

Ansan, An **Innovative** City
Of **Freedom** For The **People**

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The Path of Ansan an Intercultural City



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Introduction to **Ansan**

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Ansan, Korea



Shizuoka, Japan

Population



716,208

incl. 100,519 foreigners

Area

156.53km²1.5% of the size of
Gyeonggi-do Province


Location



Within a 1-hr drive from Seoul

30-min drive from the ports of Incheon
and Pyeongtaek

1-hr drive from Incheon and Gimpo airports

 Foreigners accounting
for **roughly 14%** of the
population of Ansan

Administrative Districts



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Financial Scale



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Businesses

12,753 businesses
(152,030 employees)

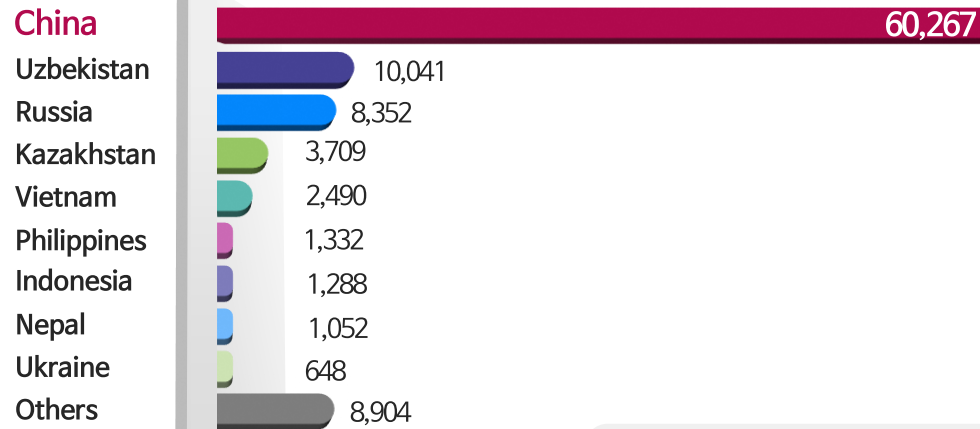
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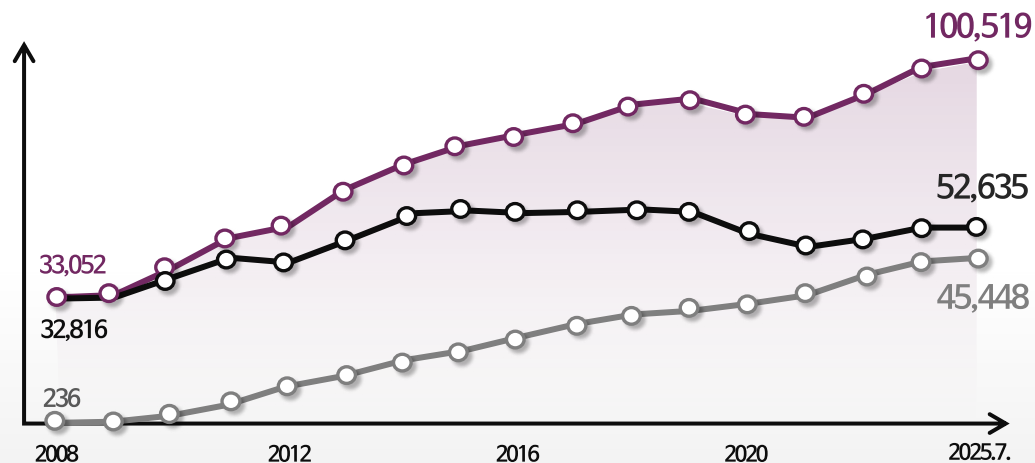
196 schools

3. Status of foreign residents in Ansan City

By Nationality



By Year (2008~2025)



Foreign-born population of Ansan

100,519 from 114 countries

Around 14% of the total population of Ansan (716,208)

Residency Status

Visiting & Joining Family (F-1)

11,822

Permanent Residency (F-5)

11,821

Spouse of Korean National (F-6)

4,964

Others

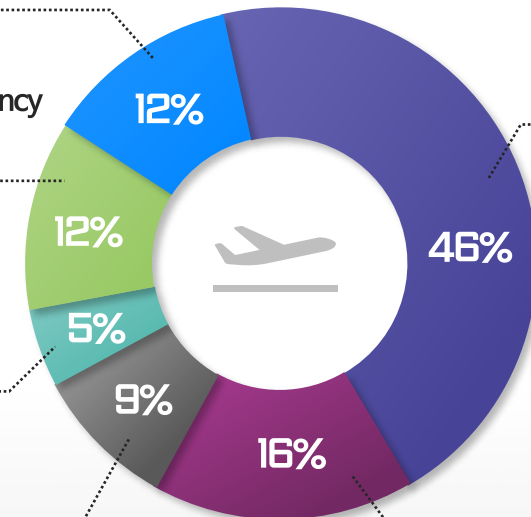
8,774

Korean Heritage (F-4)

45,448

Foreign Worker (E-9, H-2)

15,254



Ansan's Foreigner Policy

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1. Abundant infrastructure and policies to support foreign residents

2005

Established a dedicated organization for foreigners

2009

Established an ordinance on human rights for foreigners

2018

Provided childcare funding for foreigner's children

2012

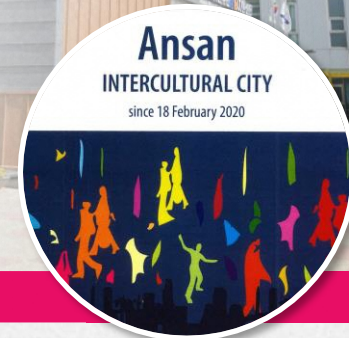
Led the formation of the National Multicultural Cities Council

