

2018 Annual Report

“For a better tomorrow we do research,
For a better future we prepare”



IOM Migration Research & Training Centre (MRTC) is

committed to promoting innovative and practical research and training on immigration that local community and government and Asia region and international society required. Also, as a specialized research institute in immigration policy with a sense of responsibility, the MRTC will play a leading role in the center of domestic and international immigration expert networks.



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The IOM Migration Research and Training Centre (MRTC) is an independent research and training think tank to undertake research and training to promote immigration policy that benefits everyone involved including those in the government, local communities, Koreans and immigrants.



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Message from the Director



As Korea is entering into a low-birth rate and aging society, well-planned immigration policies and its efficient practices are emerged as one of alternatives amid discussions on what will be the next driving force for Korea.

With relatively short immigration history, the number of foreign residents in Korea have currently reached 2.2 million. Hence, immigration policy can not only affect all sectors including culture, economy, society, and national security, but also can play its significant role in state management and in the international society.

Established in December 2009 under the agreement between the Korean government and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the IOM Migration Research and Training Centre (MRTC), as an international cooperative organization, is striving to take our roles and responsibilities with concerted effort of all MRTC's leadership and staff.

The MRTC continues to conduct researches for developing and promoting immigration policy that benefits our country, and is committed to enhancing its research capacities through partnerships with experts in various fields.

In particular, the year of 2018 was marked by national issues such as the inflow of Yemenis' asylum seekers and international child migrants, the MRTC tried to timely respond by conducting related researches on such subjects.

Furthermore, the MRTC facilitated information exchanges on Korea's immigration policy by hosting academic events and seminars and broadened range of research subjects in migration field through MOUs with several research institutions and domestic universities.

The MRTC will be at the forefront of developing and promoting immigration policy that comprehensively covers migrants, local communities, government policy, and international relations. We look forward to your continued support and encouragement on MRTC's journey in 2019 and beyond.

IOM Migration Research and Training Centre
Director
Chung, Ki-seon



Chronology



- 2007 11 An MOU concluded between Minister of Justice, Governor of Gyeonggi Province, and Secretary General of the International Organization for Migration
- 2009 07 'Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the International Organization for Migration on the Establishment of the IOM Migration Research and Training Centre' entered into force
- 09 IOM Migration Research and Training Centre established
- 2010 03 The 1st Director Charles Hans inaugurated
- 2012 03 Signed an agreement on the establishment of Asia Secretariat of the International Metropolis Project
- 2014 07 'Agreement between the government of the Republic of Korea and the International Organization for Migration on the Establishment and Operation of the IOM Migration Research and Training Centre' entered into force
- 09 The 2nd Director Joon-oh Jang inaugurated
- 2015 01 Designated as 'other public institution'
- 2016 06 An MOU concluded with the Research Institute for Migration and Social Integration of Konkuk University
- 10 An MOU concluded with Inha University
- 2017 01 The 3rd Director Chung Ki-seon inaugurated
- 03 An MOU concluded with the University of Cambodia
- 05 An MOU concluded with the Institute for Social Development and Policy Research of Seoul National University
- 12 Recognized as 'Employee-friendly Work Environment'
- 2018 01 An MOU concluded with the Institute for Intergovernment Relations of Sun Moon University
- 03 An MOU concluded with Hanyang Peach Institute
- 06 An MOU concluded with Keimyung University
- 08 An MOU concluded with Keimyung University
- 2019 01 Undesignated as 'other public institution'

Vision, Mission, and Objective



Major Projects in 2018

Research



The IOM Migration Research and Training Centre (MRTC) contributes to establishing national's immigration policy through conducting analysis, research and survey on domestic and international migration trends. Also, the MRTC responds various research needs and reflects inter-academic characteristics in migration field

Major research projects in 2018

- Analysis of immigration and multicultural policy and education and its improvement measures for local government officials
- Current status and its characteristics of small business entrepreneurs with immigrant background
- Immigration policy for foreigners' illegal stay: Focused on legalization and return assistance
- The controversial issues on Korean refugee management system: Reflected by debates on Yemeni asylum seekers in Jeju Island in Korea

Education



The MRTC develops and implements education and training programs that specialize in promoting public understanding on immigration policy and nurturing immigration policy experts. With its specially designed training programs, the MRTC strives to practically contribute to the process of developing and implementing immigration policies.

Major education and training projects in 2018

- 2018 capacity building workshop for local government officials on immigration policy
- Pilot training program for next generation of migration experts and local government officials
- Initial Orientation Course for Immigrants operated

Cooperation



Based upon networks established in an out of country, the MRTC fosters cooperation activities with related government agencies and international organizations, and hosts seminars and academic conferences based on these cooperation activities

Major cooperation projects in 2018

- 'A study of Koreans in Australia and New Zealand: The Rise of A New Generation and the (Post-) Communal Lives of Today and Tomorrow
- 'Policy measures on children with a migrant background of Korea'
- 'International mobility and protection: Going toward comprehensive compact'
- Enhanced the function of Metropolis Asia Secretariat, and host webinar and joint workshop

Promotion



The MRTC issues various publications in order to effectively promote public awareness on immigration policy and the outcome of MRTC's projects

Major publications in 2018

- Special magazine 5th edition - Immigration Policy
- Migration Policy Trend
- Weekly report



Research Projects in 2018

The IOM Migration Research and Training Centre (MRTC) contributes to establishing national immigration policy through research on immigration trends and policies in and out of Korea. Also, the MRTC strives to respond to various research needs, reflecting inter-disciplinary characteristics of the field.

The MRTC puts its utmost efforts into providing policy improvements derived from in-depth analysis of immigration policy implemented by both central and local governments.

With administrative statistics and fact-finding surveys on migration, the MRTC carefully examines migration trends in Korea and provides basic data for immigration policy development and academic research.

Finally, the MRTC timely introduces major destination countries' legal system and policy as well as changes in immigration policy environment to explore improvement measures for Korea's immigration policy.

In 2018, research projects, under the 'IOM Migration Research and Training Centre Operation Plan,' were focused on strengthening framework study in immigration policy field, actively responding to policy needs, and disseminating of the outcomes of international migration research.

To enhance framework study for developing policy agendas, the MRTC conducted various researches including illegal immigration management measures, improvements on nationality system in relation to reinstatement of nationality and plural nationality.

