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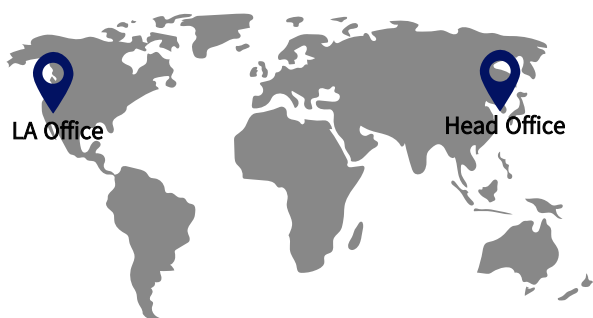


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## News #1. Daeyang Immigration Law Group attends the inauguration of U.S. President Trump at his invitation

On January 20, President Donald Trump's inauguration took place in Washington, D.C. Originally planned to be held outdoors in front of the Capitol, the event was moved indoors to the Rotunda Hall of the Capitol and nearby Capital One Arena due to unexpected cold weather. As a result, the number of attendees was drastically reduced from 250,000 to 20,000. However, all of Daeyang's executives and staff were able to enter the indoor arena and celebrate the inauguration.

Daeyang Immigration Law Group was the only immigration law firm invited to the event. CEO Kim Ji-sun, along with an attorney and Director Joseph Lee, attended. This invitation showcases Daeyang's strong global network and its prominent role in U.S. immigration law and visa services.

The following day, they participated in a breakfast meeting with U.S. Congress members and Korean business leaders to discuss various U.S. visa issues. The discussion continued with topics focused on U.S.-Korea relations and immigration policies. CEO Kim Ji-sun, along with other executives, participated in in-depth discussions on visas, green cards, and U.S. market entry for Korean companies, sharing insights on immigration policies after the inauguration.





## News #2: Daeyang Immigration Law Group records the most U.S. immigration contracts at the 2025 Overseas Study/Immigration Expo

The 2025 Overseas Study/Immigration Expo was held from February 1 (Saturday) to February 2 (Sunday) at COEX Hall A on the first floor in Samseong-dong. Amid intense competition among participating companies, Daeyang Immigration Law Group participated on the largest scale and achieved a successful outcome. This large-scale event, held twice a year, introduces various study abroad and immigration programs from different countries and offers free consultations.

Daeyang Immigration Law Group, the largest immigration law firm in Korea with the most U.S. attorneys and specialists, actively engaged in consultations with clients wishing to obtain U.S. immigration and green cards. Many visitors expressed a high level of interest in obtaining a U.S. green card. The reasons varied, including child education, business opportunities, and planning for a second life, but the primary motivation was the educational benefits for their children's better future.

Kim Ji-sun, CEO of Daeyang Immigration Law Group, who has overseen the expo for more than 10 years, said, “Although there were concerns about visitor turnout due to the holiday weekend, many more people visited our booth than expected, and we were able to conclude the event successfully thanks to their support.” She added, “The most inquiries were about U.S. green cards and visas, as well as company establishment. Thanks to the overwhelming interest in various programs such as U.S. investment immigration (EB5), NIW employment immigration, and unskilled employment immigration, we were able to finalize dozens of contracts on-site.”



U.S. Attorney Column

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## "Trump Administration's Outlook on EB-5 Investor Immigration"

The second term of President Donald Trump, starting January 20, 2025, is expected to bring significant changes to U.S. immigration policy, particularly regarding the EB-5 Investor Immigration Program. The first term saw key changes to the EB-5 program, and similar adjustments are likely to continue under his second term.

### Key Changes in EB-5 During Trump's First Term

#### 1) Increase in Investment Amount

The minimum investment for EB-5 was raised from \$500,000 to \$1.8 million (\$900,000 for TEA) in 2019 but reverted to \$1 million (\$500,000 for TEA) in 2021. In 2022, the amount was finalized at \$1.05 million (\$800,000 for TEA). While this posed a challenge for investors, the goal was to attract substantial capital to strengthen the U.S. economy.

#### 2) Tightened TEA Criteria

Trump's administration made TEA standards stricter, limiting eligibility to projects with significant economic impact. While this made it harder for some areas to attract EB-5 investments, it ultimately improved the program's quality.

#### 3) Stronger Fund Source Verification

The administration introduced stricter regulations to prevent money laundering and ensure EB-5 funds were legitimate, enhancing the program's credibility.

### Economic Impact of EB-5

#### 1) Stimulating the U.S. Economy

EB-5 investments contribute to real estate projects, creating jobs and boosting local economies. These investments also help improve infrastructure, small businesses, and local government revenues, benefiting the broader U.S. economy, especially in finance and real estate.

#### 2) Job Creation

Each EB-5 investment must create at least 10 full-time jobs, contributing directly, indirectly, and through increased local consumption.

#### 3) Expedited Projects

Certain EB-5 projects may receive expedited processing if they support U.S. national interests, social or cultural causes, or urgent needs. This aligns with Trump's goal of streamlining government processes for more efficient decision-making.

### Direction Under Trump's Second Term

The EB-5 program aligns with Trump's "America First" policy, fostering job creation and economic development. During his second term, it is expected that the program will continue to attract significant investments, particularly from Asia. However, we may see further increases in investment amounts or stricter regional limitations. Those interested in obtaining a U.S. green card should consult with legal experts to stay ahead of any changes and develop the best strategy.

## Client's review (2025.01)

"I would like to sincerely share my experience with the process."



Since I am not a native Korean speaker and not very skilled at writing, I would like to sincerely share my experience with the process.

Our case is one that got caught up in the infamous AP-TP situation. In 2015, we signed a contract with an immigration agency other than Daeyang, and after 8 long years, my husband, the primary applicant, was finally able to land in the U.S.

We had decided to start the process in 2015, thinking it would be best for our child to move while they were still young. However, reality turned out to be quite different. Like many others, we went through a lot of hardship because of the AP-TP issue.

That being said, I have never regretted applying for U.S. immigration. My biggest regret, however, is not contracting with Daeyang. Over the course of 8 years, we witnessed so much. We observed the different ways various immigration agencies handled the AP-TP situation and their attitudes toward it.

Along the way, I got to know Mr. Lee Seung-man from Daeyang, and I also learned about how Daeyang handled the situation. At that time, anyone dealing with the AP-TP issue would know that it wasn't just an immigration agency problem, but also a U.S. visa policy issue and a problem with I\*\*.

Despite all this, I heard that Daeyang fully refunded their clients. All I can say is that I envy them because the agency I contracted with did not offer that.

After nearly giving up, in 2023, we suddenly received news of an interview. Since my child was already in their senior year of high school, after careful consideration, my husband decided to go ahead and get the visa first.

At that time, the agency I had contracted with just said, "Don't worry about it, we'll handle it later if you don't all go together." While I was still uncertain, the first person that came to mind was Mr. Lee Seung-man from Daeyang.

I contacted him, and he gave us thorough and clear guidance. After that, we applied for my child's Follow-to-Join visa. He walked us through all the necessary documents and explained everything in detail.

Since my child was in their senior year, Mr. Lee took the time to explain each document we needed for the interview, even conducting a mock interview with us. It was a really enjoyable experience. ^^

Honestly, I was moved by how thorough everything was. The agency I had contracted with never provided this level of service. Thanks to Daeyang, my child smoothly obtained the visa, and now we're just preparing for the move.

I'm still in Korea due to work, but when it's time for me to apply for my visa, I will definitely see Mr. Lee again. Once again, I want to express my heartfelt thanks. Given the current instability in the country, I wish you all a happy new year.