

Korea's support policies for Vietnamese brides

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Abstract

Marriages with an international element account for an increasing proportion of new marriages every year in South Korea. Among them, the marriages between Korean grooms and Vietnamese brides account for a large proportion compared to the number of brides from other countries. From these international marriages, many problems have arisen in Korean society related to the married life of these couples with international elements such as issues of legal, economic, living, culture, Korean society integrating, etc. Therefore, in order to stabilize social security, timely and effectively support for families with international marriage elements as well as create maximum conditions for international brides to best integrate into the social life in Korea, the Korean government is paying more and more attention and promulgating many policies, providing a variety of support services for those families, which they call multicultural families. We will research those support policies of Korea for international brides in general and for Vietnamese brides in particular in this article.

Keywords: international marriage, multicultural family, Vietnamese bride, support policy, multicultural service

Vietnamese brides in South Korea

According to statistics from the Ministry of the Interior and Safety of South Korea, the number of brides who immigrate to Korea by marriage increases every year at a fairly high rate, as shown in the following table.

Year	Quantity
2019	139,254
2018	134,024
2017	129,908
2016	130,773
2015	119,649
2014	127,811
2013	126,704
2012	124,584
2011	123,093
2010	109,211
2009	110,483
2008	89,002
2007	75,467

Table1. Number of brides immigrating to South Korea by marriage (Unit: person)

Source: Ministry of the Interior and Safety of South Korea

In terms of geographical distribution, immigrants by marriage and naturalized citizens by city are shown by year in the following table. Among them, there is a large number concentrated in the city of Seoul, which is the capital of South Korea.

City / Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	142,015	168,224	199,398	221,548	252,764	287,727	281,295	295,842	294,683	318,948	330,188	343,797	359,810
Seoul	43,601	49,480	57,281	63,364	69,094	70,381	71,364	73,801	68,093	73,914	73,753	73,717	75,489
Busan	6,556	7,654	7,973	8,314	9,705	10,305	10,915	11,529	11,380	11,853	12,377	12,620	13,255
Daegu	3,980	4,666	5,170	5,599	6,261	6,684	7,131	7,580	7,743	8,403	8,815	9,176	9,712
Incheon	8,059	9,659	11,872	13,235	14,939	16,029	17,026	18,222	18,552	20,988	22,626	24,435	26,211
Gwangju	2,548	2,909	3,384	3,705	4,283	4,590	4,960	5,336	5,603	6,001	6,284	6,455	6,932
Daejeon	2,630	3,175	3,849	4,117	4,758	5,123	5,337	5,575	5,610	5,899	6,106	6,232	6,516
Ulsan	2,183	2,604	3,301	3,755	4,225	4,561	5,049	5,497	5,759	6,217	6,296	6,411	6,648
Sejong	-	-	-	-	-	-	653	650	894	1,053	1,225	1,351	1,490
Gyeonggi	35,401	46,837	53,998	61,447	71,174	77,128	81,731	86,337	86,327	95,848	100,52	107,14	113,10
Gwangwon	3,357	3,764	4,449	4,809	5,793	6,103	6,381	6,590	6,571	6,768	6,989	7,212	7,659
Chungbuk	3,881	4,307	5,165	6,023	6,982	7,417	7,941	8,370	9,126	9,433	9,882	10,391	10,983
Chungnam	5,351	5,970	8,614	9,544	11,294	12,348	12,649	13,460	14,035	14,863	15,636	16,396	17,323
Jeonbuk	4,479	5,042	6,940	7,197	8,523	9,068	9,626	9,951	10,237	10,568	10,900	11,165	11,595
Jeonnam	5,106	5,982	7,452	8,142	9,489	10,115	10,657	11,129	11,502	11,749	11,906	12,040	12,722
Gyeongbuk	5,558	6,719	8,333	9,232	10,461	11,067	11,856	12,620	12,986	13,640	13,990	14,444	15,125
Gyeongnam	6,301	8,216	10,107	11,345	13,062	14,443	15,352	16,217	16,799	17,929	18,725	19,106	19,996
Jeju	964	1,240	1,510	1,720	2,121	2,385	2,667	2,978	3,446	3,822	4,189	4,505	4,854

Table2. Status of immigrants by marriage and naturalized citizens by city (Unit: person)

Source: Ministry of the Interior and Safety of South Korea

Particularly for Vietnamese women who immigrate by marriage and naturalization in South Korea, Ms. Yang Seung Ju - Director of the Department of Policy and Family of South Korea said: "In 2006, international marriage in Korea accounted for 11.9% of the total number of marriages in South Korea, of which marriage to Vietnamese women accounted for about 67.9%. Statistics from the Ministry of the Interior and Safety of South Korea for the years 2007 to 2019 are as follows.