In proactively respond to evolving policy environment, the MRTC conducted research on recent refugee issues that arose in the island of Jeju, and on Korean people's attitude towards them. Also, the MRTC discussed implications that can affect Korean society through reviewing migration-related issues discussed in the international society.

In addition, the MRTC published a number of issue briefs that examined and highlighted various immigration policy issues such as environmental migration, measures to stabilize the stay of unregistered migrant children, the policies concerning foreign seafarers, and border control followed by the transformation of Inter-Korean Relations.

Lastly, in order to widely spread the outcomes of research in the international level, the MRTC conducted joint research on labor migration management with a specialized research institute on migration in abroad. Besides, several English issue briefs were issued regarding 'Settlement of Jumma Refugees in Korea', 'Children Care of Vietnamese Marriage Immigrants', and 'Working Holiday Program in Australia.'

• Research Report 01

• Enhancing the Education of Immigration Policy for Local Government Officials



- Over the past decade, the immigration policy led by the Korean government has developed at a rapid pace. However, at the local government level where policies are implemented, public awareness about immigration policy still remained at a low level, and, in reality, information and knowledge required for practical tasks are not fully transferred. Therefore, this research report examines the existing training programs (immigration and multicultural policy) for local government officials and suggests policy implications.



• Research Report 02

• Immigrant Entrepreneurship in South Korea



- This research report examines the characteristics of immigrants in family business with immigrant paid employees and among entrepreneurs with employees, entrepreneurs without employees, and unpaid family labours, drawing on interviews with naturalized Koreans, permanent residents, and marriage migrants from '2017 Survey on Immigrants' Living Conditions and Labours Force' and 'National Survey of Multicultural Families 2015.' This report also reviews theories, previous researches, policies and training programs on overseas migrant entrepreneurship, and offers policy implications informed by the finding of previous research, statistics analysis and interviews with experts.



• A Collection of Research Papers

• Migration Trend of Korea, 2018

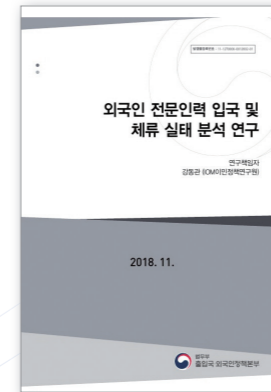


- The research paper aims to provide a comprehensive report on immigrant issues through in-depth analysis. Also, the author provides policy suggestions to immigration policy researchers, activists, or policy makers.



• Research Report

• The Research on Conditions of Foreign Professional Workers' Entry and Visa Management



- This research report analyzes trends in entry and residence of foreign professional workers in Korea. In particular, examining the entry and exit of foreign professional workers and their living conditions, the authors identify factors driving them to leave Korea and suggests policy recommendations.

Period 2018. 5. ~ 2018. 9.

Commissioned by Ministry of Justice



• Research Report

• Settling In 2018: Indicators of Immigrant Integration in OECD Countries



- This research provides the outcomes related to immigrant integration in Korea for “Settling in 2018” report presenting a comprehensive immigrant integration indicators in OECD countries. To do this, it uses data sources from “Survey on Immigrants’ Living Conditions and Labour Force” and “Survey on Economic Activity Population (Statistics Korea).”

Period 2018. 7.

Commissioned by OECD

• Research Report

• Inclusive Multicultural Policy Measures for Responding to Population Change : Analysis of the Emergence and Growth Environment Children with a Migration Background



- As a joint research with other research institute, this report examines various legal issues and disputes on children and adolescents with a migration background who are growing up in transnational environment, identifies legal and practical problems causing negative effect on their development and growth, and recommends improvements for policy makers.

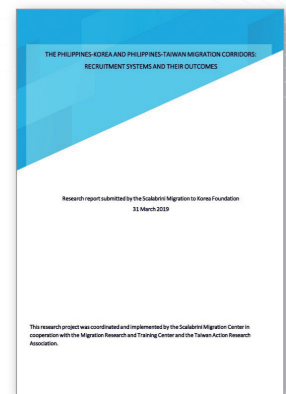
Period 2018. 2. ~ 2018. 12.

Commissioned by National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences



• Research Report

• Labor Migration Governance in Korea and Taiwan and Its Outcomes : A Comparative Analysis



- As a joint research with Scalabrini Migration Center, this research compares and analyzes how each policy of Korea and Taiwan for low-skilled labor migrants affect the receiving countries (Korea, Taiwan) and the sending countries (the Philippines), and draws on implications for improving Korea's labor migration governance.

Period 2018. 3. ~ 2019. 3.

Commissioned by Scalabrini Migration Center

• Annual Report

• The Research on Oversea Koreans in Australia and New Zealand (3 – years – project)



- As a three-year joint research project composed of domestic and overseas research institutes, this research examines cultural and economic activities of ethnic Koreans in Australia. In the second research year (2018), through field research and interviews with Koreans in Australia, the researchers examine the relationship between their business and Koreans participating in Australian Working Holiday Program, and explore the history and meaning of Korean – Australian festival.

Period 2017. 6. ~ 2018. 5.

Commissioned by The Academy of Korean Studies

• Annual Report

• Transnational Family of Korean – Chinese and Children's Socio – Psychological Adaptation (2 – years – project)



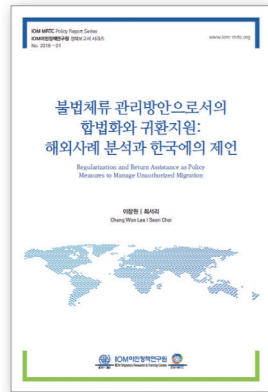
- This report identifies factors how parents' transnational migration affected socio-psychological adaptation (depression, deviation, adjustment, etc.) of Korean – Chinese Adolescents residing in and outside of Korea.

Period 2017. 7. ~ 2019. 6.

