

# Between Foreigners and Compatriots: Social Integration of Ethnic Koreans in Korea

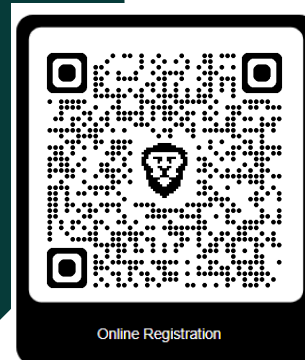
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## Abstract

Ethnic Koreans (foreign nationality compatriots) are the largest migrant group in Korea (848,724 as of 2023, accounting for 33.8% of the total foreign population), and no longer live as 'overseas Koreans' but as important members of their home country. This study seeks to understand the current status of their social integration in Korea and identify factors affecting their integration. Key findings include: Ethnic Koreans, especially visiting workers, are at a disadvantage compared to non-professional workers, professional workers, and marriage migrants in terms of employment, income, housing, health, insurance and pension, and life satisfaction. Also, their sense of belonging to Korean society and the local community is lower than that of other migrant groups. Their difficulty of integrating into Korean society appears to be due to the Korean government's immigration policy that limits their status of residence and employment fields to protect the domestic labor market. In addition, South Koreans' negative perception of Korean Chinese, the largest group among ethnic Koreans, leads to their social, psychological, and cultural isolation and reduces their life chances.



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