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	44,258	58,007	107,689	121,935	151,154	168,583	191,328	204,204	197,550	201,333	222,453	237,506	264,626
Vietnam	5,062	8,194	22,491	27,517	34,256	41,238	49,458	54,737	57,464	56,468	71,864	77,218	88,476
Percentage %	11.44	14.13	20.89	22.57	22.66	24.46	25.85	26.81	29.09	28.05	32.31	32.51	33.43

Table3. Vietnamese immigrants by marriage and naturalization in South Korea

Source: Ministry of the Interior and Safety of South Korea

Regarding the figures for 2020, Mr. Choi Je Song - Head of the Delegation of the South Korean National Assembly said that Vietnamese brides account for 20% of the total number of foreign brides living in Korea.



Figure 1. A multicultural family with South Korean husband - Vietnamese wife

In terms of background, most Vietnamese brides who come to South Korea have a dream to change their lives, because most of them come from middle-income families in Vietnam and they have experienced quite a hard life.

Problems Vietnamese brides encountered when living with their husband's family in South Korea

The first problem is that the majority of Vietnamese brides, when they get married with South Korean husband and immigrate to South Korea, they usually live in the rural areas. According to statistics, among the foreign brides having marriage in the rural areas of South Korea, the number of Vietnamese brides accounts for 50%.



Chart 1. Number of foreign brides having marriage in the rural areas of South Korea

Source: American Research Institute for Policy Development, National Human Rights Commission of South Korea, Statistics Korea (South Korea)

The second problem is that most Vietnamese brides, when they marry South Korean men and immigrate to South Korea, they often live with their husband's family. According to statistics, every year, there are about 6000 brides and 50% of them live with the husband's family.

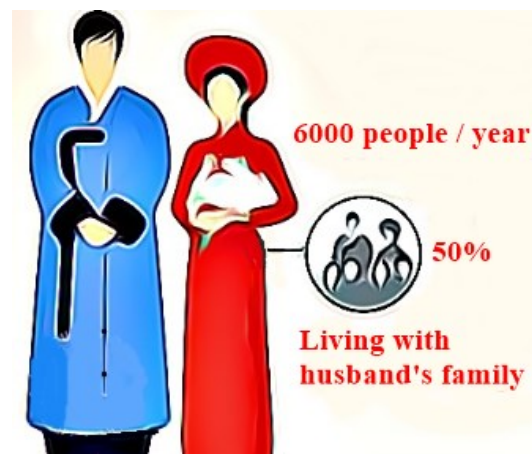


Figure 2. Number of Vietnamese brides living with their husband's family in South Korea

Source: American Research Institute for Policy Development, National Human Rights Commission of South Korea, Statistics Korea (South Korea)

The third problem is economic, according to a survey by the Ministry of Health and Welfare of South Korean, 52.9% of these families live below the minimum; only 17.3% of the households are entitled to the scheme of the National Program to ensure basic life.

The fourth problem is domestic violence. According to statistics from the American Research Institute for Policy Development, the National Human Rights Commission of South Korea, and the Statistics Korea (South Korea),

40% of the brides have experienced domestic violence. In 2020, 19 Vietnamese brides were murdered. Types of violence are shown in the following chart.