Commissioned by National Research Foundation of Korea

• Policy Report 01

•• Regularization and Return Assistance as Policy Measures to Manage Unauthorized Migration

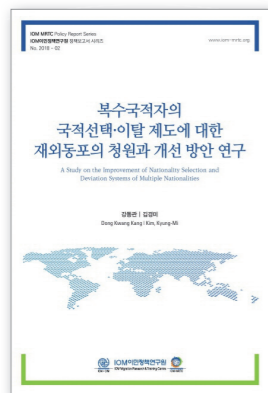


• There are various policy measures countries have developed to react to unauthorized migration, such as ① border control, ② enforcement, deportation and penalty, ③ legalization/regularization, and ④ return assistance. Meanwhile, the Korean government has highly been dependent on enforcement, deportation and penalty, encouraging voluntary departures, and limited legalization in responding to foreigners' illegal stay. This policy report discusses additional measures that the Korean government can consider when setting the goal of eliminating foreigners' illegal stay. Specifically, it looks at non-coercive measures (regularization and return assistance) that can overcome the limitations of coercive measures by analyzing the cases of the US, the UK, Italy and Japan, and provides feasible suggestions for the Korean government to consider in the domestic policy environment.



• Policy Report 02

•• A Study on the Improvement of Nationality Selection and Deviation Systems of Multiple Nationalities

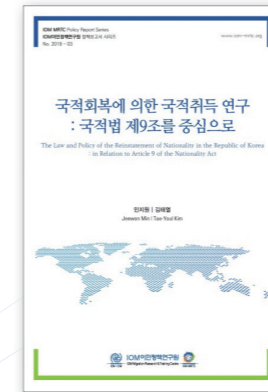


• With an increase in international immigration and frequent national changes, the cases of Korean nationality renunciation are also increasing. Since nationality renunciation of high-skilled workers could lead to weak a country's national competitiveness, there is the need to establish national strategy to reduce nationality renunciation. Through the survey on nationality systems in major overseas countries, this policy report analyzes the relations between nationality system and increase/decrease of nationality renunciation, and offers alternative nationality system that is adequate for preventing and reducing the renunciation.



• Policy Report 03

•• The Law and Policy of the Reinstatement Nationality in the Republic of Korea : In Relation to Article 9 of the Nationality Act



• Amid recent increase in nationality restorations and the legal cases on disallowance of the reinstatement of nationality, this policy report analyzes the requirements for the reinstatement of South Korean nationality and the grounds for the disallowance of the reinstatement of nationality as the number of people, who has recovered nationality, and the legal cases on disallowance continue to increase.



• Policy Report 04

•• Korea's Immigration Policy Direction from the Perspective of Global Migration Governance Based on Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs)

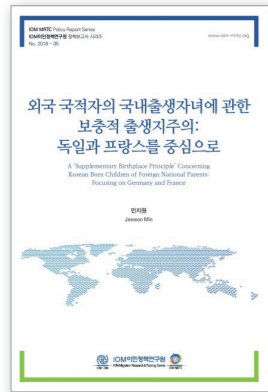


• This policy report discusses assignments for establishing advanced immigration policy by providing basic data which identified and analyzed recent global migration debates and issues discussed in major global governance institutions such as IOM, ILO, GFMD, OECD, RCPs, GCIM, GMG, KNOMAD.



• Policy Report 05

• The ‘Supplementary Birthplace Principle’ for Children Born of Foreign National Parents : A Comparative Legal Study of Germany and France

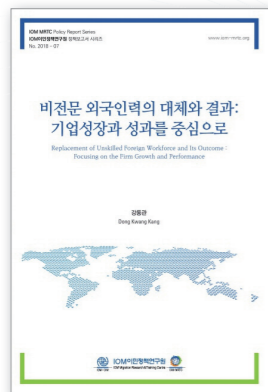


- This policy report explores legislative cases from Germany and France, which both have adopted supplementary birthplace principles. It compares the both countries’ experiences to those of South Korea which has not yet adopted such a principle. In particular, this study look at recent amendments to relevant laws of the two European countries and explores the relationship between the supplementary birthplace principle and the rights to multiple nationalities. Based on the European models, this paper proposes policy goals, values, and requirements for nationality acquisition. It also suggest an expected level of effectiveness for such policy adoption in the domestic context.



• Policy Report 06

• Replacement of Unskilled Foreign Workforce and Its Outcome : Focusing on the Firm Growth and Performance

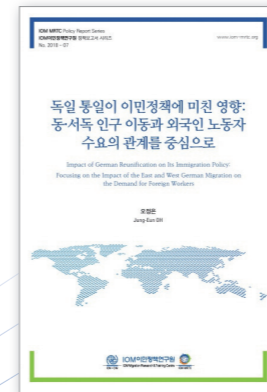


- Foreign labour migrants who have entered into Korea as unskilled workers under the Employment Permit System (EPS) are only very interesting research subjects in terms of domestic economy and labor market to scholars and policy makers, but are also important management target in terms of efficient visa management. Based on the panel data analysis of ‘Workplace Panel Survey (2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015),’ this policy report explores the effect of unskilled foreign workers on production and highlights how they affect corporate growth and performance by replacing domestic workers.



• Policy Report 07

• Impact of German Reunification on Its Immigration Policy : Focusing on the Impact of the East and West German Migration on the Demand for Foreign Workers



- The phenomena such as growth of population mobility between East and West Germany after German unification, and mobility transition of population between Germany and outside countries, could be happened to Korea after unification took place. This policy report offers implications for estimating and responding to changes of immigration environment on Korean Peninsula after its unification through research on immigration policies and trends before and after German unification.



• Issue Brief 01

• Environmental Migration and Multicultural Approach to Disaster : A Question of ‘Co-existence’ and Practical Tasks after Earthquakes in Pohang and Gyeongju



- This issue brief examines the definitions of ‘internally displaced person’ and ‘environmental migrants’ due to natural disaster and discusses the necessity of policies and tools to protect them on the government level.



• Issue Brief 02

• The Debate on Measures to Stabilize the Stay of Unregistered Migrant Children



- This issue brief reviews positive and negative aspects of criteria (requirements) and various process (procedures) to be considered in determining the rights of residence of undocumented immigrant children. Specific issues that the government, human rights groups and NGOs should discuss together to improve related policies are also presented.



• Issue Brief 03

• The Issues on the Visa Management of Foreign Seafarers in Korea (E-10) and its Improvement Measures

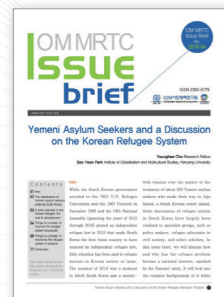


- This issue brief examines the problems concerning foreign seafarers admitted into Korea by analyzing qualification requirements, admonition procedure, and management of foreign seafarers who are currently employed in Korea. The author provides policy recommendations to improve economic immigration policies to meet various economic and social needs.