2020

Provided COVID-19 subsidy for foreign residents

2020

Certified as an Intercultural City by the Council of Europe



2. Korea's one and only Special Multicultural Village Zone



Ansan Multicultural Village Special Zone

Designated in May 2009

- Continued increase in the number of food specialty streets in the special zone, contributing to the revitalization of the local economy
- 395 businesses operated by foreigners in the Special Zone as of 2022 (Around 28% of the total businesses)
- Development of local designs encapsulating the characteristics unique to the special zone starting in 2024 (with the participation of international students and university students)



3. Establishment of a user-centered one-stop administrative system

Foreign Residents Support Center

- Korean language education and experiences of cultures from around the world
- Opportunities to enjoy leisure, culture, and sports
- Multicultural Little Library (approx. 12,000 books from 24 countries)
- Public health center (free services for foreigners)
- Policy, institutional, and administrative support

Multicultural Immigrant Plus Center

- Immigration and visas, extensions, and certificate issuance
- Employment and labor, change of workplace application, etc.



Foreign Residents Consultation Center

- Operated since March 2008 / Consultation services provided in 15 languages (10 countries)
- 3,000 cases per month/ Visited by foreigners from all over the country in addition to Ansan



Global Youth Center

- Customized counseling and career support for youth with migrant backgrounds
- Korean language education and cultural activities for youth who came to Korea after they started school

Koryoin Cultural Center

- Korean language education, cultural and sports events
- Child education and consulting, and language support

Multicultural Family Support Center

- Programs specifically for multicultural families
- Exchanges among multicultural families and a space for communication
- Providing Korean language education and employment support to marriage immigrants



Strengthening
cooperation with 115
embassies in Korea



35 projects to create
an intercultural city
based on **collaboration**
among 10 departments



**National Multicultural
Cities Council**
comprised of 26 cities
nationwide



6. Promoting foreign resident participation and communication

Foreign Residents' Council

- 16 members from 9 countries



Foreign Residents' Monitoring Group

- 30 representatives from 11 countries



Discover candidates for Multicultural Citizen Award and select winners

• 5 areas

Foreign workers, spouses of Korean nationals (marriage immigrants), contributors to social integration, culture, and local economy



Public-Private Council for Supporting Foreign Residents and Multicultural Families



Human Rights Promotion Committee



Operating programs to improve intercultural awareness among Koreans and foreigners

- Education for public officials, off-site education, youth experience, world culture experience center, gourmet tour, human rights film festival



Boosting expertise through the annual Ansan Intercultural City Forum

- 5-year mid- to long-term development initiatives as an intercultural city



Forming a cultural community of Koreans and foreigners through exchange and communication

- Together Day, support for national festivals of various countries, sports and leisure events, Ansan World Choir for Boys and Girls



8. Protecting the rights and interests of foreign residents

Elimination of blind spots in welfare programs through emergency support



Emergency living expenses



Medical expenses



Funeral expenses
(for those who are eligible)



9. Helping foreigners adapt to Korean society (e.g., Korean education)

Korean Language Education

- Basic Korean and TOPIK classes

Korea Immigration & Integration Program (KIIP)

Publication of Ansan Harmony, a newsletter for foreigners

- Published four times a year in eight languages



Future Vision of **Ansan**

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Education City with Future Growth Engines

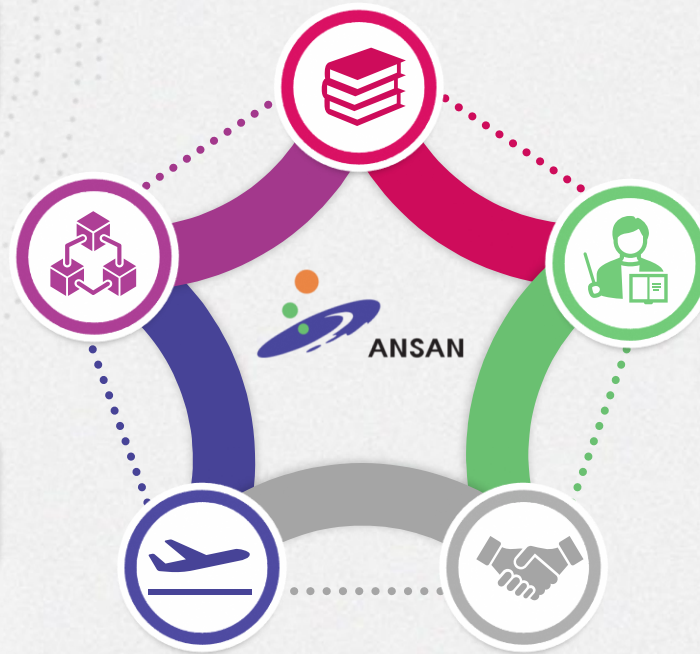
- Intercultural school and public international school
(Ansan International School in Gyeonggi-do Province)

International high-tech industrial city

- Free economic zone, attracting world-class companies

Leading city in immigration administration

- Home to Korea Immigration Office



An intercultural city boasting social integration of Koreans and foreigners

- Attracting excellent international students and providing bilingual support on a wider scale

Partnerships with related organizations

- Cooperation with foreign embassies, universities, and related organizations and institutions



Migrants

are a gift to us

Crisis is an
opportunity

Sustainable
administration

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20th anniversary of the launch of a
dedicated organization for
foreigners in Ansan

2025

5th anniversary of the designation
as an Intercultural City

We will create an inclusive
society where people
communicate
with one another in Ansan. →

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