

Experience in Education and Training of Women for Employment at Gangbook Women's Resources Development Center and the Educational Programmes at Sinsa-Nonhyun Community Center, Operated by the Korean Association of University Women

Executive Summary:

1. Gangbook Center. There was a great shortage of employment for women at the beginning of the IMF crisis in the later part of 1998. In February 1999, the Ministry of Labour designated KAUW to operate Gangbook Center and it officially opened in May 1999. It aims to develop women's potential capabilities for employment so that they improve their quality of life and also contribute to the development of society.

The Center began vocational training programmes for:

1. Unemployed female heads of households;
2. Housewives who wanted to be re employed (husbands lost their jobs);
3. Unemployed women needing a job
4. Unemployed University graduates.

Training is oriented to jobs available in the labour market. These are telemarketeer, computer operator, baking, Korean cooking for women with less educational background. The Center offers various information technology courses such as PC application, office automation, web design and computer tax accounting for women with advanced educational background. As a result of training, women are employed in various institutions.

2. Sinsa-Nonhyun Community Center. The idea of a Community Center came with the decentralization of government and the wish of Gu (district) office to provide continuing education for residents. Courses offered include Health and Cooking; Languages; Arts and Crafts; History and Culture; Image Making; Classes for Children; Music and Health; Women's Studies; Consumer Education, Environment Education, Preparation for Aging and other courses on request.

KAUW uses the Center to introduce KAUW and recruit members.

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