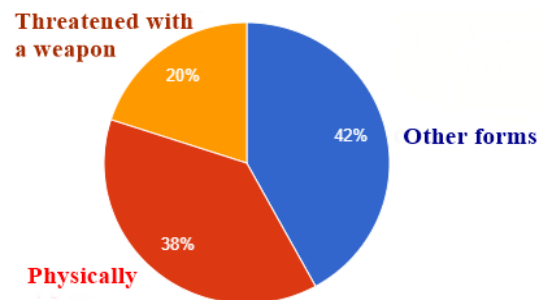


Chart 2. Types of domestic violence against Vietnamese brides
Source: American Research Institute for Policy Development, National Human Rights Commission of South Korea, Statistics Korea (South Korea)

When experiencing domestic violence, many Vietnamese brides do not have a reasonable way to cope with. The reasons for their non-response were surveyed as follows.

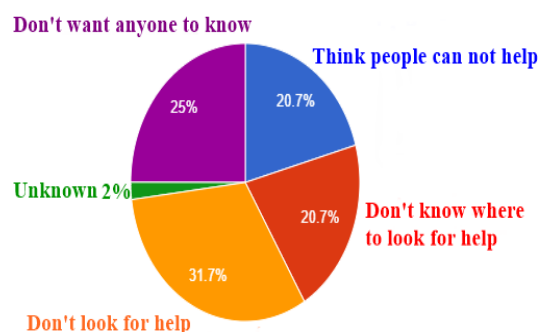


Chart 3. Vietnamese bride's reaction to domestic violence
Source: American Research Institute for Policy Development, National Human Rights Commission of South Korea, Statistics Korea (South Korea)

Other obstacles to these marriages are: communication difficulties, cultural conflicts, precarious legal status, and especially the social prejudices. Not only the brides have difficulties, but their husbands are also subjected to the social prejudices that they must marry foreign wives

because they cannot afford to marry South Korean wives. This makes them despised and hurts their self-esteem.

Support policies for Vietnamese brides and families of Korean husband and Vietnamese wife

The South Korean government is paying more and more attention to Vietnamese brides in South Korea and has issued many policies to support the brides to access the culture, the law, to help them integrate and lead a peaceful, safe and stable life. The South Korean government also creates conditions for Vietnamese women living in Korea to participate in the political life and hold positions at all levels. The Korean government has many policies to support Vietnamese women who get married with South Korean husbands, such as: developing a law project on management of marriage brokerage activities, releasing booklets in Vietnamese on pregnancy and child rearing, teaching children, manuals for rural living, Korean - Vietnamese - English medical dictionary, etc. The Government's support is first to tighten brokerage management, to prevent negativity from illegal marriage brokers and protect international marriage; covers many areas such as education, training and information provision; strengthen the verification of honesty and voluntary marriage by standardizing the marriage visa procedure. Next is to help stabilize life, by issuing a certificate

related to the status of the marriage. Hotlines have been established, and shelters have been set up to support and protect women from domestic violence. The South Korean government also provides free legal advice and interpretation-translation services. In order to help foreign brides integrate and settle down and have a stable life soon, the South Korean government has opened 38 centers to support migrant married women, providing support services including teaching Korean, counseling, family education and children rearing, etc. The South Korean government always promotes social welfare activities, free health care, counseling and suitable job providing to create favorable conditions for foreign brides living independently in Korea.

The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family of South Korean has also been implementing many policies to support foreign brides. This Ministry has plans to send staff to Vietnam to conduct a program to interview the women who intend to marry South Korean men before granting permits; provide them orientation of the culture, life in South Korea; distribute leaflets with emergency phone numbers of the authorities so that the brides can receive support, etc. This Ministry also opens police hotlines in many different languages to protect foreign brides from the risk of domestic violence. According to Yonhap News Agency on November 22, 2019, after the hotline was put into operation, foreign brides can use it to privately call the police in their

own language. This 13-language service is a partnership between the police and the South Korean Government-sponsored foreign brides support centers. In addition to the hotlines, the government also tries to detect domestic violence cases early through community activities as well as strengthen the inspection of families at risk of wife abuse. The number of counseling centers, for victims of domestic violence, established in 2020 is 7 centers. These policies also create legal conditions for immigrant women to obtain Korean citizenship after a divorce caused by domestic violence. The Multicultural Family Support Center of the South Korean Government will coordinate with local centers to find jobs for foreign women who get married to South Korean men.

