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“Insight For a Better Tomorrow”





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Chief's Message



“As an independent legislative research arm of the National Assembly, we promise to become the trusted legislative think tank by providing sources based on expertise, nonpartisanship and confidentiality.”

The National Assembly Research Service (NARS) was founded in 2007 as an independent research agency to strengthen the National Assembly’s legislative capabilities and policy development capacities. NARS is the only research arm of the legislative assembly in Korea which covers all subject areas of state affairs.

To offer the highest quality of policy analysis, we take a multi-perspective approach in our examination of issues, upholding the principles of nonpartisanship and confidentiality in the conduct of our research investigations.

NARS provides members of the National Assembly with essential information to assist them in their legislative activities and oversight of the executive branch. We also initiate research and analysis on major state affairs and assist members in offering seminars and forums in order to facilitate subsequent political and public discourse.

Proud of our accomplishments — as we have responded to over 65,000 legislative research requests, published 2,634 reports, and held 410 seminars — NARS will continue to support members of the legislature and ensure that the National Assembly functions as a representative body of the people and furthers the promotion of democracy.

As NARS prepares itself to meet the challenges of our fast-moving, interconnected and transforming world, we trust our capabilities and experience will enable us to provide expert, impartial, and systematic inquiry into subjects of concern to the legislature and the nation, strengthening our role as a dependable think tank of the legislative branch.

We deeply appreciate your ongoing interest in and support of NARS.

Thank you.

Kim Ha Joong
Chief of the National Assembly Research Service



Who We Are

Establishment



NARS was established on March 25, 2007 in accordance with Article 22-3 of the National Assembly Act and the National Assembly Research Service Act. As the research institution of the National Assembly, NARS supports Members' legislative activities by conducting research and analysis on legislation and policy.

Vision

Think Tank of the National Assembly

NARS is the only research institute in Korea which covers all legislative and policy issues. To offer the highest quality of legal and policy analysis, in their research NARS experts approach different topics from different perspectives based on their expertise while upholding the principles of nonpartisanship and confidentiality.

NARS fully supports the legislative assembly members' activities to ensure the National Assembly functions as a representative body of the people and further promotes democracy.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RESEARCH SERVICE

Encompass broadly all subject areas of state affairs in its research activities

Offer unparalleled expertise and experience in conducting legislative and policy research

Provide tailored assistance to Members in their legislative and parliamentary activities

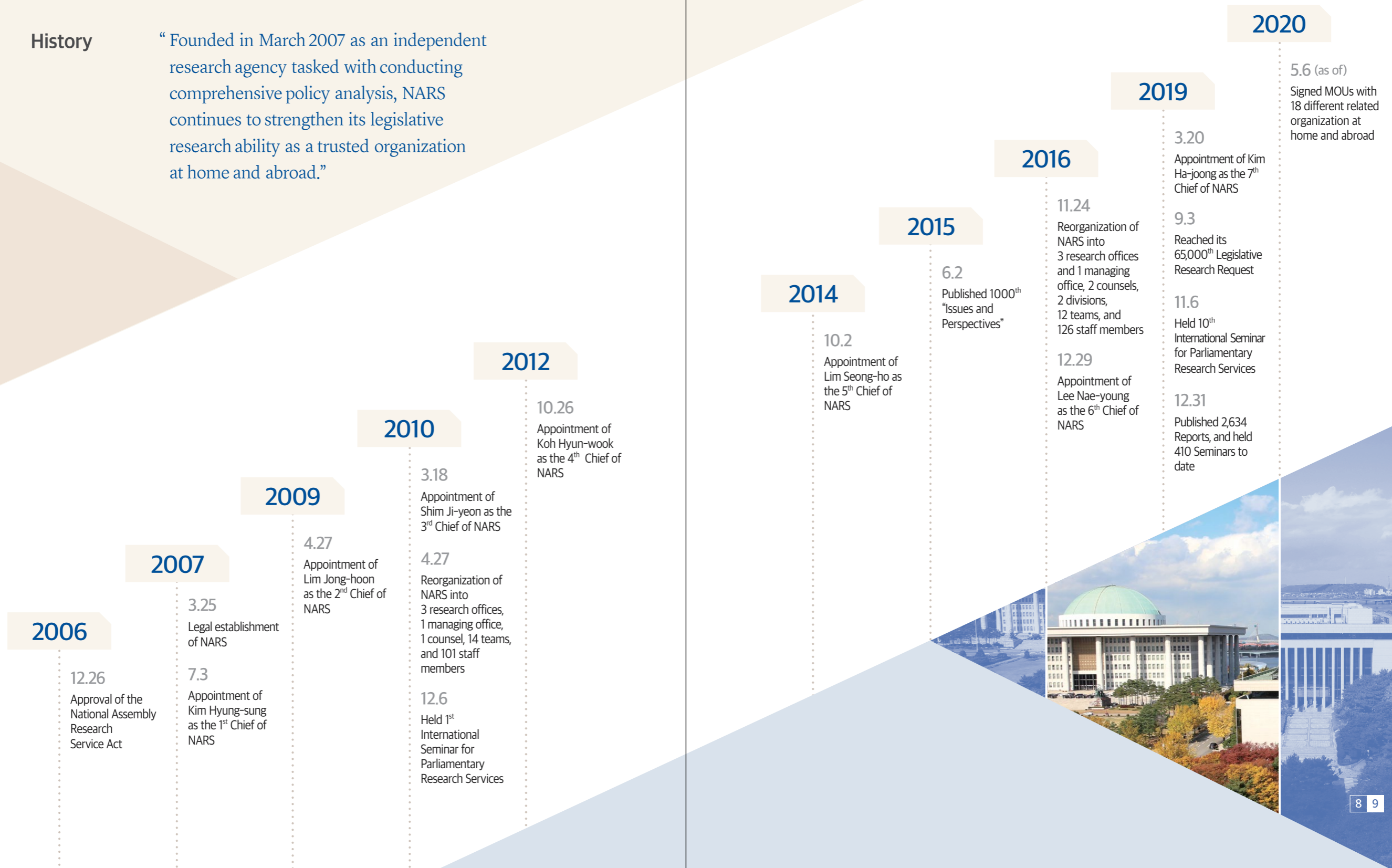
Uphold the principles of nonpartisanship, confidentiality, and independence, ensuring that work is done in the public interest