• Issue Brief 04

• Yemeni Asylum Seekers and a Discussion on the Korean Refugee System



- This issue brief examines complex reasons of why refugee issues were brought to national attention, since the arrival of Yemeni Refugee in Jeju Island, Korea has sparked heated debates over the country in 2018. Also, the author discusses the key issues of refugee management system in each ‘structural’ and ‘implemental’ level that need to be improved in order to ensure ‘stability’ and ‘effectiveness’ of the system.



• Issue Brief 05

• Attitude towards refugees : Are you willing to be a neighbor to refugees?



- Drawing on responses from ‘The 2015 Study on Multicultural Acceptability in Korea,’ this issue brief examines correlations among sense of distance towards refugees and attitudes towards foreigners, immigrants, and multiculturalism that Korean people hold. In particular, the author compared the attitudes whether Korean people would welcome refugees as their neighbours with those of attitudes shown in overseas research : threats about foreign residents which are thought to be concerned with the formation of attitudes toward refugees, global citizens’ perspective, national identity, and attitudes towards legitimacy.



• Issue Brief 06

• The Changes of Inter – Korea Relations and Immigration Control : The Current Border Control System and Future Tasks



- As expansion of cooperation and exchanges between North and South Korea is anticipated, this issue brief examines laws, regulations, and practices related to the current border management. In particular, by drawing on land border management system in other countries, the author offers recommendations that policy makers should consider in preparation for the era of open land borders and changes in inter – Korean relations.



• Issue Brief 07

• Numbers Show Fewer North Koreans Admitted : Dual Nationality and Refugee Status



- The issue brief looks at the statistics from the UNHCR and the Korean Ministry of Unification on the admission of North Korean refugees and entrants to South Korea and other recipient countries, and it identifies why the admission rate of North Koreans appears to have been reduced. Also, it explores the relationship between dual nationality and refugee status, particularly in Canada.



• Issue Brief 08

• The Debate on Migrants’ Right to Health Following Changes of Health and Medical Policy



- This issue brief presents two issues : (1) medical examination or medical checkup of health care policy for migrants, (2) the need of improvements on ‘National Health Insurance Act,’ which will be revised this year. By discussing the two issues, the author examines health care policy for foreigners and overseas Korean nationals in terms of ‘the right to health’ and ‘health care management.’



• Issue Brief 09

• Parenting “Multicultural” Children in Korea : Focused on the Experience of Marriage Migrant Women from Vietnam



- This issue brief critically examines ‘Multicultural Family Act’ which is established based on assimilationism, and introduces Vietnamese marriage migrant women’s child care experiences in Korea. The author suggest what policy makers should consider when developing a balanced and pragmatic policy for multicultural family.



• Issue Brief 10

• Settlement Experience of Jumma Refugees in Korean Local Community and Key Considerations for Improving Policies regarding Their Settlement



- Drawing on the early settlement experience of Jumma Refugees in Korean local community, this issue brief explores how hard refugees adapt into Korean society and policy tasks. In addition, it discusses debates on refugee recognition procedures as well as aspects of social integration and settlement.



• Issue Brief 11

• A Pathway to Long-term Residence? : Opportunities and Challenges of Participating in Australian Working Holiday Maker Program



- While Working Holiday program has contributed to offering the youth opportunities in terms of culture and social exchanges, career development, studying abroad and immigration, however, it also has limits that failed to prevent working holiday employees from low wage and long working hours. This issue brief provides recommendations that policymaker should consider aspect of labor in Working Holiday Program system than employer enforcement and holidays, drawing on cases of Australia.



• Issue Brief 12

• Crimes of Foreign Nationals and Acceptability by Korean Nationals



- This issue brief examines the truth of crimes involving foreigners by offering comparative statistics of number and type of crimes committed by locals and foreigners.



• Issue Brief 13

• The Rights of Children in the Context of International Migration in South Korea : The UN’s review, 2012-2018



- This issue brief explores the rights of children with migration background in Korea, according to the United Nations Commission on Human Right’s recommendations, and introduces mandates that the Korean government should implement under the international standards.



• Issue Brief 14

• Guest Worker Programs in Germany and Lessons from Integration of Turkish Migrants



- This issue brief examines the ‘Guest Worker Program (Gastarbeiter Programm)’ implemented between 1955 and 1973, the settlement phase of guest workers’ family, and the outcome of their integration in Germany to offer recommendations for policymakers should consider in formulating immigration policy in Korea. As country of origin for guest workers in Germany varied, the largest group of guest workers are Turkish who were mostly affected by changes in Germany’s immigration policy.



Education Projects

The IOM Migration Research and Training Centre (MRTC) carries out and develops education and training programs for improving public awareness of immigration policy in and out of Korea and for nurturing immigration policy experts. These programs are specially designed for policy makers and working-level officials related to immigration and multi-cultural programs in the government ministries and agencies, which can contribute to making effective immigration policies and its implementation.

Education and Training Programs Aimed:

- To improve capacity of immigration and multi-cultural policy practitioners
- To provide public lectures for better understanding on immigration policy
- To support the Korean government's social integration programs

• Enhancing Expertise

• 2018 Capacity Building Workshop on Immigration and Multi-cultural Policy for Municipal and Local Government Officials



Date 2018. 11. 20. 10:00 ~ 18:00

Venue Seohean Research Institute, Hongseong

Participants 35 participants including central government official, municipal government officials and managers from the center for multicultural family of South Chungcheong Province

Event 2018 Capacity Building Workshop on Immigration and Multi-cultural Policy for Municipal and Local Government Officials



Highlights

- Discussed cooperative directions and issues on immigration policy among the government ministries and regional foreigner support centers
- Enhanced efficacy and expertise of municipal government officials and foreign support centers' practitioners
- Discussed on-demand policy agendas considering regional characteristics (population, economy, region, etc.) of South Chungcheong Province.

