



Global Overseas Adoptees' Link (G.O.A.'L)

"The adoptee organization in Korea run by adoptees since 1998"

Dual Citizenship Campaign

Over the past 50 years more than 200,000 children were adopted from the Republic of Korea. Most of them acquired the citizenship of their adoptive families and automatically lost their Korean citizenship. The Korean nationality law prohibits dual citizenship for people aged 22 or more. Koreans may acquire dual citizenship, for instance by birth, but they have to relinquish one of their nationalities before they reach the age of 22.

Korea has changed drastically since the war and has developed into a modern industrial society. But now, the country is aware of the fact that a multicultural and globally educated workforce would be the biggest asset for its development. During Roh Moohyun's late presidency, special committees began to think about allowing dual citizenship to Overseas Koreans in order to prevent brain drain and to attract an educated workforce. Korean adoptees, coming from 14 different countries, speaking several languages and from diverse cultural backgrounds, perfectly correspond to this kind of "Global Koreans" the government wishes to attract.

At the same time, G.O.A.'L started its own campaign in the fall of 2007 in order to obtain the right for Korean adoptees to hold dual citizenship, and is now taking it to a global level. With many thousands of international adoptees the case of the Korean adoptees sets a precedence which could lead to more campaigns worldwide for the rights of international adoptees. G.O.A.'L intends to petition for changes in Korean laws so that Korean adoptees could obtain the right for dual citizenship. G.O.A.'L is aware of the fact that currently the mandatory military service is a bigger problem. However, the military does not concern orphans, and 80% of the adoptees are considered as orphans (according to their family register).

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By signing this petition I support this Dual Citizenship Campaign with the purpose of obtaining the right for Korean adoptees to have dual (Korean & adoptive country's) citizenship. The email addresses will not be used for other purposes than this campaign. If you'd like more information about G.O.A.'L please send an email to campaign@goal.or.kr. Thank you for your support!

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