

The Trend and Development of Learning Cities in Korea

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Koreans today take great pride in their cities attaining the status of learning cities. As of 2007, 76 cities have been designated as learning cities by the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development. Learning cities are largely government funded initiatives aimed at improving the well-being of the people through economic progress. This paper traces the development of learning cities in Korea against the background of the global movement to promote lifelong learning and considers the following questions : What makes a city a learning city? How is a learning city defined in terms of its administrative functions and how these impact on public perception? How can learning cities be sustainable? What is it in Korean culture that foster the development of learning cities? What learning needs /training needs are being created by learning cities?