• Nurturing next-generation policy experts

• Pilot Project for Nurturing Next-generation Immigration Policy Experts



Date 2018. 11. 20. 10:00 ~ 18:00

Venue Conference room, 8th FL, MRTC

Participants More than 30 participants including master and PhD holders in Multi-cultural Society Studies

Event 2018 Immigration Policy Seminar for Next-generation Field Experts



Highlights

- Implemented a pilot program that combines theoretical studies in colleges with policy and field research findings to meet the need of field experts.
- Conducted on demand survey on advanced immigration policy experts' program for entry-level researchers
- Established a network for entry level researchers with master and PhD degrees in immigration policy field and nurtured next-generation field experts

• Social Integration Program

• Initial Orientation Course for Immigrants (commissioned education project)

The Initial Orientation Course for Immigrants assists foreigners who come to Korea for the first time in acquiring information about basic law and daily life in order for them to quickly adapt to our society

Period 2018. 1. 1. ~ 2018. 12. 31.

Participants foreign student visa holders (5740 people), residents living in areas densely populated with foreigners (149 people), hotel and entertainment visa holders (783)

Partner Organizations Ministry of Justice, 39 universities, 21 foreigner support centers, 16 immigration offices (centers) nationwide

Commissioned by Ministry of Justice

Capacity Building Workshop for Instructors of Initial Orientation Course for Immigrants



Date 2018. 12. 13. (Thu) 11:00 ~ 16:00

Venue Conference room, 8th FL, MRTC

Organizer MRTC, Immigration Integration Division (Ministry of Justice)

Organizer 36 participants including program manager, assistant and instructors

Highlights

- Enhanced expertise and capability of the program instructors through capacity building workshop
- Suggested improvements for the program and its materials through discussion and Q&A session





Cooperation Projects

The IOM Migration Research and Training Center (MRTC) has established and expanded its domestic and international cooperation networks with researchers, practitioners and policy makers in migration field. Based on these networks, the MRTC established a ground for promoting interdisciplinary research and field-based policy research. Through various cooperative projects, the MRTC has contributed to supporting the Korean government to develop and improve immigration policy and its practices.

In particular, as interregional migration is becoming more frequent in the Asian region, the MRTC makes its utmost effort to closely cooperate with international organizations such as IOM and OECD, inter-governments, research institutes and local communities in order to identify international migration trends at international and regional level. In addition, the MRTC has built up its Asian migration expert network under the International Metropolis—the biggest international migration expert networks—and has enhanced its international research capability by hosting seminars and forums in order to disseminate research findings regarding an ongoing research project. (Korean – Australian Research Project)

Cooperative Projects aimed to

- To build up domestic migration policy expert networks in private, public and academic sectors.
- To promote exchanges with international organizations and partnership agencies
- To enhance Asian migration expert networks (Metropolis Asia Secretariat Network)
- To host roundtable meetings and joint seminars with cooperative agencies



• International Cooperation

• United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival

Period 2018. 1. ~ 12.

- Highlights**
- Promoted the understanding of migration, diversity and social integration to the youth and the public through the PLURAL+ Youth Video festival
 - Promoted the video contest nationwide and participated in screening and presenting award as partner agency



• International Cooperation

• A Roundtable Meeting with Policy Analyst of the OECD International Migration Division OECD

Date 2018. 2. 1. 14:30 ~ 16:30

Venue Conference room, 8th FL, MRTC

Participants OECD policy analyst, MRTC researchers

- Highlights**
- Briefed about the OECD's international migration research and its activities, and explained how to operate the OECD's migration expert group
 - Discussed possible cooperation areas including joint research, international conference and advisory activities between the MRTC and the OECD



• International Cooperation

• Seminar on Migrant Workers' Contribution to an East Asia Economic Community

Date 2018. 4. 5. ~ 4. 9.

Venue Siem Reap, Cambodia

Participants 70 participants including activists, scholars and policy makers from 10 ASEAN countries

- Highlights**
- Introduced about the outcomes and pathways of ASEAN – Korean Migration Network activities and highlighted the importance of cooperation on migration issues in ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation.
 - Encouraged ASEAN participants' attention and support for sustainable ASEAN – Korean Migration Network



• International Cooperation

• Roundtable Seminar with officials from the Chinese Embassy

Date 2018. 4. 26. 10:30 ~ 11:30

Venue Conference room, 8th FL, MRTC

Participants Minister Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy, MRTC researchers

- Highlights**
- Briefed about the background of establishment of Chinese Immigration Bureau and its organizational change
 - Introduced the MRTC's roles in the development process of Korean immigration policy



• International Cooperation

• Workshop on International Student Mobility

Date 2018. 5. 2.

Venue Yonsei University, Korea

Participants 30 scholars in migration field from Australia and Korea

- Highlights**
- Explored national strategy and higher education policy to increase satisfaction of foreign students
 - Aimed to improve relevant legal systems of student mobility in Asia and Pacific region



• International Cooperation

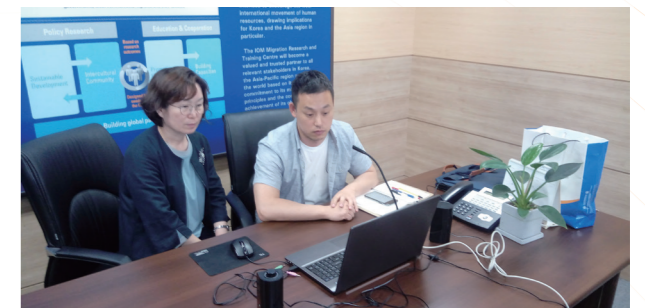
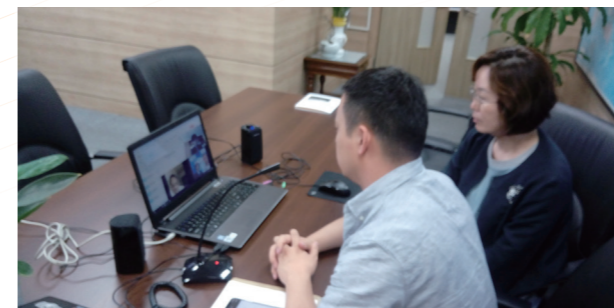
• International Seminar on Global Compact on Migration in Asian Region

Date 2018. 6. 20.

