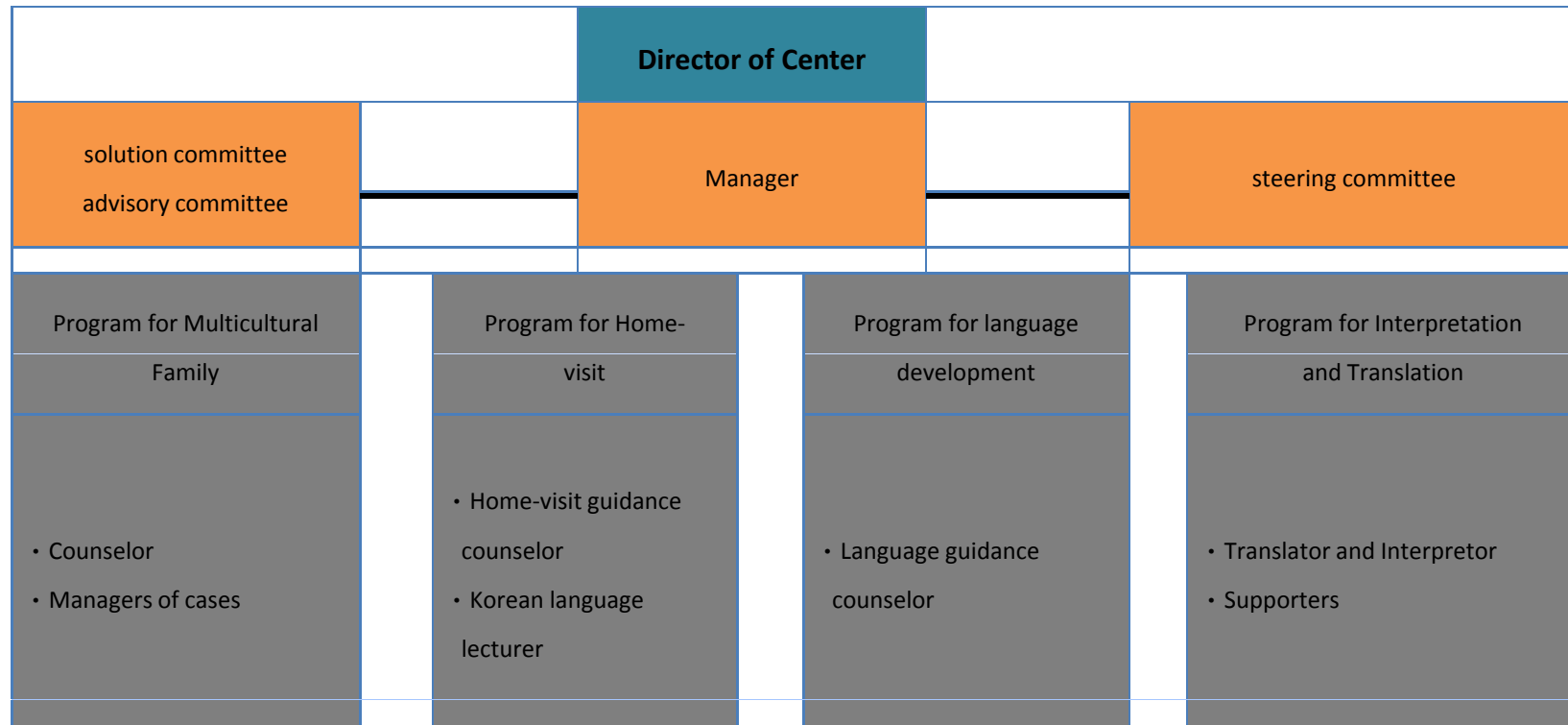
2. Local Government Countermeasures in Chung-nam Province

- Supporting Project for Foreign Labor's Adaptation
- Survey on the Living Condition of Registered Foreigners
- Establishment of 'Supporting Center for Multicultural Family'
- Home-visit Education Program for Multicultural Family
- Supporting the Nurture Expenses for Multicultural Family's Infant and Child
- Interpretation and Translation Service for Marriage Immigrants
- Legal Advice for Multicultural Family
- Exhibition for Multi-nation and Multi-cultural Festival
- Operating 'Committee of Multicultural Policy', as Deliberative Organ for Multicultural Policy in the Local Government



3. Some Programs in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family

- Organization Chart of ‘Supporting Center for Multicultural Family’



3. Some Programs in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family

- Program in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family
 - Basic Program : Korean language education, Education for family integration and understanding of multicultural society, supporting for employment and business of multicultural family
 - Specialized Program : bilingual school, translation and interpretation service, parents-in-law's self-dependence meeting, translator and interpreter's self-dependence meeting



3. Some Programs in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family

- Program in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family
 - Home-visit Program : Korean language education service, pregnancy and delivery service
 - Operating the information center about child rearing, Multicultural family's volunteer work, enhancement of multicultural perception among citizens, strengthening of domiciled foreign women's network in local society



3. Some Programs in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family



- Rainbow Choir, consisted of multicultural family's children
Visiting Performance at Vietnam



3. Some Programs in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family



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- Exhibition of Multicultural Foods



3. Some Programs in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family



- Education of the Korean Culture,
Making paper doll



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- Club Activity of Orally Narrated Fairy Tale, Performance at kindergarten



3. Some Programs in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family



- Club Activity of the Korean Traditional Culture,
A Fan Dance



3. Some Programs in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family



- Job Training, Haircut and Beauty Care



3. Some Programs in Supporting Center for Multicultural Family



- Farming Activity, Harvesting Potato



IV. Conclusion



1. The Features of the Korean Multicultural Policy

- Assimilation or Multiculturalism?

- Dichotomy between assimilation and multiculturalism about the Korean immigration policy does not reflect the reality
- An appropriate definition of the Korean immigration policy is social integration policy, which mixes assimilative and multicultural measures

- Fairness or Familism?

- Marriage immigrants have not been excluded so much as accepted as residents of the local community
- The acceptance of immigrants seems to be based upon familism rather than fairness
- Alternative marriage for the Korean men and reproduction of Korean family



2. Some Comments on the Future Development

- Policy Change

- From supporting program to economic self-reliance; employment and job training
- Nurturing multicultural family's child as global human resource
- Reinforcing multicultural communication among family members

- Society Change For Korean Dream

- American Dream as fair opportunity
- Korean Dream under the current situation; lack of equal treatment, stigmatized as the poor
- Development of local inter-culturalism between citizens and foreign residents



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