

Key Policies and Strategic Directions of the Overseas Koreans Agency



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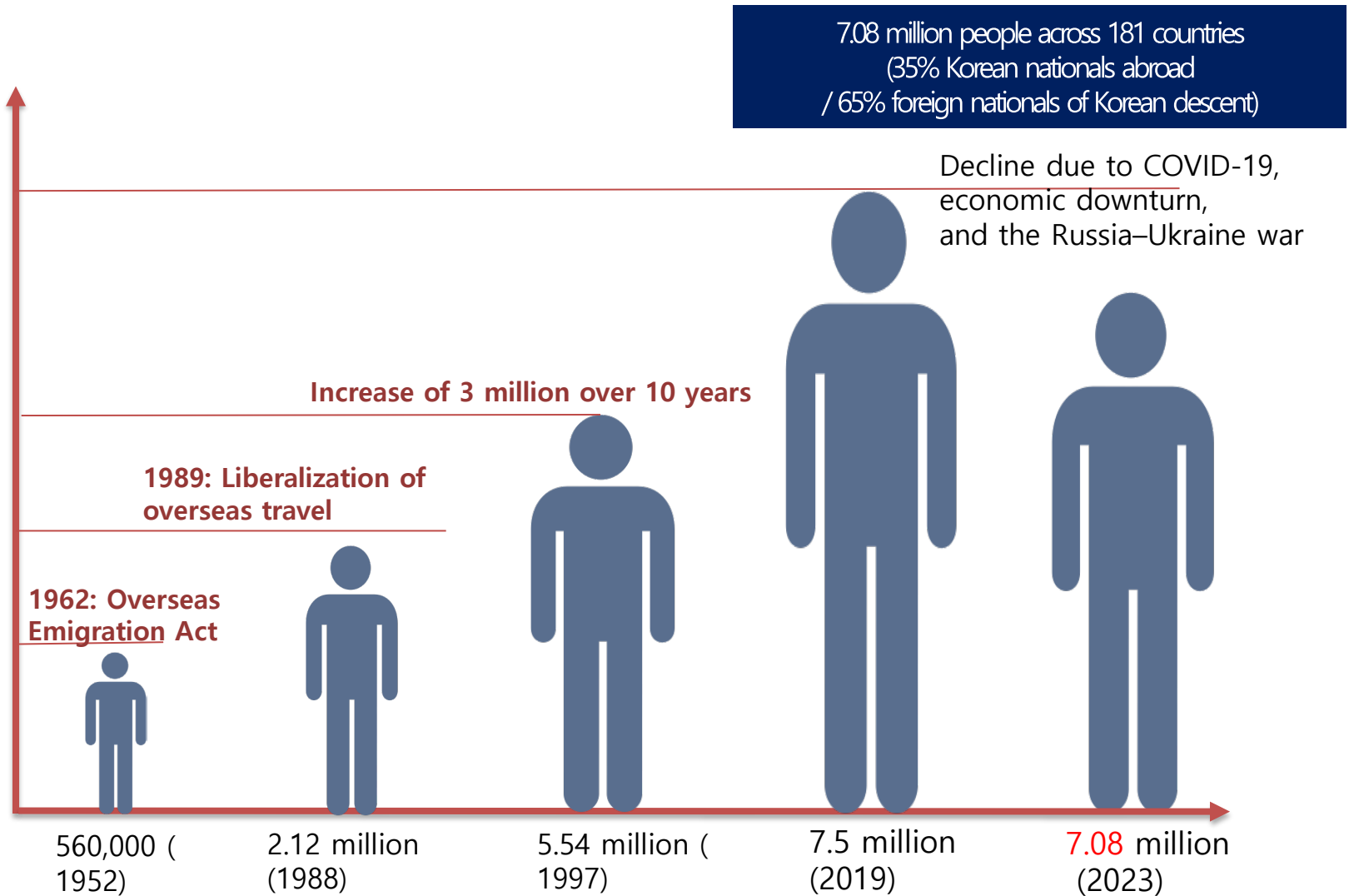