Venue Webinar

Participants scholars from 18 countries including Australia, Japan, UK, US and Thailand

- Highlights**
- Explored the impacts of Global Compact on Migration to ASEAN, China, Korea and South Asian Countries
 - Discussed how Korean civil society has participated in the discussion process of Global Compact on Migration



• International Cooperation

• Roundtable Meeting with Scalabrini Migration Center in Philippine

- Date** 2018. 6. 25.
- Venue** Manila, the Philippines
- Participants** Center Director and Director of Research and Publications (Scalabrini Migration Center), Counsellor of the Korean Embassy (in the Philippines) and researchers in migration field
- Highlights**
 - For the research on ‘Ensuring Legal Status of Immigrant-background Children (commissioned by the Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs),’ listened to opinions of activists and experts on the situation of Kopino children in Philippine
 - Looked at the cases of children born between Korean and Filipino and identified the policy needs



• International Cooperation

• Roundtable Meeting with Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research

- Date** 2018. 6. 26.
- Venue** Hanoi, Vietnam
- Participants** Counsellor of the Korean Embassy (in Vietnam), government officials of Ministry of Labor-Invalids and Social Affairs and researchers in the field of migration
- Highlights**
 - For the research on ‘Ensuring Legal Status of Immigrant-background Children (commissioned by the Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs),’ listened to opinions of activists and experts on the situation of children in Vietnam
 - Looked at the cases of children born between Korean and Vietnamese and identified the policy needs



• International Cooperation

• Roundtable Meeting with Middle-level Officials from Hong Kong Immigration Department

- Date** 2018. 6. 28.
- Venue** Conference room, 8th FL, MRTC
- Participants** Middle-level officials from Hong Kong Immigration Department, officials from the Ministry of Justice and MRTC researchers
- Highlights**
 - Introduced about the MRTC’s roles in the development process of the Korean immigration policy, and discussed the MRTC’s major research topics such as refugees and labor migration
 - Shared Hong Kong Immigration Policy and current issues and identified research needs



• International Cooperation

• Participated in Joint Research with the OECD (Indicators of Immigrant Integration : Settling in)

- Date** 2018. 7.
- Highlights**
 - Participated in publishing the OECD report comparing indicators of immigrant integration in multiple categories
 - Analyzed immigrant integration level in Korea by making use of 2017 Survey on Immigrants’ Living Conditions and Labour Force



• International Cooperation

• Roundtable Meeting with a Professor from Malaya University

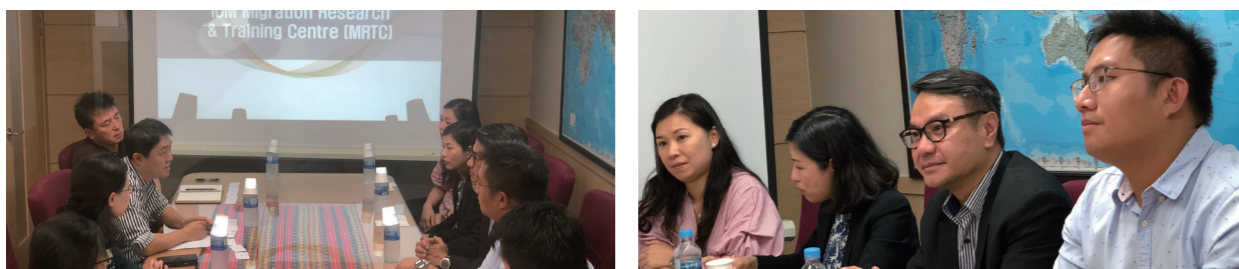
- Date** 2018. 7. 25.
- Venue** Conference room, 9th FL, MRTC
- Participants** Professor Noor Azina Binti Ismail (Malaya University, Malaysia), MRTC researchers
- Highlights**
- Understood Malaysia's migration trends and immigration policy
 - Shared research data on social conflicts caused by the inflow of labor migrants and policy responses in Malaysia for case studies and comparative research



• International Cooperation

• Roundtable Meeting with Entry – level Officials from Hong Kong Immigration Department

- Date** 2018. 7. 26.
- Venue** Conference room, 9th FL, MRTC
- Participants** Working –level officials from Hong Kong Immigration Department, officials from the Ministry of Justice and MRTC researchers
- Highlights**
- Introduced about the MRTC's roles in the development process of the Korean immigration policy, and discussed current immigration policy issues in both countries
 - Discussed the MRTC's major research topics such as refugees and labour migrants



• International Cooperation

• International Conference on Children with Immigration – background in Korea and Policy Responses

- Date** 2018. 8. 23.
- Venue** Seoul, Korea
- Participants** More than 80 researchers in the immigration policy from 6 countries including China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam
- Highlights**
- Learned about recent immigration policy through exchanges with overseas scholars from 5 countries
 - Promoted the MRTC's joint research activities with National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences and research findings on the 'Children with Immigration – background.'
 - Built up expert networks with researchers in and out of Korea, scholars, activities and students in order to establish a groundwork for exchanging various academic and policy ideas



• International Cooperation

• International Forum on Labour Migration from the Philippines to Korea

- Date** 2018. 8. 26.
- Venue** KEB Hana Bank (Jongno)
- Participants** More than 70 participants from the Philippine Embassy, Filipino community center, Filipino migration workers and researchers
- Highlights**
- Presented joint research findings and its progress with Scalabrini Migration Center
 - Exchanged opinions among scholars, Philippine Embassy officials, labour migrants and representatives of Filipino community in Korea
 - Promoted the MRTC's international joint research project and activities



• International Cooperation

• Roundtable Meeting with Scalabrini Migration Center

Date 2018. 8. 26. 19:00 ~ 21:00

Venue Seoul, Korea

Participants Director of Research and Publications (Scalabrini Migration Center), MRTC researchers

- Highlights**
- Discussed the feasibility of exploring new research project on migration statistics in Asian region
 - Considering the current status of ASEAN migration statistics, it is agreed that priority should be given to strengthening the capacity of each country in relation to migration statistics



• International Cooperation

• MOU concluded with Scalabrini Migration Center (Philippine)

Date 2018. 8. 29.

- Highlights**
- Agreed to establish partnership through exchanges of personnel and expertise
 - Agreed to conduct joint researches on the development of migration policy and to co-host international conference
 - Agreed to implement capacity building program for solving international migration issues



• International Cooperation

• Roundtable Meeting with Chinese State Immigration Administration

Date 2018. 8. 30.

