

## 【Attachment 1】

### Notification of Changes in Overseas Korean System in Accordance with Extension of the Range

As the 「Act of Overseas Koreans」 was revised on July 2, 2019, the range of overseas Korean has been expanded to all direct descendant. Therefore we announce about changes in system related to all overseas Korean as following, including 4<sup>th</sup> generation and later.

#### □ Main Content

#### 1. Maintain basic framework of current regulations (Only classification of generation abolished)

- 4<sup>th</sup> generation and later became able to receive status of residence\* related to Overseas Korean.

\* Short term Visitor(Overseas Korean)(C-3-8), Work and Visit(H-2), Overseas Korean(F-4), Permanent Residency(Overseas Korean)(F-5)

#### 2. Mandatory submission of Korean language proficiency and overseas criminal history verification documents

- As the range of overseas Korean expand, documents showing proof of Korean language proficiency and overseas criminal history must be submitted in case of applying for visa or changing · extending of residence status in consideration of improving awareness of Koreans and support for settlement of Korean society.
- Proof of Korean language proficiency (one of the following documents)
  - Scorecard of pre-assessment of Korea Immigration and Integration Program (over 21points)
  - Certificate of Education of Korea Immigration and Integration Program(Complete Level 1 or higher)
  - TOPIK Level 1 or higher
  - Certificate of completion of King Sejong Institute beginner 1B course or higher
- Documents confirming overseas criminal history
  - (Submitted) Overseas Koreans over 14 years old
  - (Requirement) A public document issued within 3 months by the

competent authority of the country, including all criminal history of his/her own country.

※ If you had lived abroad for more than 6 months in other country, criminal history of the country must be included

### **3. Other Improvements**

- Korean-Chinese who enter Korea with Short term Visitor(Overseas Korean(c-3-8) visa and have no family or friends, will be able to change their Status of residence to Work and Visit (H-2) (will be enforced from '19. 12. 1, due to development of computer system)
- Granting status of Overseas Korean(F-4) to Korean nationals in China and the former Soviet Union nationality who have completed **Korea Immigration and Integration Program Level 4 or higher**, while living in Korea.

#### **Enforcement Date**

- '19. 9. 2.(mon)

**Minister of Justice**

【 Annexed 】

## Exemption Objects of Korean Language Proficiency and Overseas Criminal History

**Exemption Object of Korean language proficiency Documents** (one of the following)

Short term Visit (Overseas Korean) (C-3-8)	Work and Visit (H-2)	Overseas Korean (F-4)
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>① A person who is recognized that he/she has submitted proof of Korean language proficiency before with other status of residency.</li><li>② A person who had Korean nationality in the past.</li><li>③ 61 years old or older</li><li>④ Graduates of elementary school which is prescribed in 「Elementary and Secondary Education Act」 (including elementary school graduates who had passed qualification examination and those who have granted elementary school qualifications in accordance with Article 6 of the 「Regulations on the Establishment·Operation of Alternative School」) in Korea or above.</li><li>⑤ Work and Visit(Expired visa)(H-2-7)</li><li>⑥ 13 years old or younger(criminal minor)</li><li>⑦ A person who has stayed in Korea more than 3 years with a Overseas Korean(F-4) visa</li></ul> <p>※ Corresponding Person (Work and Visit, H-2) ①,②,③,④, ⑤, (Overseas Korean, F-4) ①,②,③,④,⑥,⑦</p>	

**Exemption Object of Overseas Criminal History Documents** (one of the following)

Short term Visit (Overseas Korean) (C-3-8)	Work and Visit (H-2)	Overseas Korean (F-4)
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- ① 61 years old or older
  - ② 13 years old or younger(criminal minor)
  - ③ National merit(independence merit) and the bereaved
  - ④ Special merit(national interest)
  - ⑤ A person who had submitted a criminal history documents of his / her own country(including those who have been exempted) and has stayed in Korea without living in abroad for more than 6 consecutive months.
  - ⑥ A person who has stayed in Korea for more than 5 years as of the date of application and has not stayed abroad for more than 6 consecutive months within 5 years as of the application date.
  - ⑦ Work and Visit(Expired visa)(H-2-7)
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