



## Abstract

# A Study on Establishing Infrastructure for Living and Cultural Exchange of North Korean Refugees

According to 「2019 Settlement Survey of North Korean Refugees in South Korea」, North Korean Refugees have difficulties in cross-cultural communication with South Korean residents. These facts suggests that there is a need to expand the settlement policy focused on economic support to various fields such as life and culture. For social integration, it is necessary to form a social network through exchanges with local residents

Compared to other regions, Gyeonggi-do province is proactively promoting support policy such as enacting the ordinance, establishing the dedicated organization, and securing the budget for North Korean refugee settlement. Also, the number of North Korean refugees in Gyeonggi-do is increasing every year, and has 33.4% of the whole country in 2020. Considering the importance of living and cultural exchange, Gyeonggi-do should respond to increasing policy demand, promote exchanges between North Korean refugees and local residents, and develop various programs for social integration. In the future, Gyeonggi-do should consider additional influx of North Korean refugees, and establish a more detailed and expanded infrastructure for social integration of North Korean refugees and their family members living in the region.

Establishing an infrastructure for living and cultural exchange of North Korean refugees can contribute to social integration and the stability and furthermore, it will become one of the foundation for unification.

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In order to narrow the sense of living and cultural distance, it is necessary to provide education for adaptation and contact with local residents in various fields. For this, it is required to secure a contact space between the two groups and to establish a tangible-intangible infrastructure for the continuous relationship.

Therefore, this study proposes the basic concept for infrastructure to living and Cultural Exchange and provide a policy framework for long-term plans.

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