

Long-term consumers and the economy of temporary residency

“I wouldn’t think twice about giving or loaning \$10 to a friend in Korea. Of course I would do it. But in Canada, **my hands tremble** when I spend just \$10. I get nervous when spending reaches two digits.”



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그래서 바람이 좀 약해요... 약한 바람도 괜찮은 분들?
\$2

Must be used with a ‘pig nose’ [plug adapter], so the air is a little weak. Maybe for someone who's okay with weak air?
\$2.

New destinations: Philippines and India

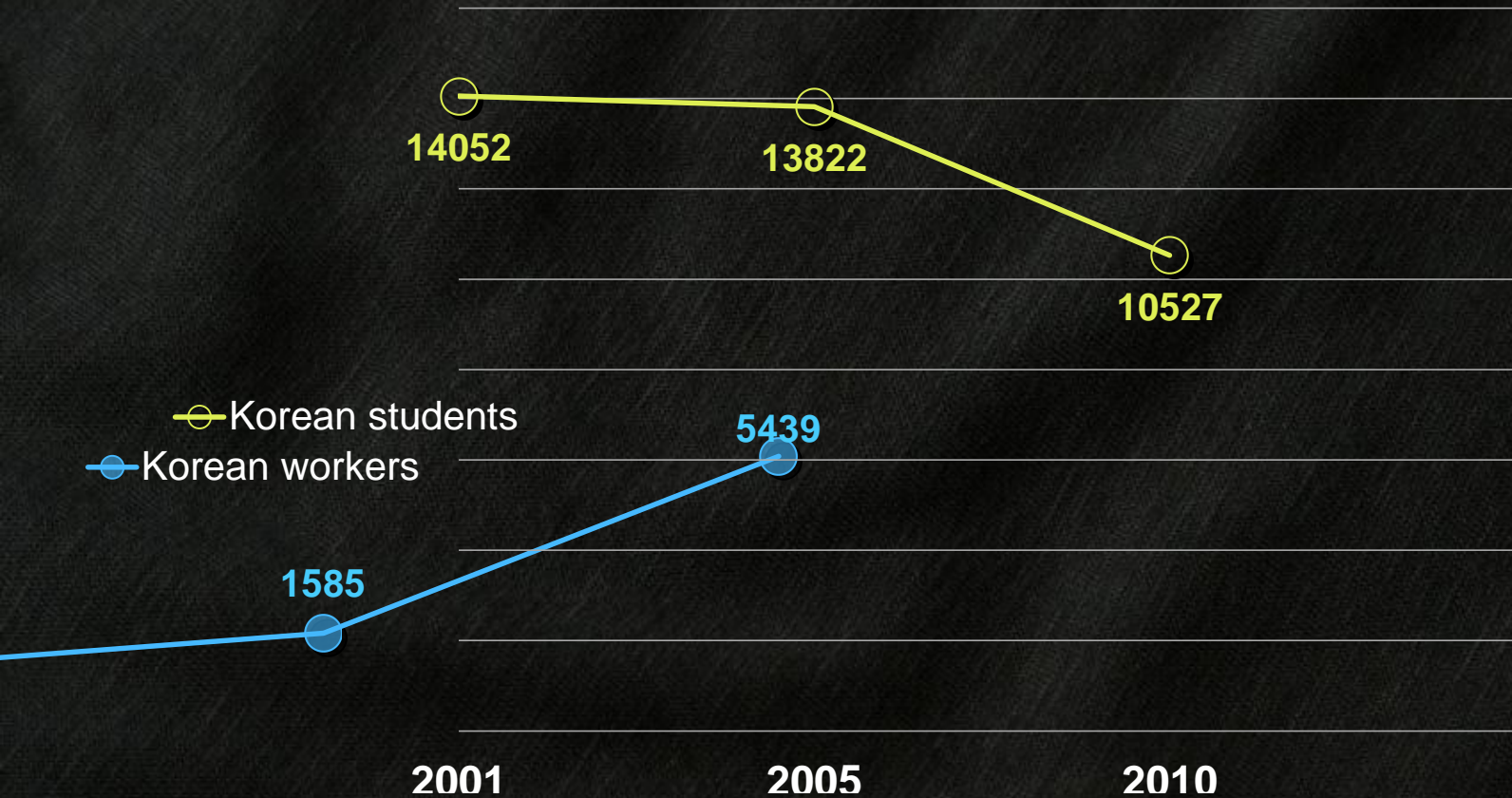
연계연수 or “serial training”
packages: Philippines + Canada

Philippines as more cost-effective
and an opportunity to build
confidence prior to Canada

