

PRESS NOTE



IOM ROK Participated in Interviews with ‘Diverse Voices’ Radio Programme

Seoul – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Mission in the Republic of Korea (ROK), in partnership with Migration Research and Training Centre (MRTC), participated in radio interviews with Seoul Media Foundation Traffic Broadcasting System (TBS) eFM’s ‘Diverse Voices’ radio program on 20 February and 15 March 2023 to introduce IOM and raise public awareness on migration.

Hosted by Jasmine Lee, a naturalized Korean from the Philippines and former member of National Assembly of ROK, ‘Diverse Voices’ is an English radio programme that introduces migration policies and useful living tips for migrants and multicultural families in ROK. This year, in collaboration with MRTC, ‘Diverse Voices’ opened a segment, ‘Oh! Migration’, designed to invite researchers, public officials, and experts to advocate migration related activities and policies in the country.

Jae Ho LEE, National Policy Officer of IOM ROK was invited for the second ‘Oh! Migration’ session on 20 February. After a brief introduction about IOM, two major migration policy topics in ROK, labour migration and human trafficking were discussed along with IOM ROK’s previous activities, including the panel discussion at Ministry of Gender Equality and Family’s (MOGEF) public hearing on Comprehensive Action Plan for Human Trafficking Prevention and Protection, etc. of Victims Thereof and the lecture for United Nations Institute for Training and Research Jeju’s (UNITAR CIFAL Jeju) Workshop on Good health and Decent Work for Sustainable Development.

Steven HAMILTON, IOM ROK’s Chief of Mission, attended the programme as the third guest on 15 March for a live interview. Insights on misconception of migrants and the establishment of a centralized government body for efficient design and implementation of migration policies in ROK were provided. Additionally, explanation on IOM ROK’s continuous and growing cooperation with partners, including MRTC, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), and Ewha Womans University were shared to the audiences.

“People tend to feel migrants are taking something and they feel migration only benefits migrants, but the reality is that most of these countries actually need migrants. This misunderstanding also tends to view migrants as the other, not like us” HAMILTON said. “Migration is history of humans. It is history of you and me. It is a reality to be managed, not a problem to be feared” he added.

IOM ROK's full interviews with 'Diverse Voices' can be found through following links – [Oh! Migration with IOM Steven Hamilton](#) and [Oh! Migration with IOM Jae Ho Lee](#)

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