Furthermore, the authority of Seoul also extends the pre-marital education to women who married South Korean men. Currently, the 8-hour guidance policy for foreign brides going to Korea has only been applied in Vietnam and the Philippines and will soon be expanded to Thailand. Besides, there is also a 2-hour educational program for families with foreign wives.



Figure 3. Foreign brides participating in an activity to learn South Korean culture
Source: YONHAP

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), the South Korean Embassy in Vietnam are also very interested in women's issues and has more cooperation in supporting Vietnamese women.

1. Policies to support multicultural families

There are 228 multicultural family support centers throughout the country of South Korea. The South Korean government provides support services to support life in South Korea for multicultural families such as: Korean language education, South Korean culture training, counseling service, etc. Particularly, when having difficulties in communication, being unfamiliar with South Korean culture or having difficulties in relationships with South Koreans during the first time of entry, it is extremely helpful for Vietnamese brides to use various services provided by the multicultural family support agencies.

1.1. Korean language education

Learning Korean language is a must in order to live comfortably in South Korea and understand South Korean culture. In South Korea, there are many agencies that provide free Korean language training for foreigners. Some typical agencies such as Multicultural Family Support Center, Foreign Workers Support Center, Korean Language Teaching Center, etc. are implementing Korean language training programs for foreigners.

1.2. Training on culture and living in South

Korea

Currently, training programs on culture and living in South Korea are being implemented to support solving difficulties in South Korean life, including differences in cultures and ways of life. Theoretical lectures and experiential methods with such contents as training on cross-cultural understanding, training on law and human rights, knowledge and marriage and family, training on social adaptation to South Korean society are being implemented together.

1.3. Information updating training

South Korea is a country where almost every family uses a personal computer and the internet is very developed. When using the internet, we can find a lot of information and solve many things such as internet banking, administrative work, etc. conveniently. Therefore, many agencies such as the Multicultural Family Support Center, the Foreign Workers Support Center, etc. are carrying out digitalized training programs to educate how to use search tools on the Internet and how to use the programs.

1.4. Counseling service

Support counseling services on difficulties of foreigners residing in South Korea (Family counseling, labor counseling, residence counseling, legal advice, etc.) and problem solving methods. Finding other jobs, entrepreneurship education, translation and interpretation services will be provided. And you can easily access these services by looking at the support programs from Foreign Workers Support

Centers and visit an appropriate center for questions.

1.5. Prevention of violence for migrant women

Guidelines for agencies to assist migrant women affected by violence are provided.

First, Refugee Center for migrant women affected by violence (28 Centers nationwide) provides temporary conservatorship and counseling services, medical, legal, etc. to migrant women who have suffered (including their accompanying children) as a result of domestic violence family, sexual violence, prostitution. It is a covert operation and those women can register at the refugee center through initial consultation at 15777-1366, police station, etc.

Second, Group Home for women affected by violence (3 offices nationwide) provides housing support for migrant women affected by domestic violence, sexual violence, prostitution and support for children accompanying the victim. Group Home grants priority right to register for state housing rental. Vocational technical training, job introduction, etc. are also provided.

Third, Counseling Office for migrant women affected by violence provides professional counseling and temporary protection, medical-legal assistance, etc. to migrant women who have suffered from violence such as domestic violence, sexual violence, etc.

Fourth, Hebalaki - Sunflowers Center provides counseling, medical and legal support

for women experiencing sexual violence, domestic violence, prostitution (24 hours in 365 days). Supports are given to be able to cope with in emergencies affected by violence.

Fifth, Counseling Office on sexual violence, prostitution affection provides urgent and thorough consultation, free legal support; Accompanies when going to the investigating agency to receive investigation and to be a witness in court in necessary cases. It connects with health authorities and protective facilities for the victims in the area.

Sixth, Korea Legal Aid Corporation provides legal advice related to affection caused by violence and defense lawyers in criminal, civil and family cases. www.klac.or.kr.

