



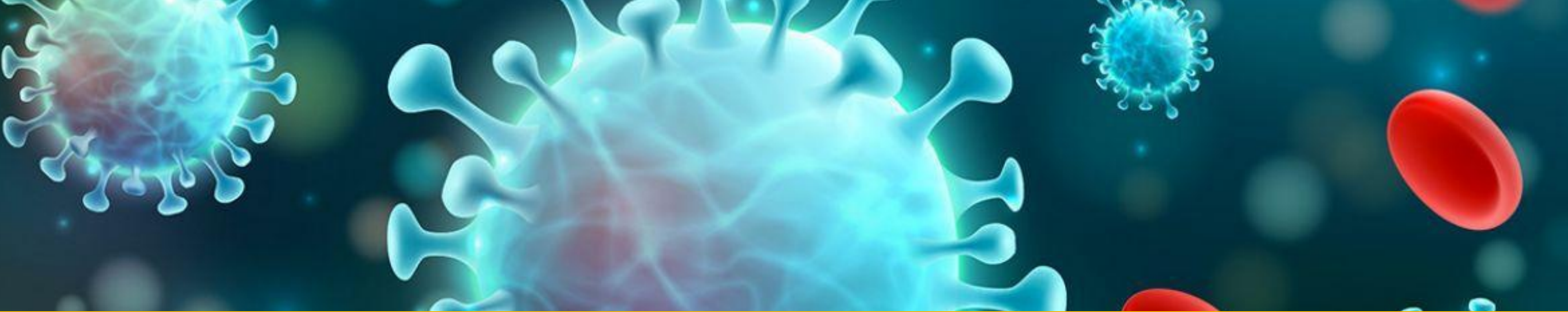
Literacy & Citizenship

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A Korean Approach

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Salt Water?

Fake News?

Literacy Crisis

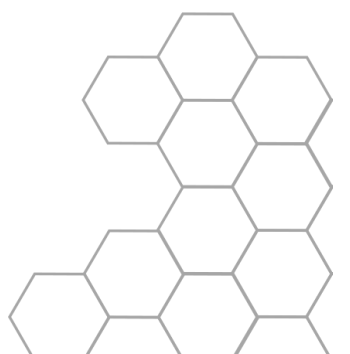




South Korea

50% of adult population
received Higher
Education.

College Graduate (25-34
years old): 69.8%



Literacy Crisis in Korea

4.5%

2 million

lack basic reading, writing, and arithmetic skills for everyday life

2.3%

1.85 million

can read, write, and count but are difficult to use in everyday life

11.4%

5.03 million

can use literacy skills simple daily life, but are inadequate for complex daily life



Act & Policy

- Lifelong Education Act, revised in 2007
- 426 Institutions & 1,578 Classes (2021)
- 6,195 Adult Literacy Teachers
- Adult Literacy Textbooks (6 years into 3 years)
- 19,690 adult learners earned elementary and middle school certificates (by 2021)



A Dreadful Grandson

When I was young
Lying on my grandmother's legs
Listening to old stories
I used to fall asleep

My grandson
Brings me a book
Asks me to read it
I'm scared, and I'm going to die

If it were telling a story
If it were food made by hand
I can do whatever he asks

Although I want to run out to hug him
I cannot get out of the kitchen
Because of the scary book in his hands

Written by Kang Chun Ja, Yeosu-gu
2013 National Adult Literacy Poetry Exhibition
Grand Prize Winner

Critical Literacy

Seeing the relationship between text
and context critically

Community's
agenda contain
matters of
people's lives



Citizens' active
participation
skills begin with
**sharing your
life with others**

**Poetry writing in
adult literacy
classes** to
develop
self-expression
capabilities



Adult literacy
education aims
at forming
**citizens who
can adequately
read,
understand,
and transform
the world**

The Spring of My Life

I thought that a woman
Didn't need to know how to write

a woman
all she had to do was obey her
husband's words

a woman
raising a child and plowing a field
working all day long

when winter passes, spring comes
I lived only in the cold winter every day

my eyes light up
my hands write
my feet take me to Hangeul* school

I met my spring when I was over 70
I want to play only with spring forever

Written by Jeong Jeong Soon, Ulsan Nambu Library
*Hangeul = Korean alphabet
2020 National Adult Literacy Poetry Exhibition Grand

Prize Winner

Literacy Classes during Pandemic

sent class materials to learner's home

- Taught individually over the phone
- aired EBS adult literacy programs
- A case of Nonsan city





A Case of Nonsan

City

- Supporting adult literacy education at the municipal level since 2016
- 139 local women have been trained as literacy teachers
- Small class size (10 or less): not being affected by the pandemic
- Literacy classes in 333 towns in 2021
- Some classes were held in the learner's home
- Literacy teachers and learners edit a bi-annual magazine together



“Course Delivery”

Dispatching adult literacy teacher to towns where literacy learners live.

Lifelong education programs based on citizen's autonomy create various learning communities.



