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# South Korean delegation visits CERIS to learn about immigration research and ties to the community

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19 government officials from the Multi-cultural Families Division of South Korea's Gyeonggi Province visited the administrative hub of CERIS at York University as part of a tour across the United States and Canada to learn more about immigration issues.

The delegation consisted of directors, researchers, and staff members of local divisions of departments related to migration, social welfare, women, and families.

Representatives from CERIS and York University discussed topics about knowledge mobilisation, research partnerships, issues specific to the Korean community, and working with communities in research activities.



Lisa Philipps, Associate Vice-President of Research at York University welcomed the delegation to the York campus, followed by a presentation of the university's work in reaching out to communities in the region by York's Knowledge Mobilisation Unit Manager, Michael Johnny. York Director of CERIS, Valerie Preston, described CERIS operations, research, and community and policy outreach leading into a presentation from Associate Professor Ann Kim on her CERIS-funded project and other immigration research specific to the Korean community in Toronto. The morning finished with a presentation in Korean by Stella Park introducing the work and research services provided to the community through the Toronto Immigrant Employment Data Initiative.

The delegation will continue its tour in Toronto visiting COSTI Immigrant Services, the Toronto Public Library and other organisations with links to immigrants and newcomers to the city.

