Lifelong Learning in Korea

A Brief Overview

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National Institute for Lifelong Education
Republic of Korea
Policy Development
Korea’s pathway towards building a learning society for all

1945 - 1981
1st

1982 - 1999
2nd

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Nation Re-building
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Socioeconomic Development

Towards a Learning Society

Digital Transformation

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Systematic approach to Lifelong Learning

Legal Grounds
- The Constitution
- Lifelong Education Act
- Framework Act on Education

National Plans and Regulations
- National Basic Plan for the Promotion of Lifelong Education
  - A comprehensive five-year plan
  - First established in 2002, currently at its fourth version (2018 - 2022)
- Laws and Regulations on Lifelong Learning
  - Act on Recognition of Credits, etc
  - Act on the Acquisition of Academic Degrees through Self-Education

Nationwide Implementation System
- Ministry of Education
- National Institute for Lifelong Education
- Lifelong Education Promotion Committee
- Metropolitan and Provincial Governments and Offices of Education
- Metropolitan and Provincial Institutes for Lifelong Education
- Metropolitan and Provincial Lifelong Education Committees
- Municipal Governments and Offices of Education
- Lifelong Learning Centres in Municipalities
- Municipal Lifelong Education Committees

Major Schemes and Projects
- Policy Schemes
  - Academic Credit Bank
  - Bachelor’s Degree Examination for Self-Education
  - Lifelong Education Vouchers
  - Qualification System for Lifelong Learning Professionals
  - Lifelong Learning Accounts
- Projects
  - Adult Literacy Education
  - Nationwide lifelong learning implementation system
  - K-MOOC and MatchUp
  - National Lifelong Learning Information Portal
  - Lifelong Learning Universities
Financing Lifelong Learning

2021 National Budget

Changes in National Budget by Sector

Source: Ministry of Education, Republic of Korea
## Financing Lifelong Learning

### Education Budget by Sector (2015 - 2019)

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<th>Sector</th>
<th>2015</th>
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<td>ECE, Primary and Secondary Education</td>
<td>414,568</td>
<td>430,588</td>
<td>471,494</td>
<td>537,736</td>
<td>598,011</td>
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<td>Higher Education</td>
<td>107,450</td>
<td>93,593</td>
<td>94,584</td>
<td>95,617</td>
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<td>Lifelong Learning and Vocational Education</td>
<td>6,150</td>
<td>6,577</td>
<td>6,935</td>
<td>6,707</td>
<td>7,420</td>
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<td>General Education</td>
<td>1,020</td>
<td>1,101</td>
<td>1,110</td>
<td>1,240</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>529,188</strong></td>
<td><strong>531,859</strong></td>
<td><strong>574,123</strong></td>
<td><strong>641,300</strong></td>
<td><strong>706,238</strong></td>
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(unit: 100 million KRW, ≈ 91,000 USD)
## SDG 4.6 Monitoring

### Background
SDG 4 - Education 2030 Consultive Council in operation since 2017, designated by MOE

### Institutions

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### Major Activities
- Monitoring national progress for SDG 4 (Education) indicators
- Drafting of National Report on SDG 4 implementation
- Recommendations for national policy alignments
- Public Advocacy for Sustainable Development and SDGs
Nationwide System in Place → Quality Improvement Needed

Nationwide lifelong learning governance and policy implementation system firmly established, yet improvements are needed in many areas, such as enhancing program quality, wider provision and participation.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Nationwide policy implementation system
- Policy schemes and projects for disadvantaged groups
- Increasing Participation Rate

**CHALLENGES**

- Adapting to Socioeconomic Changes
- Wider participation from disadvantaged groups
- Constructing an ecosystem for online lifelong learning
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