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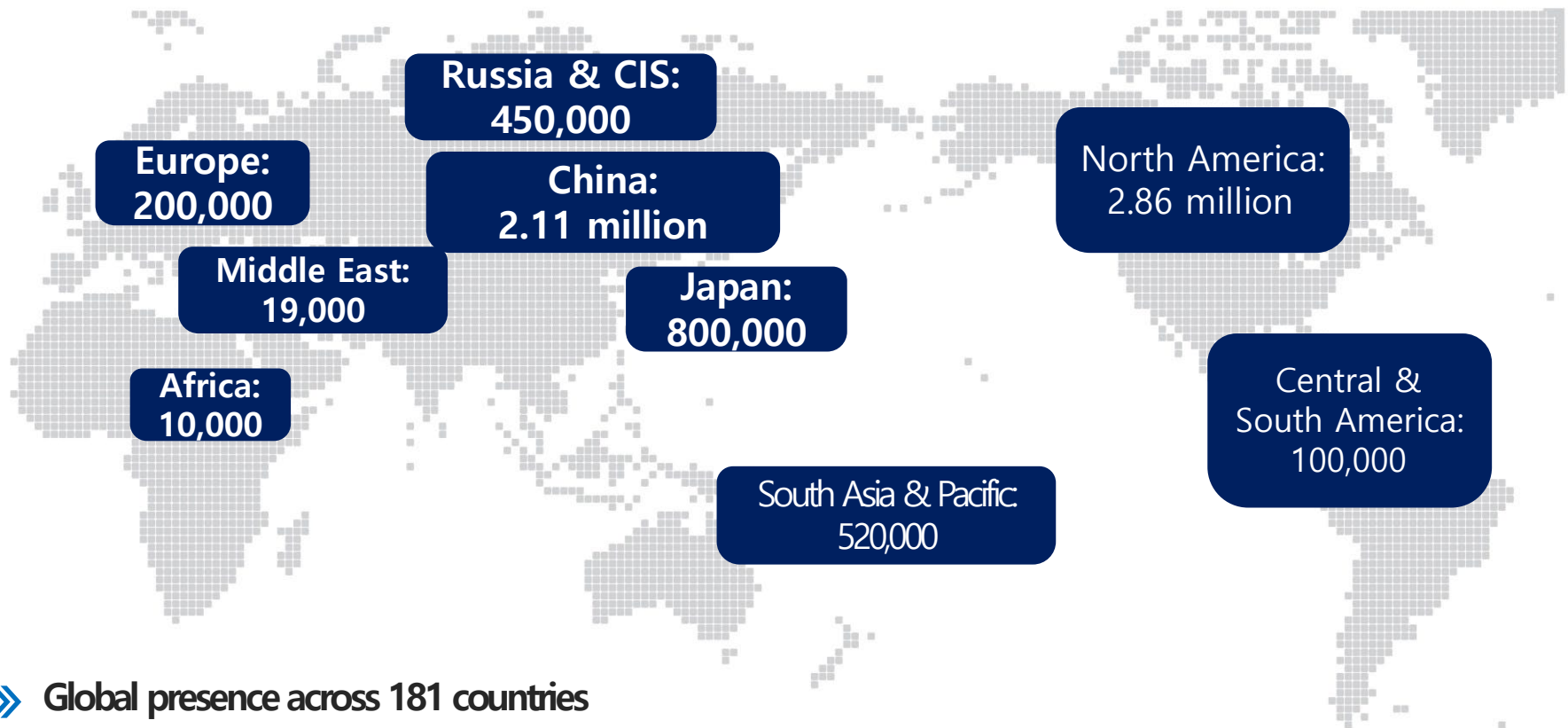
Growth of the Overseas Korean Community

