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Korea launches full-scale programme to improve training environment for doctors

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Supporting measures to strengthen teaching hospitals



The Ministry of Health and Welfare, Government of South Korea, has annnounced that 60 teaching hospitals have been selected for the 2025 Training Environment Innovation Programme for Trainee Doctors, marking the start of full-scale efforts to improve trainee doctors' training environments.

The Training Environment Innovation Programme for Trainee Doctors enables teaching hospitals to focus on enhancing the learning environments for trainee doctors. It provides priority support for the establishment of training systems for interns and eight core specialties, thereby reinforcing the role of trainee doctors as learners. Through investment in developing the professional medical workforce, the programme ultimately aims to improve the overall quality of healthcare.

With the programme now launched at 60 teaching hospitals, these hospitals are expected to begin making tangible improvements to training conditions. They will systematise training programmes and build environments that help trainee doctors develop the knowledge, attitudes, and competencies required to become specialists.

Kim Guk-il, Director General for Healthcare Policy, stated, “This innovation programme will serve as a springboard for trainee doctors to grow into capable medical professionals who will lead the healthcare system of the future."