Strive to maintain the trust of assembly members and the public



History

“Founded in March 2007 as an independent research agency tasked with conducting comprehensive policy analysis, NARS continues to strengthen its legislative research ability as a trusted organization at home and abroad.”





What We Do

Legislative Research Services

NARS conducts research and analysis on legislative and policy issues in a scientific and professional manner at the request of Members / committees.

Prompt service

- Provide concise and pertinent research outcomes
- Conduct services in the form of reports, and consultations by telephone and in-person briefings

Professional and high-quality research and analysis

- Actively seek advice from outside experts
- Strengthen peer review
- Offer retraining for legislative research officers

Customized legislative research service

- Enhance service quality by understanding research objectives clearly and seeking feedbacks
- Provide customized legislative research service by fulfilling simple to specific requests

Maintenance of strict confidentiality and nonpartisanship

- Ensure confidentiality regarding research inquiries and outcomes
- Maintain impartiality in the conduct of research to justly serve the public interest

Working procedure of NARS Legislative Research Request



How NARS Research Request was Applied

“ NARS, ‘US Could Demand Increasing S. Korea’s Share of Defense Cost due to THAAD’ ”

Regarding the 10th Special Measures Agreement (SMA), there is a view that the US would demand an increase in Seoul’s share of the defense cost, based on 1 trillion won in expenses for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) deployment and 2 billion won of its operating cost.

000, a member of the National Assembly, released a report from NARS, citing that “If the THAAD system worth 1 trillion won and its operating cost contributing 2 billion won every year are reflected on the Non-Personnel Stationing Cost (NPSC), the US would demand to increase South Korea’s share of defense cost.”

<News 1 Korea | February 22, 2018>



Legislative Activities

Assisting the Legislature for Oversight of the Executive

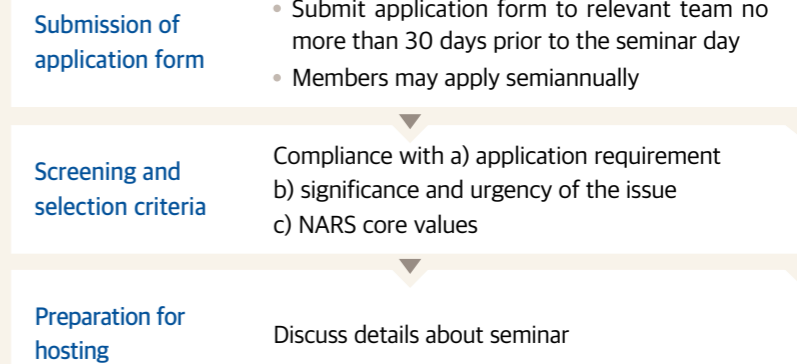
- NARS provides a relevant standing committee with information on suggestions to make better laws, systems and administration
 - Conduct research and analysis on problems or improvements related to the government policy or administration
- NARS provides an evaluation on the follow-up actions of the parliamentary inspection of state administration to increase the executive accountability and feedback to next year's oversight of the administrative branch
 - Strengthen effectiveness and continuity of the National Assembly's oversight of the administrative branch and provide full support in assisting the standing committee for oversight of the Executive

