

Notice of Recommendation for Honorary Citizenship of Seoul(Extended)

No. 2026-2084

July 11, 2026

The Seoul Metropolitan Government confers honorary citizenship upon international residents in Seoul in recognition of their contributions to the city and the local community, including being a role model to Seoul citizens as well as other foreign residents.

1. Qualification for Honorary Citizenship of Seoul

1) Current foreign residents who have resided in Seoul for more than three consecutive years and current or former foreign residents who have or had resided in Seoul for five cumulative years, having contributed to:

- Improving the status of the City of Seoul at home and abroad,
- Enhancing the quality of life and promoting cultural activities of citizens,
- The economic development of Seoul, or
- Introducing cutting-edge technologies in science and other industries.

* Note: *Foreign residents* refer to those who have completed alien registration with the Korea Immigration Service. Those who are exempt from alien registration in accordance with applicable law/regulation, such as the holders of Official & Diplomatic passports, are also eligible.

2) Foreign residents who have resided in Seoul for three consecutive years or less (or current or former foreign residents who have resided in Seoul for five cumulative years or less) but have made significant contribution to the City of Seoul otherwise than aforementioned

* Note: The contribution made to the City of Seoul shall be independently assessed and determined by the deliberation committee.

2. Recommenders

- 1) Chairman of the Seoul Metropolitan Council
- 2) Heads of public organizations (Heads of national organizations and local governments, or those of corporations and public organizations whose purpose of existence was authorized by the heads of national organizations and local governments),
- 3) Heads of civic organizations, or
- 4) More than 30 citizens of Seoul. (Joint signatures are required)

3. Required documents

- 1) A recommendation form: attached to this notice.
 - Please include nominee's personal information and key achievements in Korean or English. You may attach additional documents if necessary.
 - If more information about nominees is needed, the SMG will contact recommenders to request additional information or confirm facts.
- 2) A photo of nominees (3.5cm*4.5cm) taken within a six-month period.
- 3) Certificate of Alien Registration
 - Please include all records of the residential address change.
- 4) Written Pledge as an Honorary Citizen of Seoul: attached to this notice
- 5) Consent to Collection and Use of Personal Information: attached to this notice
- 6) Documentation of achievements (ex. news articles, photos, certificates, etc.)
 - * Note: copy available for submission

4. Submission

- 1) Period: May 29 (Fri), 2026 ~ July 24 (Fri), 2026
- 2) By one of the following options: in-person, postal mail, or email.
 - Address: City Diplomacy Division, 8F, Seoul City Hall, 110, Sejong-daero, Jung-gu, Seoul (04524), Korea
 - E-mail: seoulhonorary@seoul.go.kr
 - * Note: For online (email) submissions, original documents may be requested if necessary.

5. Selection process

The nomination is brought to the *Selection Committee for the Honorary Citizenship of Seoul and Seoul Metropolitan Council* for deliberation.

- The Selection Committee will be convened in July–August of 2026 (tentative).
- Seoul Metropolitan Council will confirm in August–September of 2026 (tentative).

6. Benefits for Honorary Citizens

- Will be provided the certificate, card and medal of honorary citizenship.
- Will be provided the opportunity to participate in city administration, i.e. invited to attend city-organized events or be appointed as a member of city-led committees, etc.
- Will be given free admission/access to Seoul Grand Park and Seoul Botanic Park, and discounted admission fees for special exhibitions at Seoul Museum of Art.

7. Revocation of Seoul Honorary Citizenship

- Honorary citizenship may be revoked if an individual is deemed to have engaged in activities contrary to the purpose of the conferment, in accordance with Article 7 of the Ordinance on Seoul Honorary Citizenship.

8. Others

- 1) Recommendation form can be downloaded at "Seoul Metropolitan Government (English)" website.
 - Visit <http://english.seoul.go.kr/>
Click "2026 Notice of Recommendation for Honorary Citizenship of Seoul."
 - Visit https://www.seoul.go.kr/news/news_notice.do (Korean)
- 2) The result of the selection of 2026 Seoul Honorary Citizenship will be notified to both nominees and recommenders within seven days following the approval of the Seoul Metropolitan Council. (This may be subject to change due to internal situations.)

- 3) The conferment ceremony of 2026 Seoul Honorary Citizenship will take place this November or December. (The exact date is yet to be determined.)
- 4) Submitted documents will not be returned. For more information, please find the contact information.
 - E-mail : seoulhonorary@seoul.go.kr
 - Tel : 02-2133-5287