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# **The Role of Overseas Koreans For Korean Unification**

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# I . Ethnic Koreans in China

There have 1.8million ethnic Koreans in China.

Many Koreans migrated to China from 1860 to 1945.

After World War II , there have about 2million Koreans live in China, and about 1million Koreans came back to there mother coutry from1945 to 1949.

After than Koreans in China changed there nationality to Chinese, be called Korean-Chineses(朝鮮族、조선족)

# My history as a Korean-Chinese

My grandfather were migrated to Manchuria of China in 1912 from North Korea. My father and my brothers born in Yanbian Jilin Province of China.



Many ethnic Koreans in China live in Jilin Province and Heilongjiang and Liaoning Province the Northeast China. Most reside there in and around **Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture**, the largest administrative division in Jilin.

There, Korean is an official language and Koreans make up half the population of Yanbian's capital, Yanji.

# I. Ethnic Koreans in China



UNDP Project, Tumen River Area Development Project started from 1991. On the bother of DPRK and China and Russia 3 country, the delta area have big project of economic free zone, transportation, travel etc. ROK and Japan also related this project.





# Korean-Chinese, there traditional live style



## II. Global Korean Diaspora & it's Network

The Korean diaspora consists of around 7.3 million people, both descendants of early emigrants from the Korean Peninsula, as well as more recent emigres from Korea.

Around 84.5% of overseas Koreans live in just five countries(2021):

China: 2.35million(32%)

U.S.A: 2.63 million(36%)

Japan: 0.82 million(11%)

Canada: 0.24 million(3%)

Uzbekistan: 0.17 million(2%)



# II. Global Korean Diaspora & Network

		<b>Figuer 1. Overseas Koreans resident in ROK by continents &amp; country</b>						
<b>Region</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Total%</b>	<b>increase %</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,292,485</b>	<b>7,539,821</b>	<b>7,493,587</b>	<b>7,325,143</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-2.25</b>	
<b>Northeast Asia</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>855,725</b>	<b>818,626</b>	<b>824,977</b>	<b>818,865</b>	<b>11.18</b>	<b>-0.74</b>	
	<b>China</b>	<b>2,585,993</b>	<b>2,548,030</b>	<b>2,461,386</b>	<b>2,350,422</b>	<b>32.09</b>	<b>-4.51</b>	
<b>North America</b>	<b>U.S.A</b>	<b>2,238,989</b>	<b>2,492,252</b>	<b>2,546,982</b>	<b>2,633,777</b>	<b>35.96</b>	<b>3.41</b>	
	<b>Canada</b>	<b>224,054</b>	<b>240,942</b>	<b>241,750</b>	<b>237,364</b>	<b>3.24</b>	<b>-1.81</b>	
<b>Latin America</b>		<b>105,243</b>	<b>106,794</b>	<b>103,617</b>	<b>90,289</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>-12.86</b>	
<b>Eurpoe</b>		<b>734,702</b>	<b>739,826</b>	<b>687,059</b>	<b>677,156</b>	<b>9.24</b>	<b>-1.44</b>	
<b>Africa</b>		<b>11,583</b>	<b>10,853</b>	<b>10,877</b>	<b>9,471</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>-12.93</b>	
<b>Middle East</b>		<b>25,563</b>	<b>24,707</b>	<b>24,498</b>	<b>18,379</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>-24.98</b>	

**Souce:**  
<https://www.korean.net/portal/index.do>

## II. Global Korean Diaspora & Network

Overseas Koreans have over 100 years history, they were organized 3031 group in the world.

For example. The World OKTA

(Overseas Korean Traders Associations) is a large business organize.

It's established 1981, in 16 country and 101 members.

They were expanded to 67 countries and 141 branch in the world, include 7,000 regula members and 26,000 yang peoples as new entrepreneur 2021.