Venue Conference room, 8th FL, MRTC

Participants 6 officials from the Chinese State Immigration Administration, officials from the Ministry of Justice and MRTC researchers

- Highlights**
- Explained the purpose of establishment, roles and performances of the MRTC
 - Identified key immigration policies and migration trends (shared major issues on migration policy between Korea and China)



• International Cooperation

• International Seminar on 1.5-generation Koreans and Australian Multiculturalism

Date 2018. 10. 12.

Venue Korean Embassy in Australia

Participants Officials from the Korean Embassy (in Australia), Australian Research Center Director, researchers and college students in the Australian Studies

- Highlights**
- Established networks with the Australian Embassy and Australian Research Center (Yonsei University) to lay a groundwork for discussing various academic and policy ideas
 - Shared research findings conducted as part of the Overseas Korean Studies (commissioned by the Academy of Korean Studies)



• International Cooperation

• Giving Lectures at ASEAN – Korean Centre

- Date** 2018. 10. 25.
- Venue** ASEAN – KOREA CENTRE
- Participants** More than 30 participants from Korean – ASEAN Center, Women Migrants Human Rights Center, Rainbow Youth Center, Representatives from 3 ASEAN countries, migrant communities and reporters
- Highlights**
- Lectured on social integration in the era of multiculturalism in the 20th ASEAN Open Lecture Series: “ASEAN in the Multiculture and Korean Society”
 - Presented social integration theories and examples of overseas education programs for understanding of cultural diversity
 - Encourage audiences’ participation in activities: putting them into communication with foreigners and sharing countermeasures



• International Cooperation

• Metropolis Asia Secretariat Joint Workshop (International Metropolis Conference)

- Date** 2018. 10. 31.
- Venue** Sydney, Australia
- Participants** More than 20 international migration field researchers, activists, policy makers and college students from Australia, Canada, China, India, Korea, the Philippines and Singapore
- Highlights**
- Discussed academic and policy ideas with scholars
 - Disseminated the MRTC’s research findings internationally



• International Cooperation

• International Seminar: Fifty Years of Migration in Asia

- Date** 2018. 12. 18.
- Venue** Seoul National University
- Participants** Immigration policy researchers from India, Italy and Korea
- Highlights**
- Invited the Center Director of Scalabrini Migration Center to give a speech
 - Strengthened international cooperation through ASEAN – Korea Migration Network



• International Cooperation

• Roundtable Meeting with Researcher from Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)

- Date** 2018. 6. 7.
- Venue** Conference room, 8th FL, MRTC
- Participants** Dr. Rudolf Yuniarto (LIPI), MRTC researchers
- Highlights**
- Shared the MRTC researchers’ expertise on labour migration policy in Korea including the employment permit system for foreign fishermen
 - Shared the results of field research conducted by the LIPI to identify the current issues of introducing foreign fishermen and discussed the feasibility of exploring joint research projects between MRTC and LIPI

• International Cooperation

•• 2019 Fall – Joint Academic Forum (Co – hosted by the Korean Family Studies Association and Japanese Society for Comparative Family History)

- Date** 2018. 10. 27.
Venue Seoul National University
Participants More than 40 scholars in the field of Family Studies from Japan, Korea and Mongolia
Highlights
 - Presented the research findings on ‘Immigrant Entrepreneurship in South Korea.’
 - Discussed family immigration in Korean and Japan with Japanese scholars and built up networking with forum

• International Cooperation

•• International Metropolis Steering Committee

- Date** 2018. 11. 2.
Venue Sydney, Australia
Participants 30 participants from Metropolis member countries
Highlights
 - Attended the International Steering Committee (ISC) of the Metropolis Project to evaluate the 2018 international metropolis conference
 - Discussed 2019 international conference plan and agendas

• International Cooperation

•• Workshop on International Student Mobility Trends and What to Expect in the Asia – Pacific Region

- Date** 2018. 11. 3.
Venue Sydney, Australia
Participants More than 30 experts and scholars in the international migration field from Australia, China, Japan, Korea and Singapore
Highlights
 - Explored national strategy and university policies for foreign students to improve satisfaction of foreign students and to foster student mobility between Korea and Australia
 - Aimed to improve legal systems on student migration in the Asia – Pacific region

• International Cooperation

•• The 6th OECD World Forum

- Date** 2018. 11. 27. ~ 11. 29.
Venue Songdo Convensia, Incheon
Participants The OECD Director General, international organization officials and MRTC researchers
Highlights
 - Attended the 6th OECD World Forum held in Songdo, Incheon and exchanged with experts from OECD, UN and other international organizations, overseas universities and NGOS.
 - Laid the groundwork for international cooperation through networking and PR

• International Cooperation

•• Roundtable Meeting with Labor Attache Officials from the Philippine Embassy

- Date** 2018. 12. 11.
Venue Philippine Embassy in Seoul
Participants Philippine Overseas Labor Officer, MRTC researchers
Highlights
 - Presented financial education program for migrant workers in Korea which is planned to be implemented in 2019 and discussed cooperative measures with the Philippine Embassy
 - Discussed the cooperative measures as follows :
 - The Embassy of Philippine : to conduct return migration and financial education programs for foreign workers
 - MRTC : to conduct survey on the financial knowledge and attitudes of Filipino migrant workers and education demand

• Domestic Cooperation

•• 2018 Research and Policy Forum on Refugees

Date 2018. 1. 22. 14:30 ~ 17:30

Venue Conference room, 8th FL, MRTC

Participants More than 40 participants from researchers, activists, policy makers and college students in refugee field

- Highlights**
- Shared the evaluation research report on the Korean government's resettlement refugee system and its pilot program
 - Provided an opportunity to discuss refugee research on refugee-related issues in the context of social and policy
 - Established a network with refugee-related policy makers, researchers and field experts from international organizations, government agencies and refugee support centers



• Domestic Cooperation

•• 2018 Joint Academic Seminar with SSK Research Institute for Migration and Social Integration of Konkuk University

Date 2018. 6. 21. 14:00 ~ 18:00

Venue L403, Mock courtroom, Konkuk University Law School

Participants More than 40 participants including center director and research team of the Research Institute for Migration and Social Integration of Konkuk University, researchers, reporters and college students