“It’s easy to squander
time and energy in the
Philippines because
Koreans are treated
like kings there.”
- a male focus group
participant

“By experiencing Third
World countries that
are still
underdeveloped, you
can be a real global
elite” (Kim 2009: 72)





Korean students and workers in
Canada
2001-2010

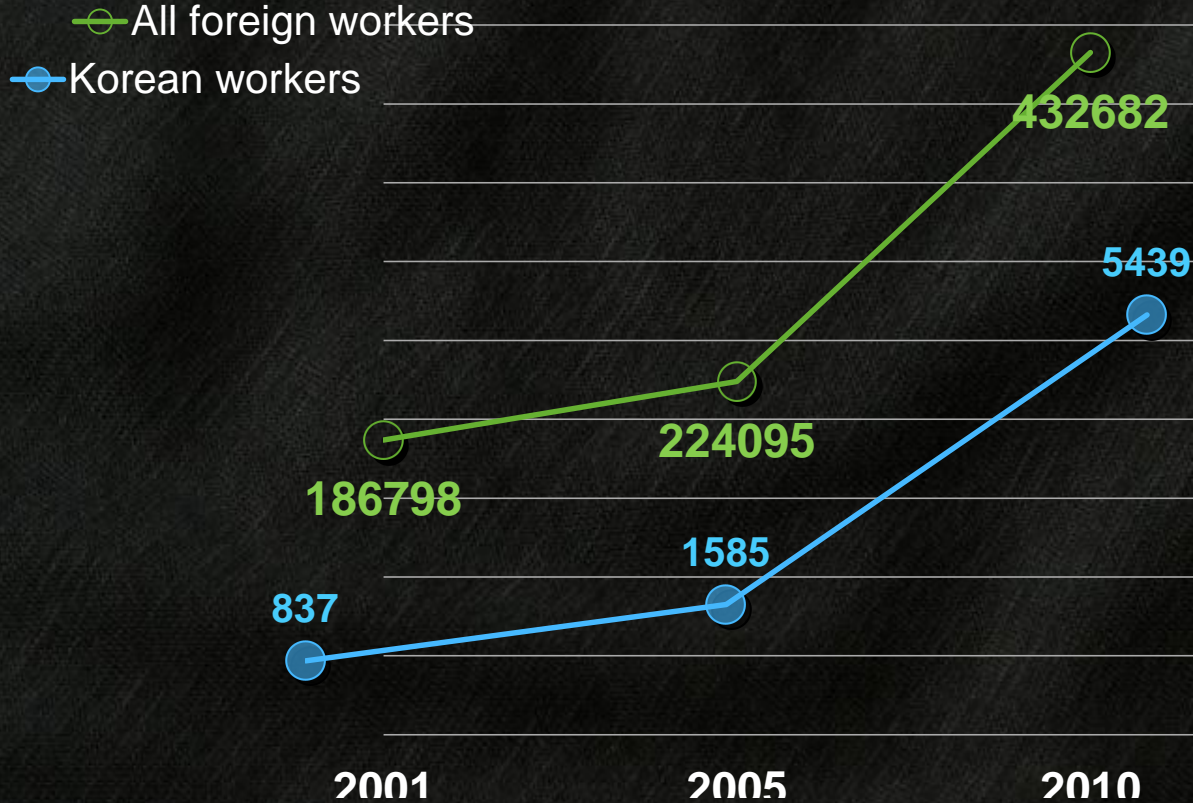


Korean youth on working holiday

2010

Short-term workers and the politics of temporary low-wage work

“I did all sorts of **jobs I never imagined I'd do**. Like working as a waiter an an Indian wedding and manual labor like renovation work.”



Foreign workers in Canada

2001-2010

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“To be honest, this is **embarrassing work**. I’m just glad that most Koreans don’t know what a Tim Horton’s is.”

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“As a **stranger** here, I don’t have to care about competition as much because **this isn’t my place of competition.**”

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Short-term workers and the politics of temporary low-wage work

“I know it sounds weird, but I wanted a different kind of challenge. My work experience in Canada really **lowers the bar** and it’s a test of how much I can **push myself to work so hard for so little**. After this, I feel like I can do anything.”

Short-term workers and the politics of temporary low-wage work

After having experienced what it's like working as a foreigner, my attitude towards migrant workers has changed. I am kind of **ashamed** at how I treated them before.

Conclusion

Evaluative Terrain of Temporary Sojourns

Negotiating internal class and status divisions among Korean youth	renegotiating ethno- national and ethno- racial global hierarchies
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The mobile aspirations of Korean youth: living and working as temporary sojourners

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