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Proposal of Education to Prevent Violence of Multi-Cultural House Holds

- Making Happiness of Multi-cultural House Hold -

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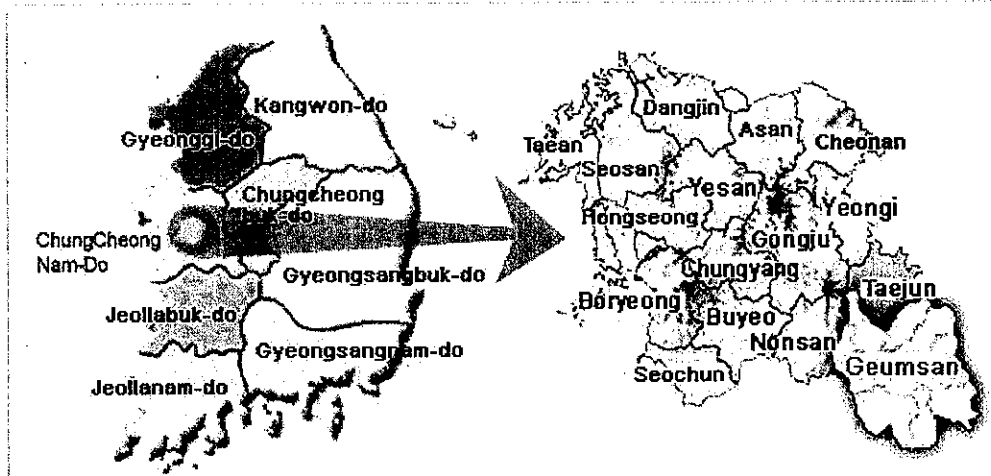
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1. Introduction of Healthy City Geumsan

1-1. Geumsan(錦山, *Silver Mountain*)



Geumsan county is located in the center of South Korea at 124 degrees east longitude and 36 degrees north latitude. Therefore, Geumsan is placed in the center of the Korean land in the area below Hangang River. The woodlands occupy 70.9% of that area. The total size of Geumsan is about 576 km². The population of Geumsan is 56,892 persons in 2007.

1-2. The Promotion Process of Healthy City Geumsan

January 1, 2005 – New Year Sun Rising Ceremony. Announcement of Health City Project

July 12, 2005 – Joining a Membership of AFHC as the first county member city in South Korea

November 31, 2006 – Enactment of rules for Health City Project

January 31, 2007 – Establishment of Health City Team

January, 2007 – Establishment of plans for 『Comprehensive Plan for Development of Healthy City, Geumsan 2015』

March 2007 – Healthy Marketplace, Health Promoting School

September 12~13, 2007 – Hosting of the General Meeting of the Korea Healthy City Partnership

March 18, 2008 – Awarded for innovation in public and private partnership for Healthy Cities



<Future vision and goals of Health City Geumsan>

2. Proposal

2-1. Title of proposal

Education to Prevent Violence of Multi-Cultural House Holds
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2-2. Background and Necessity

○ Geumsan county is a typical agricultural type city where the elderly population grows and the young population decreases as super-aged society. Recently, the case that men from Geumsan county get married to foreign women from other parts of Asia increases to make multi-cultural house holds.

Table 1. The number of multi-cultural house holds in recent 5 years

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number	92	152	181	247	270

↑ 197% (2004-2008)
thrice-tripled

○ However, because of communication problems and cultural differences, language violence, ignorance and ostracization occurs, which prevent to form healthy and happy family. Also, the second generation who has multi-cultural house hold experiences social maladjustment from their young age because of difference of their appearance and culture.

○ Domestic violence cost break up of the international marriage. It is difficult for foreign brides to get Korean citizenship and their Korean is not perfect. These factors makes it difficult for them to ask help. Therefore, domestic violence sometimes cause murder. Recently, there is a murder case which happened to a foreign bride in Cheonan City in Chungnam Province.

○ The men from agricultural rural areas usually have low academic background and are economically underprivileged. They also sometimes have physical or mental defects. Meanwhile, women from foreign countries get married to them due to their economic difficulty. As a results, they cannot satisfy their partners' desire. The foreign women have high self-esteem, which makes them feel uncomfortable about Korean patriarchal culture and they become emotionally detached.

○ Language violence, ignorance and ostracization as well as physical violence that is exercised to family and spouses are obstacles to making happy family. Therefore, it is necessary to educate social members (spouse, family, relatives, neighbors, etc) who are around foreign married women. Systematic programs are needed to teach that foreign women are not their possession but a human being with a character and change their recognition on foreign women.

2-3. Geumsan County Current Situation to Multi-Cultural House Holds

○ Geumsan County operates immigration family support center to help international marriage because a quite number of couples experiences difficulty of communication, cultural conflict, poverty, unstable identity, social prejudice and discrimination and children education.