Visiting Home



Teaching Hangeul

POST-PANDEMIC ERA



New normal

Digital Literacy

Sustainability of the future

Futures Literacy



Declaration of the Right to Learn

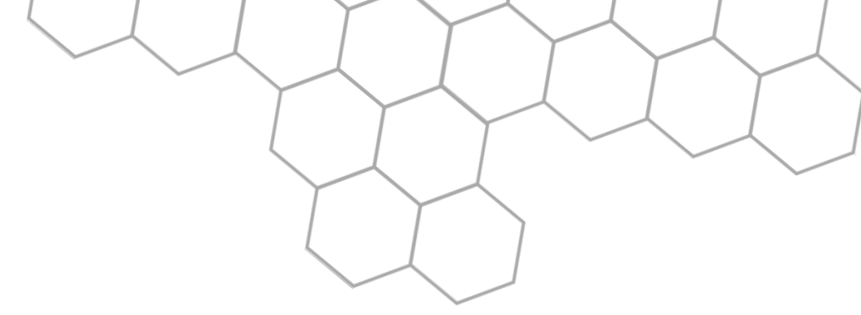
1985, CONFINTEA IV



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

“Recognition of the right to learn is now more than ever a challenge for humanity”

- the right to read and write;
- the right to question and analyse;
- the right to imagine and create;
- the right to read one's own world and to write history;
- the right to have access to educational resources;
- the right to develop individual and



Fundamentals
Development

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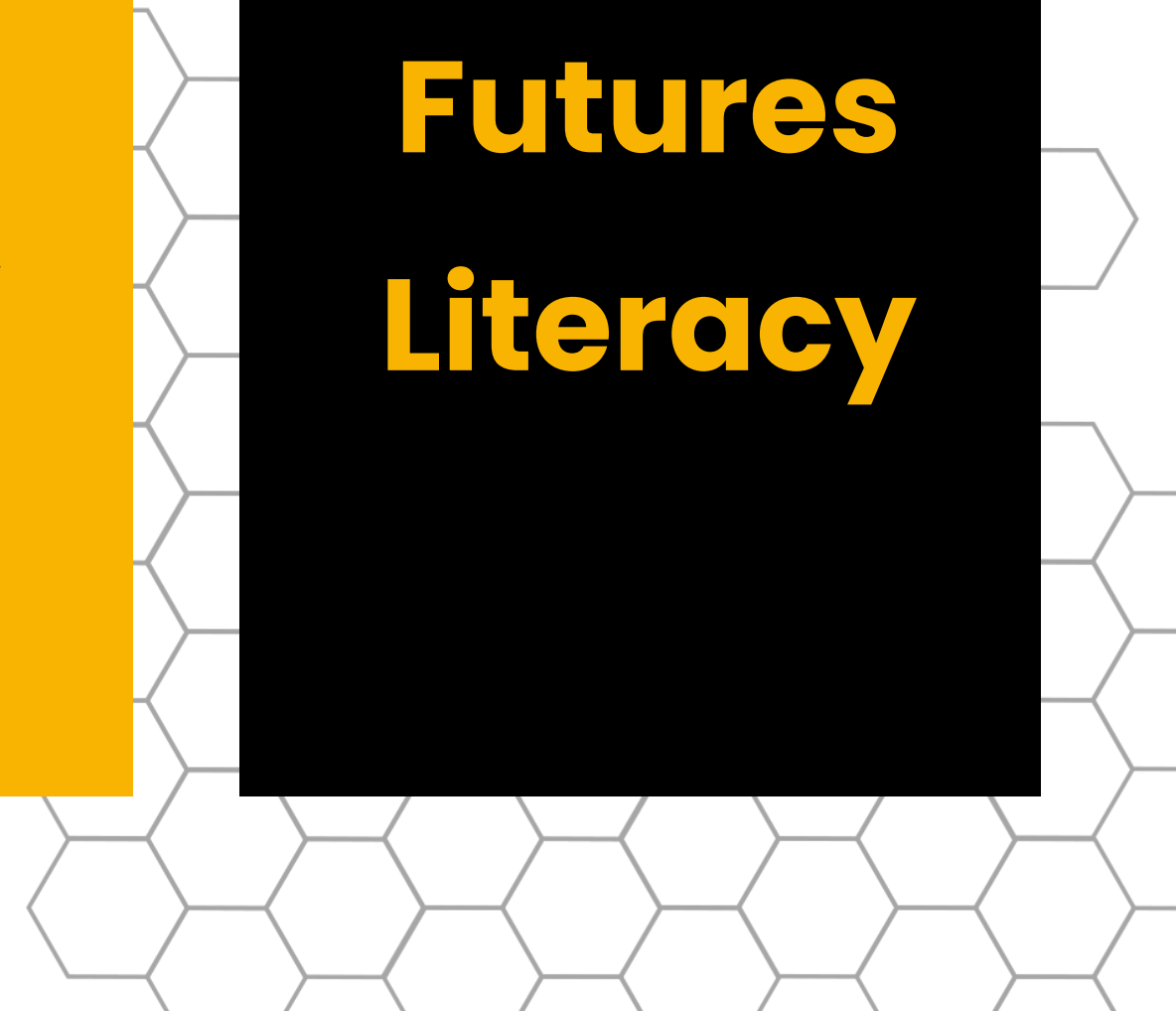
Citizenship

**Basic
Literacy**

**Functiona
l Literacy**

**Critical
Literacy**

**Futures
Literacy**





Thank You