2. Agencies for Multicultural family - foreigners support

Danuri Helpline Counseling Center (general information center for multicultural families, 1577-1366), Multicultural Family Support Center, and Foreign Worker Support Center are some of the agencies operating under the support of the State and the aid of the entrepreneurs. In addition, there are also Multicultural Family- Foreigners Support agencies operating within the local support area. Or in Ansan city, Gyeonggi province where there are many foreigners - multicultural families living, permanent residence centers for foreigners has been established and is providing a variety of administrative services. Besides, at agencies providing services to ordinary people such as:

People's Committees of Wards, local Cultural Institutes, etc. are also providing services for multicultural families - foreigners. After the counseling, to be able to solve the problem, Danuri Helpline will act as a link with the relevant agencies (Multicultural Family Support Centers nationwide, Counseling Offices on domestic violence, sexual violence, domestic violence victim protection facilities, police, lawyers, hospitals, women's unions, welfare unions, Sunflower centers - General treatment centers for women experiencing domestic violence at hospitals nationwide, etc.). In principle, all counseling sessions are confidential: the caller's identity information will not be disclosed (except for 3rd party communications). Projects of the Multicultural Family Support Centers are as followed:

Fields	Classification	
	General compulsory projects	Projects of choice
Family	-Program to create a bilingual environment for multicultural families -Provide admission and enrollment information for children	-Family communication program -Family relationship enhancement program -Learn about marriage and family -Meaning and role of family -Education for

	of multicultural families, by grade level	fathers -Program to improve pride and parent-child relationship -Children's Education Program -Educating parents, guiding children's health -Guidance activities for children, etc.
Gender equality	-Education for spouses	-Program for married immigrant women - Programs for married immigrant women and South Korean spouses
Human right	- Multicultural education -Education enhances the perception of human rights	- Laws and regimes related to multicultural families -Migrants and human rights, etc.

Social Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Initial basic education on employment -Link to the Saeil Center (Career Development Center for Women) - Cooperation in vocational training for married migrants of Saeil Center 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Basic training for multicultural family volunteer sharing activities - Multicultural family sharing volunteer activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -South Korean social adaptation education -Economic - consumers education -Disaster safety education -Activities and links to support learning -Host multicultural family group meetings -Improving cross-cultural awareness - Mentoring

		Programs for Married Immigrants - Package support by each stage of settlement for married immigrants
Counseling	-Family Counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Personal consultation -Collective consulting -Management support to solve difficult cases for multicultural families -Emergency support for families in urgent need Link external consulting agencies, etc.

Table1. Projects of the Multicultural Family Support Centers

3. Guide to Multicultural Family Support Services

3.1. Multicultural Family Support Center

Multicultural Family Support Center supports husband and wife counseling, interpretation - translation. Website: www.liveinkorea.kr. Download APP: Android

Phone: Play Store>Enter keyword Danuri > Use;
iPhone: AppStore > Enter keyword Danuri > Use.

This agency provides comprehensive services to support family life and stability of multicultural families.

3.2. Danuri Information Portal

Provides basic information for adapting to living in Korea, as well as the latest information on multicultural issues in 13 languages.

Provides guidebooks on living in Korea, information magazine on multicultural families, information about Multicultural Family Support Center - Danuri Call Center, and multicultural information, etc. for each person (marriage migrant, husband or wife, children/teenagers) in 13 different languages.

The Danuri app provides the information available on Danuri Portal via a mobile service. Search and download “Danuri” app from Google Play Store (for Android) or Apple App Store (for iPhone); or scan the QR code to use.

3.3. Phone numbers for Emergency Contact

Danuri Call Center: 1577-1366

Fire, ambulance, emergency, hospital information: 119

Crime report: 112

3.4. Phone number for consultation about daily life services

Foreigners Support Center: 1345

Legal Advice: 132

Foreign Workers Support Center: 1644-0644

New Job Counseling Center for Women: 1544-1199

Childcare consultation / Medical benefits: 129

Hotline for youth and teenagers: 1388

Financial advice: 1332

Consumer consulting: 1372

Government Combined Civil Services 110

3.5. Danuri Call Center 1577-1366

Provides information about daily life, advice and support in crisis or emergency situations, etc. in 13 different languages to help immigrant women settle down. Their working hours are 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Supported languages are Korean, English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog (Filipino), Mongolian, Russian, Khmer (Cambodian), Japanese, Thai, Lao, Uzbek, Nepali. Counseling method is by telephone (Available for three-party calls), interviewing, in person, and online. For online consultation: www.liveinkorea.kr > Residence / Support for foreigners > Online consultation. They can also operate emergency shelter (Children can enter). Danuri Call Centers Nationwide are: Seoul (central) 1577-1366, Suwon, Gyeonggido 031-257-1841, Daejeon 042-488-2979, Gwangju 062-366-1366, Busan 051-508-1366, Gumi, Gyeongbuk 054-457-1366 and Jeonju, Jeonbuk 063-237-1366.