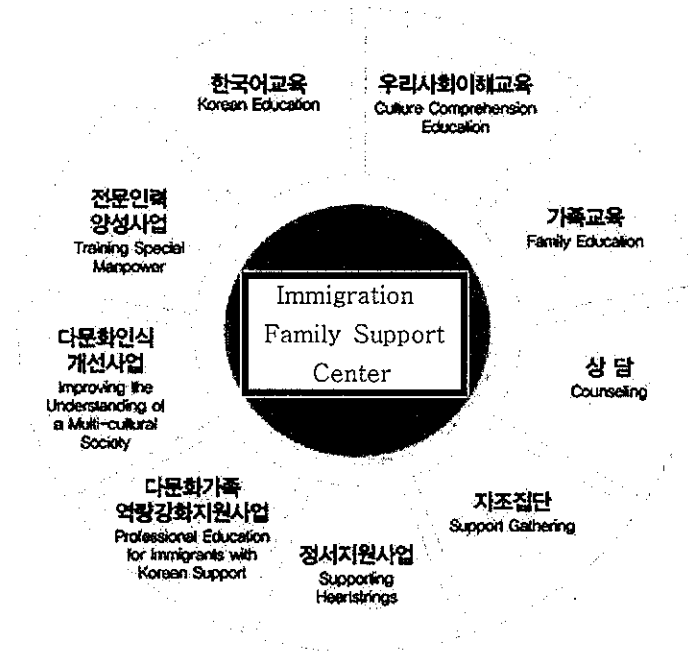


Figure 1. The role of immigration family support center

○ Immigration family comprehensively and effectively support center supports stable settlement and social and cultural adaptation of multi-cultural family to make multi-cultural social integration.

○ Programs for multi-cultural family are as follows.

- Couple Seminar: special lecture, role play, couple song contest, watching play, couple games, culture share programs, etc.

- Family camp: family trip, Let's go to trip with family!, family photo contest, writing love letters, encouraging family, etc.

- Korean Language Education: Customized education of basic, intermediate and advance class.

- Korean Culture School: traditional holiday experience, parents' day (making carnation, visiting public facility) tea ceremony, Korean food experience, etc.

- Making a connection with Korean mother (friends): Making a connection with local women leaders as foreign women's mother, who can be their mental supporter and counsellor to help their difficulties.

peer support

- Counselling projects: psychic counselling for individuals and family (couples, improvement of family relationship, domestic violence, etc) legal and job counselling, pregnant, childbirth, child care counselling, etc.

- Cultural support: traditional and everyday food practice (Making traditional Korean food, traditional holiday food, season food, and side dishes), literary art program (writing poems and letters), music activity program (children music, Korean pop music, traditional music and world music), teaching traditional Korean percussion (Janggu, drum, jing, gong), operation of Philippine day and Vietnam day (festival for foreign countries), ginseng festival, and multi-culture experience booth.

- Spouse education: understanding wife's country, methods of good communication, my role, healthy sex, how to build myself.

- Parents-in-law education: understanding daughter-in-law's life, country, self-esteem, and their role in family.

- Informatization education: education of basic computer application, internet search, word processors, email, cyber search for job, etc.

- Job education: drivers' licence (cars, motor cycles), native speaker teachers, heavy equipment, haircutting, etc.

- Job technology education: practical education than can be used in the every day life like making soap, beauty art

- vision groups: camp during vacation, guidance of children education, learning children's play, emotion support education, etc.

- Baby care room: when married immigration women participate in programs, children protection, children education, Korean language education, native language education, community play, emotion support education are performed.

- Improvement of Multi-Cultural Recognition: Story telling on native culture, lecture preparation, culture experience, exhibition, food experience, etc.

- Administration support: counselling support before and after marriage, immigration business support, embassy cooperation support

- Living support: hosting wedding ceremony and making connection with Korean women as mother, ceremony, job introduction and welfare support.

- Operation of committee: By connecting network of related bodies in each area,

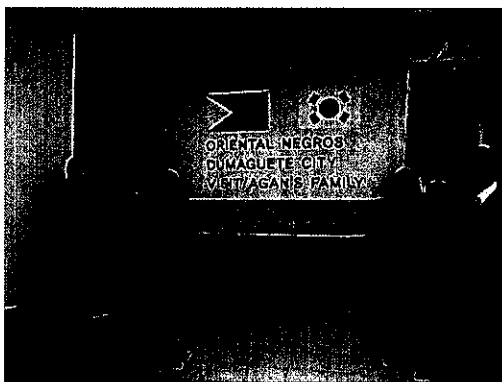
issues on immigration family are discussed. Various supporting methods such as volunteers, products, event supports are developed.