- Highlights**
- Discussed future-oriented issues for the development of domestic immigration policy in Korea and examined measures to identify the situation of migrants in Korea
 - As a joint academic forum that lasts for three consecutive years, it strengthened partnership by sharing migration research data, theoretical discussions and policy research findings between two organizations



• Domestic Cooperation

•• 2018 First Joint Policy Seminar

Date 2018. 07. 23. 16:00 ~ 18:00

Venue Meeting Room, Seoul Research Institute

Participants More than 50 participants from Seoul Research Institute, Seoul Foundation of Women & Family, Gyeonggi Research Institute, Gyeonggido Family & Women Research Institute, The Incheon Institute and Incheon Foundation for Women & Family

- Highlights**
- Raised major questions on immigration policies and social integration policies of municipal governments and discussed the necessity of establishing immigration policies to meet characteristics of local governments
 - Listened to the cases of Seoul Metropolitan City, Gyeonggi Province and Incheon City and discussed common interests regarding policy research and cooperative measures



• Domestic Cooperation

•• 2018 Second Joint Policy Seminar

Date 2018. 12. 19. 15:00 ~ 18:00

Venue Conference room, 8th FL, MRTC

Participants More than 30 participants from Seoul Research Institute, Seoul Foundation of Women & Family, Gyeonggi Research Institute, Gyeonggido Family & Women Research Institute, The Incheon Institute and Incheon Foundation for Women & Family

- Highlights**
- Held in-depth discussions on the direction of the 'Second Basic Plan for Foreign Residents and Multicultural Families' in Seoul in 2018 and presented the results of research on 'The Current Status of Training Programs and its Improvements for Municipal Government Officials' which is imperative to implement effective policies at the local government level and received feedbacks on the improvement plans
 - Shared a mindset of importance in establishing immigration and multicultural policy for municipal governments and discussed measures contributing to establishing immigration and multicultural policy at the local government level





Partnership

IOM Migration Research and Training Centre (MRTC) actively engages with researchers, government officials, and practitioners in the immigration field to establish expert networks and conduct many cooperation projects based on the networks.

The MRTC's partnership is mainly focused on academic exchanges, international exchange and cooperation, building networks, joint project, and information sharing with universities and research institutes.

Last year, the MRTC also signed MOUs with various immigration-related stakeholders and expanded our networks that will lead to the expansion of global research, education and cooperation projects, and will lay the foundation for long-lasting partnerships in the future.

Major MOU Records

- (2015) Industrial Bank of Korea, Kyonggi University
- (2016) Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO), The Migration Social Integration Research Institute of Konkuk University, Inha University, The Korea Scholarship Foundation, The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- (2017) University of Cambodia, Indonesian Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (LIPI), Institute for Social Development of Seoul National University, The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- (2018) Changwon National University, Hanyang Peace Institute of Hanyang University, Keimyung University, The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), Scalabrini Migration Center

• Domestic Cooperation

•• The Institute for Intergovernmental Relations (IGR), Sunmoon University

Date 2018. 1. 18.

Contents • To explore joint research subjects, exchange research personnels, and host joint academic events

• Domestic Cooperation

•• Korea Social Science Data Archive, Seoul National University Asia Center and The Korea Social Science Data Archive Foundation

Date 2018. 1. 26.

Contents • To provide MRTC's research data and publications for research and training programs conducted by the other research institutes and researchers

• Domestic Cooperation

•• The Center for Global Multicultural Society Education, Changwon National University

Date 2018. 2. 26.

Contents • To implement joint research and cooperation projects
• To develop training programs for field practitioners in multicultural studies

• Domestic Cooperation

•• The Hanyang Peach Institute

Date 2018. 3. 30.

Contents • To host joint academic events (i.e. policy forum and seminars) for fostering research on migration and peace studies
• To exchange academic data, expertise, and publications in regard to migration and peace research
• To lay the foundation on which migration and peace research institute, NGOs, and experts can facilitate cooperation and personnel exchange between them

• Domestic Cooperation

•• United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

Date 2018. 4. 4.

Contents • To partner with PLURAL+2018 projects for screening, awarding and public relations
※ The MRTC has been partnered with this project since 2012

• Domestic Cooperation

•• Keimyung University

Date 2018. 6. 14.

Contents • To explore joint research subjects
• To exchange visiting researcher and expertise
• To host joint academic events, forums, and seminars

• Domestic Cooperation

•• Scalabrini Migration Centre

Date 2018. 8. 29.

Contents • To establish a partnership through personnel and expertise exchanges
• To conduct joint research and international forum on migration and immigration policy
• To implement capacity building programs and cooperation projects on international migration



Public Relations Activities

The IOM Migration Research and Training Centre(MRTC) publishes research papers on a wide range of subjects in migration field in order to promote public understanding and effectively disseminate MRTC's research findings to the public.

For this purpose, the MRTC issued the 5th edition of 'Immigration Policy' and a collection book of 'Immigration Policy Trend' for the first and second half of 2018.

Furthermore, we strive to create a platform, in which more people can get access to information about immigration through our various social media channels.

[MRTC News] You may find more information through our Facebook, Twitter, KakaoTalk and our links page as below :

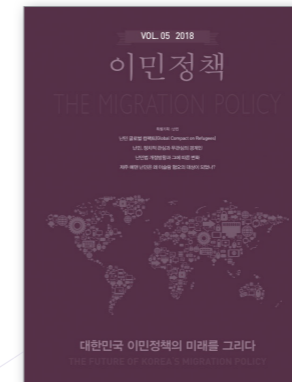
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• Magazine

•• Special Magazine : Immigration Policy (5th Edition)



Publication period Once a year

Distribution channel MRTC's homepage (online) and publication (offline)

Content

- The special magazine 'Immigration policy' has been launched in 2014 for the first time. This year published the 5th edition.
- This magazine, which consists of articles, policy column, and 'the Age of Immigration', provides easy-to-read, professional-level information with multi-layered views of migration experts

• Magazine

•• Migration Policy Trend Book



Publication period Twice a year (Semi-annual)

Distribution channel MRTC's homepage (online)

Content

- This book is a re-edited and revised version of MRTC's weekly report including a collection of materials and information from various research institutes and government agencies related to immigration policy
- Readers may receive 'Weekly Report' by e-mail after application of subscription
- It publishes twice a year in the first and second half of each year