### **III. Relations of Korean-Chinese with Korea**

- Since the implementation of China's reform and open-door policy 1980s, Korean-Chinese have expanded from the Northeast of China to the coastal areas and large cities of China, as well as to other countries around the world.**
- South Korea, Japan, the United States and Russia were the main targets.**
- South Korea: 628,000, Japan: 80,000**
- Russia: 30,000, U.S.A: 40,000**

# III. Relations of Korean-Chinese with Korea

Figure2.	Overseas Korean Resident in South Korea					
Country	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021(%)
China	702,932	728,539	719,269	662,845	628,491	80.7
U.S.A	45,177	45,011	45,655	44,039	43,212	5.5
Uzbekistan	31,081	34,355	36,752	31,962	32,216	4.1
Russia	21,264	25,302	28,020	26,871	27,488	3.5
Canada	15,947	15,933	16,046	15,975	16,731	2.1
Kazakhstan	9,223	12,586	14,992	13,033	13,993	1.8
Australia	4,617	4,624	4,783	4,430	4,232	0.6
Newziland	2,395	2,436	2,490	2,393	2,279	0.3
Others	8,672	9,879	10,432	9,663	10,028	1.4
Total	841,308	878,665	878,439	811,211	778,670	100.0

Source: Ministry of Justice of ROK.2022.11

Korean-Chinese Changed nationality to Korea 85,977(46.3%,2019)

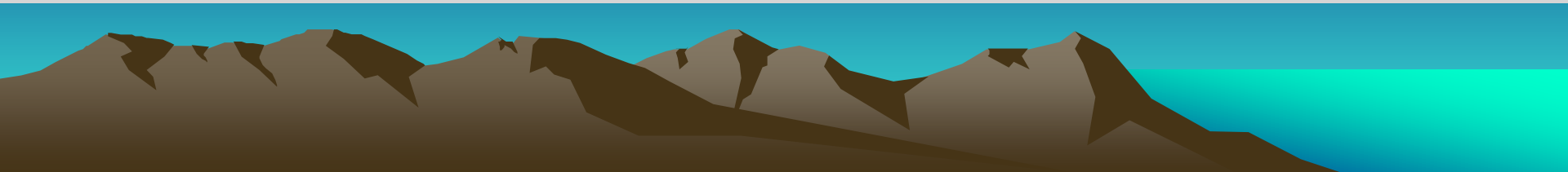


# Figur3. Korean-Chinese migrated to overseas from 1980-2021

Country	amount		Purpose of migration
South Korea	628,000	from 1990s to curent	Worker, Int'l Marige, Business, Student
Japan	80,000	from 1980s to curent	Student, IT engineer, Int'l marige
Russia	30,000	from 1980s to curent	Business, Farmer, Worker
U.S.A	40,000	from 1990s to curent	Worker, Student, Business
Other area	50,000	from 1990s to curent	Worker, Student, Business
Total	828,000		

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## **IV. Role of Korea-Chinese for Unified Korea**

- **(1) Relations of China with South & North Korea**
- **(a) Economic relations between China and North Korea**
- **China is North Korea's largest trading partner, 90% of trade depends on China. The main players on China's trade with North Korea are ethnic Koreans.**
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## **IV. Role of Korea-Chinese for Unified Korea**

- **(b) Economic relations between China and South Korea. More than 30% of South Korea's international trade depends on China. Many South Korean companies have invested directly in China also.**
- **Many Korean-Chinese work in South Korean companies of China, and they were playing leading role and important bridge of China and South Korea.**
- **(2) Korean—Chinese to play very important role not only in business, but also in cultural, personal, and tourism exchanges.**

# IV. Role of Korea-Chinese for Unified Korea

## Bother of China and North Korea

## Koreans in Dandong city, Liaoning Province:

Dandong city became a very important point what is gather  
4group business people.

North Korean & Chinese in North Korean: 2,000 people

Korean-Chinese :8,000 people

South Koreans:2,000 people





## • **Conclusion**

- **Koreans are important actors in international exchanges between the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia, including China and Japan, and are indispensable to the unification of the Korean Peninsula.**
- **How to recognize and utilize their roles is an important issue for the future.**

Thank you for listening

