Past, Present and Future of Korean Victim Support System
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Unique Language

Global Companies

UN Secretary General

Korea

China

Japan

PSY
Legal Bases for Victim Support Service

The Constitution
- Constitutional Rights
- Present Opinions at the Court
- Claim Monetary Support

The Crime Victim Protection Act
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Timeline:
- 1987
- 1988
- 2005
What Are Victims’ Needs?

1. Provision of Information
   - Criminals’ Identity, Arrest Status
   - Investigation or Trial Progress
   - Victim Support System

2. Personal Protection, Psychotherapy
   - Personal protection
   - Shelters

3. Financial Support
   - Crime Victims’ Compensation
   - Medical Cost, etc

2010 Research by the Ministry of Justice
2014 Amendment of the Crime Victim Protection Act: An **Obligation** to Provide Information

**Miranda Rule**
- The Right to Remain Silent
- Investigative agencies have obligation

**Provision of Information**
- Information on Victim Support
- Investigative agencies have obligation
List of Provided Information

- **Victims’ Rights**
  - Presenting opinions
  - Non-disclosed examination
  - State-appointed attorney, etc

- **Victim Support**
  - Psychotherapy
  - Pro bono legal services
  - Crime victims’ compensation, etc

- **Other Information**
  - Civil right to claim for damages
  - Emergency welfare policy of local governments, etc
Institutions for Psychological Support

- **Smile Center**
  - Total Solution for Victims of Sexual Violence & Domestic Violence
  - Opens 24/7

- **Hae-ba-ra-gi Center**
  - Specialized Institution for Child Protection
  - Medical, Legal Support for Child
  - Shelter

- **SICP**

**Effect of Psychotherapy**

- Before 8.9
- After 1.5
Crime Victims’ Compensation

- Compensation since 1988
- Current annual budget for crime victim compensation: Up to €7-9 million
- Present: A Compensation of four-year worth of average income

4,500 Euros per Victim
Various Financial Support

- Medical cost, nursing fees
- Living expenses, tuition fee
- Employment support payment
- Funeral expenses, cleaning expenses
- Rental houses
Infrastructure for Victim Support

Crime Victim Protection Fund Act

- Funded by criminal fines
- Size: about 85 million Euros

Crime Victim Support Center

- 60 Centers Nationwide
- Emergency Support
- Psychotherapy, Financial Support

Legal Professionals

- State-appointed attorney for victims’
- Lawyers at each Prosecutors’ Office

Private Resources

Financial Resources

Human Resources
Vision for Future of Victim Support System

- **PREVENTION**
  - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
    - Fundamental Solution
    - Crime Rate Dropped 20%

- **RETURN**
  - Victims’ Return to Society
    - Improving Policies
    - Securing Budget

- **REACH OUT**
  - Legal Home Doctor
    - Legal Professionals Reaching Out to Remote Areas
    - Counseling, Education, Welfare Services

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Epilogue

- 10th year of the Enforcement of the Crime Victim Protection Act in Korea
- Requesting the Attention of International Community to Victims’ Rights
Thank you