

Hur skall vi vänja vårt barn vid den nya miljön?

FRÅGA: Min man och jag väntar just på en liten fyraårig flicka från Korea. Vi har tidigare inga "egna" barn och heller inte så stor barn erfarenhet. Vi är oerhört lyckliga över vår blivande lilla dotter — men samtidigt självklart oroliga och litet vilsekomna.

Hur ska vi på bästa sätt vänja flickan vid hennes nya miljö och omgivning och språk? Hur snart väntar vi ta henne till läkare med tankar på hennes psykiska status? Hur snart kan vi släppa ut henne till andra barn (vi bor i ett nybygge omgivet med lekplatser utanför förskolan)? Ingrepp eller inte (direkt) om vår lilla främspråkiga flicka för att hon ska bli en vanlig svensk flicka? Och även så vidare: hur ska vi berätta för henne om hennes bakgrund?

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JASA ska du köpa dig ett nytt barn?
 "FINSKA BARN" säljs i Sverige.
 "Amerikaner köper svenska barn."
Stopp för adaption av barn från Korea?
 Den svenska präbiskopen av Skottland har uttalat sig mot adaption av barn från Korea. Han menar att barn som adopteras från Korea ofta är i behov av särskild omsorg och att Sverige inte har tillräckligt med resurser för att ta hand om dem.

Hundratals i kö för Koreabarn
 Av BJÖRN von BAHR
 Socialstyrelsens barnavårdsbyrå är överbelastad med ansökningar från svenska familjer som vill adoptera koreanska barn. Byrån har väntat i kö i flera månader och många familjer har fått vänta länge på att få ta hand om barnen.



- Vi är svenskar som kommer från Korea!
 Ett barn från Korea väntades i förtid på Kungälvskolan i Kungälv för att bli undervisad i svenska och svenska kultur. Detta barn kommer från Korea och är ett exempel på de många barn som adopteras från Korea till Sverige.

Alien Adoptions to Continue

By Chong Bong-wook
 Adoptions of Korea Children by foreign parents seem likely to continue in large numbers as long as the nation's financial resources and facilities remain insufficient to take care of so many abandoned children.
 sent to about 15 countries annually for adoption by foreign parents. Since 1958, a total of 24,784 Korean children have been sent abroad, they added.
 Of the 15 countries, the United States took 12,687, or slightly more than half of the adopted children. Sweden took 2,760, Belgium 940, Denmark

Who were they? Where did they come from? What was their background?

We all know them. Especially in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, they came in large numbers. In fact, despite our limited knowledge about them, our region had the largest concentration in the world compared to the size of the native population.

As a species, the majority of those who lived here in Scandinavia were ethnic Koreans from South Korea and most of them "emigrated" when they were infants or minors. We see the largest concentrations in Denmark and in Sweden.



Number of international adoptions from Korea, 1953-2004.

Year	No.	Year	No.	Year	No.	Year	No.	Year	No.	Year	No.
	-	1960	638	1970	1,932	1980	4,144	1990	2,962	2000	2,360
	-	1961	660	1971	2,725	1981	4,628	1991	2,197	2001	2,436
	-	1962	254	1972	3,490	1982	6,434	1992	2,045	2002	2,365
1953	4	1963	442	1973	4,688	1983	7,263	1993	2,290	2003	2,287
1954	8	1964	462	1974	5,302	1984	7,924	1994	2,262	2004	2,258
1955	59	1965	451	1975	5,077	1985	8,837	1995	2,180	-	-
1956	671	1966	494	1976	6,597	1986	8,680	1996	2,080	-	-
1957	486	1967	626	1977	6,159	1987	7,947	1997	2,057		
1958	930	1968	949	1978	5,917	1988	6,463	1998	2,443		
1959	741	1969	1,190	1979	4,148	1989	4,191	1999	2,409		
Total pr. decade	2,899		6,166		46,035		66,511		22,925		
Total	1960-2004										156,242



Source: South Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare

Destination by country of adopted Koreans

Country	Population	Intl. adoptees	Adoptees from Korea	Oveseas Koreans
Sweden	9,001,774	45 332	8953	990
Denmark	5 427 459	18 878	8571	240
Norway	4,593,041	14 122	6080	285
Faroe Islands	48,407	100	36	?
Iceland	293,966	180	22	6
Finland	5,223,442	2749	9	112
Greenland	56,854	?	7	?
Minnesota	4,919,479	25 000	15 000	12 000

Source: South Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare

Audio Tour:

In addition to the exhibition, we provide a special audio tour with collected and restored audio material, revealing captivating supplementary knowledge about their thoughts from original and reconstructed recordings of private conversations, which have been saved in their community and archives.

Most of the audio tour are extracts of personal thoughts and experiences from a well-kept series of recordings by a Swedish-Korean adoptee and a Danish-Korean adoptee.

For some reason, they saved these recordings. Whether they were going to use them for a specific purpose, or preserved them for sentimental reasons, remains uncertain.

During the cleaning after the incident at the *Department of Oriental Studies* in Stockholm, Sweden, where the most extensive collection to this date was placed, these private recordings were found and have been restored for the exhibition.

From these private conversations, we can gain knowledge about their thoughts and views, not only about their personal experiences, but also about the missing links in our understanding of their culture and history.

You can either chose to listen through audio tour in its entirety (20:30 minutes), or you can navigate through the tour with the "forward" / "rewind" buttons on the display. On the exhibition displays, you can navigate through the audio guide by pressing the number indicated next to the logo as you explore the exhibition.

The Audio tour will take you through the different sections of the exhibition from the archive display with more informative recounts to recordings of more personal stories.

1) Leaving Traces
 An insight into their thoughts and their attempts to create and document their own history.

2) The Archive
 This audio sequence explains how they tried to build an archive containing their history and why it was important to them.

Destination by country of adopted Koreans table II (1953-2004)

Main countries 1953-2004	Number	Other countries 1960-84	Number
United States 1953-2004	104,319	New Zealand 1964-1984	559
France 1968-2004	11,090	Japan 1962-1982	226
Sweden 1957-2004	8,953	Okinawa 1970-1972	94
Denmark 1965-2004	8,571	Buland 1970	47
Norway 1955-2004	6,080	Ireland 1968-1975	12
Netherlands 1969-2003	4,099	Poland 1970	7
Belgium 1969-1995	3,697	Spain 1968	5
Australia 1969-2004	3,147	China 1967-1968	4
Germany 1965-1996	2,352	Guam 1971-1972	3
Canada 1967-2004	1,841	India 1960-1964	3
Switzerland 1968-1997	1,111	Paraguay 1969	2
Luxembourg 1984-2004	492	Ethiopia 1961	1
Italy 1965-1981	382	Finland 1984	1
England 1958-1981	72	Hong Kong 1973	1
Other countries 1956-1995	66	Tunisia 1969	1
		Turkey 1969	1
Total	156,272		967