1-1. Overseas Korean Population



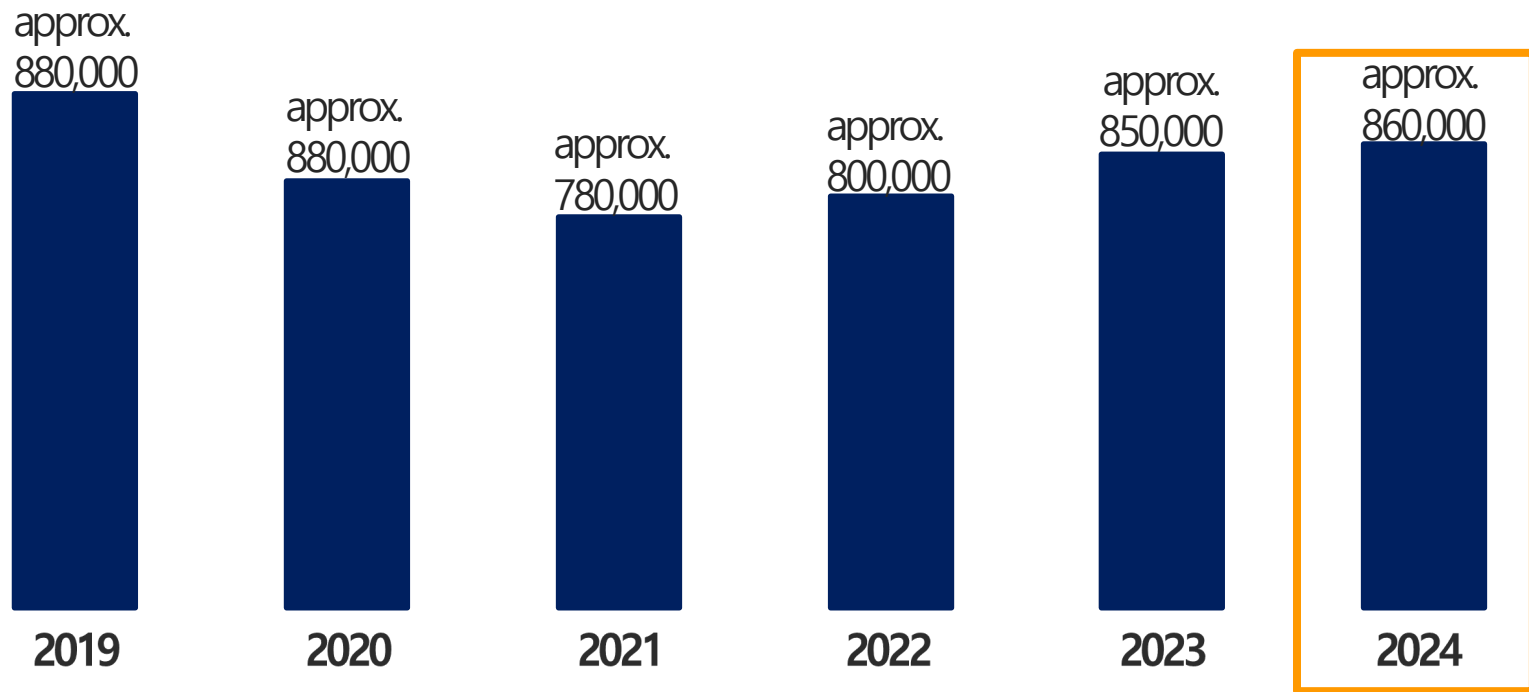
1-2. Distribution of Overseas Koreans

Order: North America > China > Japan > South Asia & Pacific > Russia > Europe



ex) San Marino, Europe's third smallest country by area → 1 person
Saint Lucia, an island nation in the Caribbean → 4 people

1-3. Status of Overseas Koreans with Foreign Nationalities Residing in Korea (as of Dec. 31, 2024)



By Nationality	China	U.S.	Uzbekistan	Russia	Canada	Kazakhstan
	668,000	520,000	42,000	38,000	18,000	22,000

By Residency Status	Overseas Koreans (F4)	Permanent Residents (F5)	Employment Visit (H2)	Family Visit (F1)	Others
	556,000	145,000	93,000	27,000	41,000

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Organizational Structure of the Overseas Koreans Agency

