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Education and Research on Polish Studies in Korea ¹

Abstract

Polish education and research in Korea has become systematic since the establishment of the Department of Polish Studies at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS). The Department of Polish Studies at HUFS is the only academic department in Korea which teaches and studies the politics, economy, history, and culture of Poland, as well as the Polish language and literature. Since its establishment in 1987, the department has produced more than 800 graduates. The Department of Polish Studies forms and maintains a close relationship with universities in Poland. It also makes continuous effort for more students to study the Polish language at universities in Poland.

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I. Background of the Establishment of the Department of Polish Studies

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