

2020 Invitation Program for Distinguished TOPIK Achievers

The Korean Government would like to invite active university students who have distinguished themselves on the Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK)! This program is designed to provide its participants with an invaluable, enriching experience in Korea. Any individual who is eligible and interested may apply.

Program Period

Selected individuals will be invited to participate in our program in Korea over the course of 10 nights and 11 days, from **July 7th (Tuesday)** through to **July 17th (Friday)**.

Participant Numbers

One (1) individual will be selected **each** from **15 different countries**, for a **total of 15 participants**.

Hosting Organization

The **2020 Invitation Program for Distinguished TOPIK Achievers** will be hosted by the **National Institute for International Education (NIIED), Ministry of Education** located within the **Republic of Korea**.

Qualifications

All of the following qualifications must be met:

- Must be a current **undergraduate** university student in active studies
- Must have taken and successfully completed TOPIK within the last two years (March.1.2018.~Feb.29.2020)
- Must be able to communicate in Korean (conversational)

Responsibility of Expenses

NIIED: Round trip airfare, accommodations, meals, and traveler's insurance in Korea

Selected Participants: Cost of Visa Issuance, Transportation fare in his/her country, etc



Program Details

Activities	Details
Lectures	Korean language, Korean History, Economics, Culture, etc.
Visitation of Government Offices	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Unification, etc.
University Tours	Visitation and touring of Korean Universities Meeting and networking with Korean University Students
Field Trips to Historic and Cultural Sites	Seoul Capital City (Gyeongbok Palace, National Museum of Korea, etc.) Gyeongju City, etc.
Tour of Korean Companies	POSCO (formerly Pohang Iron and Steel Company), Hyundai Motor Company, Samsung Electronics, etc.
Cultural Activities	Traditional Korean Clothing and Food Experience, Traditional/Contemporary Korean Plays, Korean Concert
Homestay Accommodations	2-4 selected participants per family
Additional Activities	Visitation to a Broadcasting Network Station, Korean Folk Village, Amusement Park, etc.

** The above is a sample of the program that is provided, and is subject to change based on availability and timing.*

Important Notices

- The program will be offered in a combination of English and Korean.
- Shared accommodations will be provided.
- Meals provided will be mostly of Korean variety.
- While the TOPIK Team will endeavor to ensure special dietary requests are met, this cannot be guaranteed.
- Program Staff will be present during the activity phase of the 2020 Invitation Program.
- **Personal plans and activities are prohibited during the entirety of the program.**
- Participants are strongly encouraged to make efforts to develop a deeper understanding of Korea, including but not limited to language, education, culture, and so forth by visiting and looking through www.studyinkorea.go.kr before their arrival.
- For further information, please contact the Korean Embassy in your country.