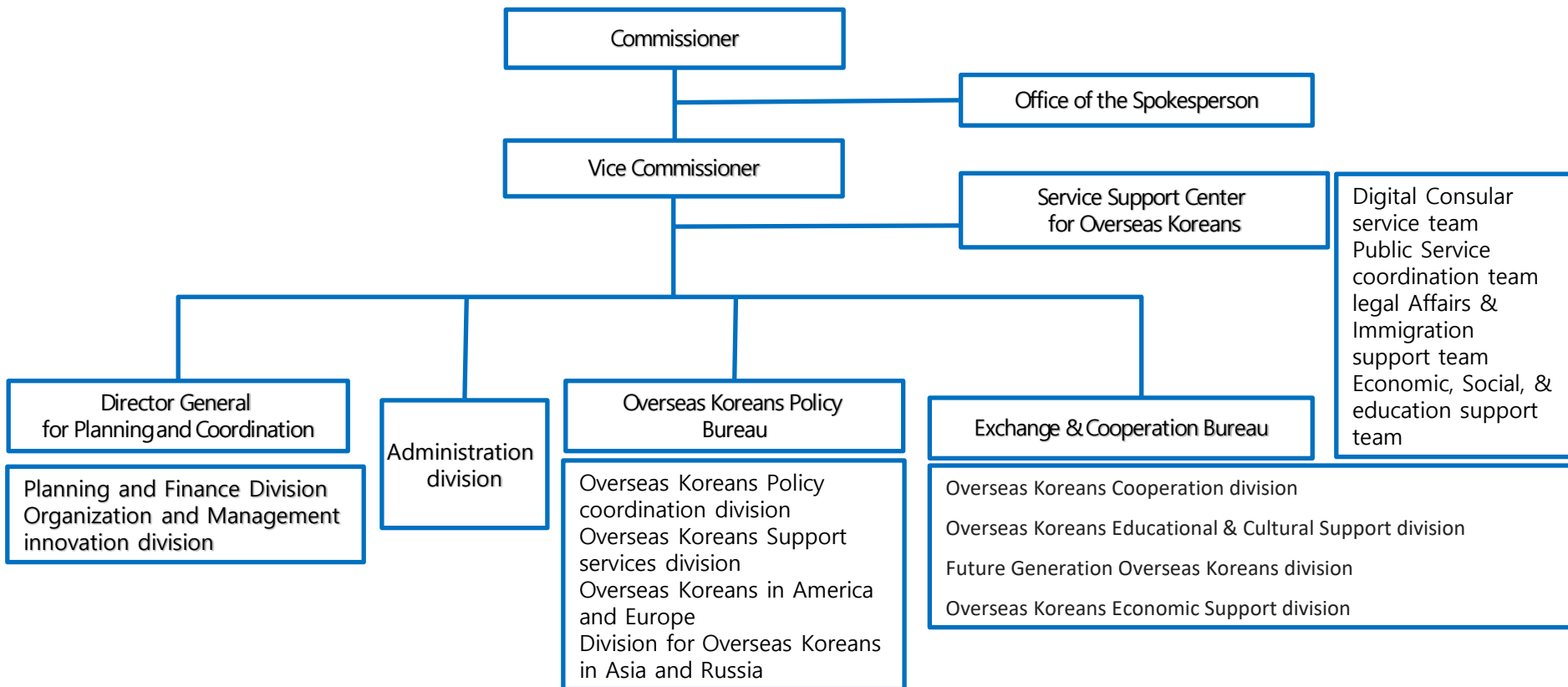
Organizational Chart

○ Composition:

Commissioner, Vice Commissioner, 3 Bureaus, 1 Center, 151 staff

○ Locations:

Songdo (Headquarters), Gwanghwamun (Service Support Center)





2025 Key Policies and Initiatives

3-1. Purpose and Directions of Overseas Koreans Policy

To create an environment in which the overseas Korean community and the Republic of Korea can grow together, thereby contributing to the common prosperity of humankind and the promotion of world peace

(Article 1, Framework Act on Overseas Koreans)

Integration of the Capabilities of Overseas Korean Communities and the Republic of Korea