New year family party



Treating summer guests



Visiting the home country



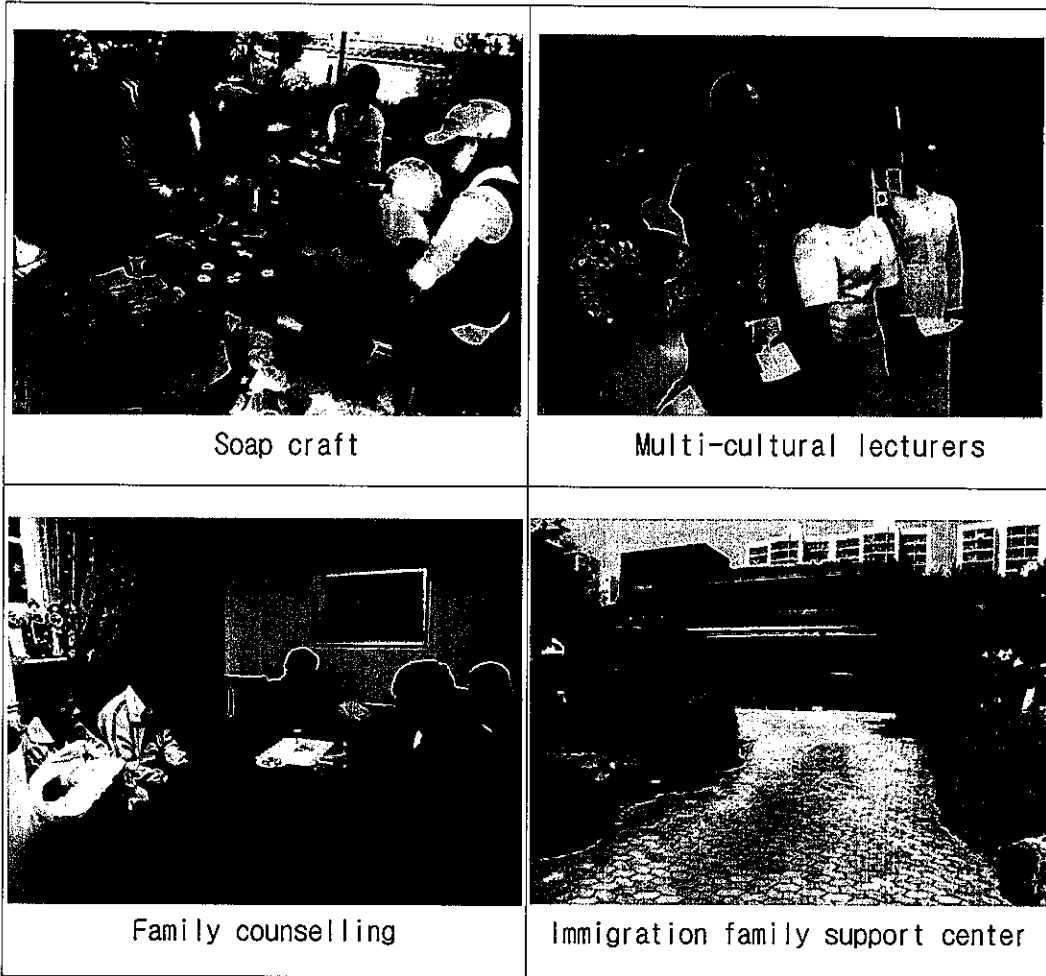
Self-help meeting



Multi-cultural events



Visiting Seoul



○ *Despite various programs, there is no systematic program to prevent domestic violence of multi-cultural family.*

2-4. Objective

○ *Various programs to prevent domestic violence of multi-cultural family in Geumsan County are provided to create healthy and happy family.*

2-5. Proposed approach and activities

A. Customized Selective Education for Couples to Prevent Multi-cultural Family

Purpose

- This program aims at helping immigration women's spouse to have their by customized selective education and as a result for them to create non-violent happy family.

Subjects : married immigration women's spouse

Contents : Customized selective education is done to non-educated, mentally ill, physically handicapped, and the old aged spouses.

- Searching for positive self-esteem, spouse role play, method of communication, etc.

Operation : Once a week/ the center / education by individual counselling

Budget : 4 million won (3,690 US Dollars)

B. Reading Therapy for Immigration Women of Violence Victims

Purpose

- This program aims at helping understand spouses' language, culture and problems on discrimination by reading, discovering their self-esteem and finding out desirable role.

Subjects : Immigration Women of Violence Victims

Contents : Positive thinking on new culture, finding out identity, various role play, and achieving subjectivity of their life.

Operation : Twice a week/ the Center/Group education (small groups of 15 to 20 persons)

Budget : 3 million won (2,767 US Dollars)

C. Multi-Culture Education to Social Members to Prevent Domestic Violence

○ Purpose

- This program aims at understanding each other by providing education to social members such as family, spouses, relatives and neighbors who are around immigration women and at realizing caring family.

○ Subjects : Social Members (family, spouses, relatives, neighbors, etc)

○ Contents : each country's customs and values, real situation and prevention of domestic violence, cultural conflict of multi-cultural family, and methods of adjustment to multi-cultural family.

○ Operation : 10 time obligatory education/ the Center/ inviting lectures

○ Budget : 3 million won (2,767 US Dollars)

2-6. Evaluation

○ Evaluation is done by participants who join domestic violence prevention program for multi-cultural families.



Geumsan immigration family support center

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