3.6. Hotline to report cases related to international marriage

02-333-1311 from 09:00AM to 18:00PM on weekdays

3.7. Interpretation / Translation Services

These services support Vietnamese, Chinese, English, Tagalog, Mongolian, Thai, Russian,

Indonesian, Khmer, Japanese, Nepali, etc. (each center supports 1 to 4 languages). They support multicultural families and individuals or agencies, directly or indirectly, and at no cost.

3.8. Building bilingual environment for multicultural families

Supporting content is the implementation of educational activities at home (methods of applying games, children's stories - rhymes, etc.) to create a link between parents - children and education to improve people's awareness of second language use in the home. They support multicultural families with under one-year-old children with cost free.

3.9.Supporting children's language development

Providing assessment of language development of children from multicultural families; implementing language education programs, guiding educational methods and counseling parents. Target users are children of multicultural families under 12 years old. The support period is in principle 1 time per 6 months and free for up to 24 months.

3.10. Homeschooling services (support living for children)

Providing support activities for children such as guided reading and doing homework. This service is for immigrant children and children from multicultural families 3-12 years old. The support period is 1 time per 10 months. The cost is free or 2,000 won per hour depending on the income level.

3.11. Consulting and profiles management

Provides counseling and profiles management services to improve the relationships among the members of the multicultural family. Supplies psychological testing, legal advice, emergency support for families in crisis with other counseling agencies. Service users of Multicultural Family Support Center can use this service with no cost.

3.12. Family education service for couples

Runs educational programs for families, on gender equality, human rights, and social integration. Provides education for couples, family relationship improvement program, parenting education, husband and wife conflict resolution program. This service is available at Multicultural Family Support Center and free of charge.

3.13. Family education services for children

Target users are school-age children and parents of multicultural families; adolescents in immigrant families through marriage, etc. Organizations responsible for 81 centers include Multicultural Family Support Center and Healthy Family. Support details include Program to improve parent-child relationship, Program to develop social lifestyle, Program to create future life, Program to support family crisis resolution, Local Community Network.

3.14. Korean language education service

Opens detailed courses (special classes) depending on the region's characteristics such as normal Korean language education by level (1-4

levels, 100 hours each), college entrance exam preparation, and work preparation classes. Target users are immigrants and immigrant children. Services are provided by Multicultural Family Support Centers and Agencies run by local governments with free cost.

3.15. Social adaptation / employment support

Provides social adaptation education and job education for immigrants. Support content includes Basic pre-employment education, Professional Job Training Agency (Saeil centre, Worknet), economy-consumer education, cross-cultural awareness education, self-help group, etc. Target users are Multicultural Family Support Center users and with free cost.

3.16. Information on how to use the Multicultural Family Support Center

Women can search for the nearest Multicultural Family Support Center through the Danuri Portal (Search for the word "Danuri" on the Internet) and the Danuri App or call the Danuri Call Center (1577-1366) for information about the Multicultural Family Support Center closest to them. Method of use is membership and registration of the Center's programs. Usage time is from 09:00 to 18:00. Services are free (only have to pay part of the cost for homeschooling programs).

4. Other forms of support

Firstly, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family and the Korean Institute for Healthy Family have issued a Welcome book in both Korean and Vietnamese containing information

about living in Korea for marriage immigrants. If logging in at the DANURI website (www.liveinkorea.kr), the more detailed content of this book can be seen. The first part of the book introduces the country of South Korea. The second part provides information if there is difficulty in living in Korea, where to call for help, including Danuri Call Center (1577-1366), Multicultural Family Support Center, Guidelines for agencies to assist migrant women experiencing violence, Phone numbers of important foreign embassies in South Korea. The third content shows about living in South Korea, including Administration Authorities, Politeness in language, Communication services, Means of Transport, Basic Korean, Stories of previous marriages, Instructions for necessary documents upon entry and an Appendix of the Metro map. This is an extremely useful book for Vietnamese brides when living in Korea.