3-2. OKA's 2025 Key Strategic Directions and Initiatives

Priority Tasks and Initiatives

1

Build the "Korean Business Economic Bloc"

Build cooperative networks between domestic companies and overseas Korean businesses in production, consumption, investment, and supply chains ↓

Serve as a platform to jointly address global economic crises

Expand domestic investment by overseas Korean enterprises ↓

Promote overseas expansion of Korean SMEs and revitalize the economy

2

Support for the "Resettlement of Returning Koreans"

Provide **comprehensive and practical support** for stable settlement and social integration of **returning Koreans**

- ✓ Improve public awareness of overseas Koreans within Korea
- ✓ Selection of "Overseas Korean of the Month"
- ✓ Expansion of best practices of overseas Koreans' contributions to the homeland ↓

A response to Korea's demographic cliff and the challenges of regional extinction

3

Diversification of "One-Stop and Non F2F Services"

"Integrated civil service centers" at Seoul and Incheon airports

A remote video-based system,

"Digital Consular Service"

Non-face-to-face identity verification possible without a Korean mobile phone

Utilization of Domestic Online Services via "Overseas Koreans Authentication Center"

4

"Overseas Koreans Support Policy" Befitting National Prestige

Lowering the Multiple Citizenship Allowance Age and Activating the Overseas Nationals Registration System through Inter-Ministerial Collaboration

"Expansion of Support for Overseas Adoptees"

Establishment of a Dedicated Service Desk for Overseas Adoptees

"Stable Support for Sakhalin Korean Compatriots"

"Support for Overseas Koreans in Crisis"

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Strengthening Exchange and Cooperation through "Overseas Korean Network"

"Overseas Koreans TV" for Continuous Global Communication with the Korean Diaspora

World Korean Community Leaders Conference

World Korean Next-Generation Conference

World Korean Business Convention

Promoting Visits to Korea by Overseas Koreans on the Occasion of the 80th Anniversary of Liberation and the 60th Anniversary of the Normalization of Diplomatic Relations between Korea and Japan ↓

Regional Inflow and Activation of Local Economies

3-3. This is how it will change in 2025.

Koreans Residing in Korea

They are now systematically supported to settle as members of our society.

- ◇ **Customized educational programs tailored to each stage** of resettlement, with a focus on capacity-building by age group.
- ◇ **Support provided** according to regional characteristics, including **residence assistance, capacity-building for daily life, industrial and occupational safety, and social adaptation**
- ◇ **Support for domestic Koreans** by private organizations based in Korea has been **further strengthened.**



Sakhalin Koreans

All children are eligible to return to the homeland together.

- ◇ Starting in 2025, not only one direct descendant but **all children of Sakhalin Koreans will be entitled to apply for permanent resettlement support.**
- ◇ **For the first time**, a fact-finding survey has been conducted on the living conditions of Sakhalin Koreans and their accompanying family members who have permanently resettled in Korea, and **the findings have been reflected in the formulation of effective policy.**



3-4. This is how it will change in 2025.

Domestic Businesses

This initiative has instilled confidence in their efforts to enter overseas markets and expand sales channels.

- ◇ The World Korean Business Convention held in Atlanta, United States, in April served as an opportunity to build networks with overseas Korean entrepreneurs and to conclude export contracts.
- ◇ Participation in the World Korean Business Forum across diverse industrial sectors provides a platform for broadening export opportunities.



Overseas Koreans residing abroad

Access to domestic online services is now available without the need for a Korean mobile phone.

- ◇ Private digital signature certificates can now be issued to overseas Koreans without a Korean mobile phone through the **non F2F identification system (Overseas Koreans Authentication Center)**.
- ◇ With the issued certificate, various online services can be accessed conveniently without mobile phone identity verification.

Domestic online services are now accessible without the need for a Korean mobile phone.

- ◇ A new communication platform, tentatively named OK TV, will be established and operated on a 24/7 basis.
- ◇ A wide range of overseas Korean-related content will be provided in alignment with the daily schedules of overseas Koreans.

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Overseas Koreans Agency YouTube



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