## Ministry of Justice Offers Voluntary Departure Program for Foreign Nationals in Illegal Status

Starting from November 7, 2022, illegal foreign residents who voluntarily depart Korea by February 28, 2023 will be granted a fine exemption and suspension of entry restrictions.

- □ Overview
  - Foreign nationals in illegal status who voluntarily depart Korea by February 28, 2023 will be granted a fine exemption and suspension of entry restrictions.
    - ※ You are ineligible for this program if: ① your status became illegal after the effective date of this program (Nov 7, 2022) ② you have illegally crossed the border into Korea ③ you have used a forged or altered passport ④ you are a criminal offender ⑤ you have violated COVID-19 restrictions ⑥ you have failed to comply with a departure order
- □ Required Documents
  - passport, Statement of Voluntary Departure, and boarding pass
- □ In accordance with the existing Preliminary Declaration of Voluntary Departure system, applicants of this program must declare their voluntary departure by visiting an immigration office or filing an online declaration. After being granted a fine exemption and suspension of entry restrictions, you must leave Korea via ports or airports.
  - Declaration must be submitted at least three days before this program expires. (Holidays are not counted)
- ☐ For more information, please contact the **Immigration Contact Center at 1345** or visit **HiKorea**(<u>http://www.hikorea.go.kr</u>) or **Korea Immigration Service** (<u>http://www.immigration.go.kr</u>).

Contact information	Service hours (weekdays)	Languages available
(☎1345) Immigration Contact Center of the Ministry of Justice	09:00~22:00	English, Chinese
	09:00~18:00	Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, Russian, Mongolian, Bengali, Urdu, Nepali, Cambodian, Burmese, French, German, Spanish, Tagalog, Arabic, Tamil



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