Secondly, the Seoul Immigration Office has issued the Guidebook for Foreign spouses of Korean nationals to guide and support foreign brides in South Korea. The first content is Guide to immigration service which includes Concept of immigration service, General information on residence, Permission to stay of foreign spouses, Invitation of families and relatives to South Korea, Permanent residency by foreign spouses, Nationality and Naturalization. The next content is the Q & A on foreign spouses including Overview on the Seoul immigration office, Employment, Naturalization, Invitation of

relatives. The third content are Excerpts in Multi-languages including Chinese(中國), Japanese(日本), Vietnamese, Mongolian, Thai and Russian. The fourth content is Counseling organizations for foreign spouses. And the final one gives information about Support programs by public entities.

The third one is the Guide to International Marriage Scam Prevention (02-333-1311). Women can call 02-333-1311 to receive expert advice on how to avoid international marriage scams and to get information about international marriage. This service line is operated by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family. They work from 09:00 to 18:00 weekdays (weekends and public holidays closed). Lunchtime is 12:00-13:00. Counseling method is by phone counseling (02-333-1311). It is for victims of an international marriage scam and their families, International marriage hopefuls, Organizations related to international marriage and multiculturalism. The projects include Marriage scam advice service line (02-333-1311), Information on how to handle different types of scams, Information on relief providers, Information on international marriages, Analysis of examples of international marriage scams and counseling statistics. The Counseling Process covers 5 steps as below.

- 1) Initial counseling of a victim of international marriage scam on 02-333-1311
- 2) Identification of needs of the victim and analysis of relief measures.

Types of Scam	Relief Demands
International marriage brokerage scam	Contact dispute settlement
	Compensation for losses
Spouse-related damages	Criminal penalty
Other	Marriage annulment

Table 2. Types of Scam and Relief Demands

3) Expert Consulting

Korea Consumer Agency

Korea Legal Aid Corporation

Korea Legal Aid Center for Family Relations

Police

Korea Immigration Service

4) Information on marriage scam relief

5) Call-back or direct handling of cases

Finally, that is the support for labor allowance and child allowance. Labor allowance is intended to encourage and support low-income families by paying a labor allowance, calculated on the basis of labor or business income, to the family of the self-employed or workers who have worked hard but still have difficulty in life due to low income. Child allowance is a policy to encourage childbirth and support upbringing costs by paying child support up to a maximum amount of 500,000 won per child.

Conclusion

It can be said that the South Korean government has paid a lot of close, timely and thoughtful attention to foreign brides, including Vietnamese brides, because international marriage is an inevitable part and increasingly accounts for a larger percentage in modern South Korean society today.

The South Korean government has been implementing many policies to support Vietnamese women getting married with South Korean husbands, such as: developing law projects on management of marriage brokerage activities, operating network of multicultural family support centers, multilingual live counseling call centers, emergency relief shelters, issuing guidebooks in Vietnamese on pregnancy and parenting, rural living, essential information in South Korean life and social activities, providing job introduction, economic support, educational support for multicultural children, etc.

The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family of South Korea also sends staff to Vietnam to conduct interviews with women who intend to marry South Korean men before granting permits; provide orientations about the culture, life in South Korea; distribute leaflets with emergency phone numbers of the authorities so that the brides can receive support easily, etc.

Good, thorough and timely policies of South Korea government have helped Vietnamese brides feel secure and settle down with their husband's family in South Korea. This also helps stabilize South Korean social, economic and political life. More and more Vietnamese women are getting married with South Korean husbands and come to live in South Korea, have a stable and successful family life. Many Vietnamese women have participated in the South Korean government and political apparatus. This shows that the South Korean government has created

very good conditions for Vietnamese brides to live and work in South Korea.

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