Supporting Members' Legislative and Policy Development Activities

- Assisting Members' legislative and policy development activities so that the National Assembly can take a leading role in cultivating a social atmosphere of public discourses and further developing representative democracy
 - Organize joint seminars and forums with Members' offices
 - Assist Members' offices in organizing seminars and forums: Participate as presenters, discussants, or moderators
 - Support and participate in National Assembly hearings in the National Assembly's legislative process
- Assisting Members' research groups to invigorate policy research and development
 - Assist review or selection of topics for seminars and forums
 - Recommend presenters, discussants, or moderators for seminars and forums
 - Organize joint seminars

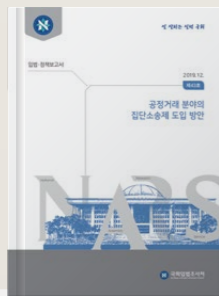
Support for Joint Seminars

Application procedure to host joint seminar is as follows:



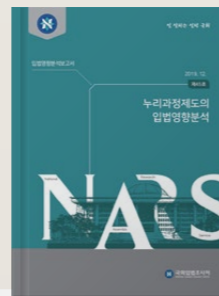
Research Publications

NARS initiates research and analysis on current and potential legislative and policy issues. Through publishing reports NARS recommends policy directions and solutions based on research and its studies.



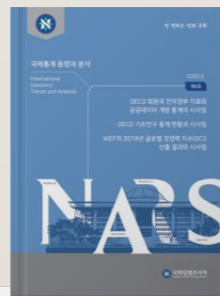
Report on Legislation of Policy Studies

Comprehensive and in-depth report which analyzes and evaluates major legislative and policy issues



Legislative Impact Analysis

Report and evaluating assessing the direct and indirect impact of legislative bills and laws on a national, societal and individual level in a scientific and systematic way



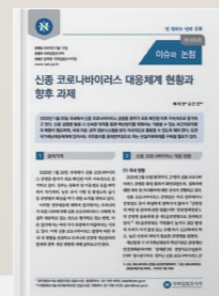
International Statistics: Trends and Analysis

Report which analyzes important statistics released by OECD and other international organizations



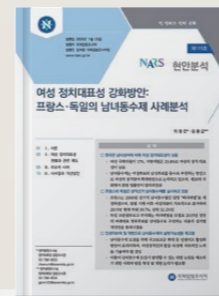
Policy Issues for Inspection

Annual report on major issues of different government ministries and fields that will likely be part of the agenda for the upcoming parliamentary inspections and to check if corrections are reflected on government administration



Issues and Perspectives

Information newsletter on current trends and issues that will likely affect Korean politics, economy and society. This report provides an overview of the issues and analyzes key issues and proposes legislative improvements



NARS Current Issues and Analysis

Report which identifies and analyzes major issues in different fields and proposes legislative and policy measures



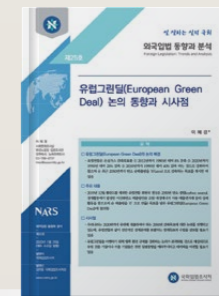
Parliamentary Diplomacy: Trends and Analysis

Report which provides information on current issues regarding parliamentary diplomacy (issued every Tuesday)



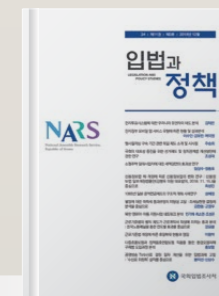
Statistical Briefings

Report on statistics and indicators related to legislation and policy issues to evaluate their legislative implications



Foreign Legislation: Trends and Analysis

Report which analyzes global legislative trends and provides relevant information (issued every Wednesday)



Legislation and Policy Studies

Registered academic journal with in-depth papers on legislation and policies published every April, August and December





Domestic and International Activities

Parliamentary Research Service Network

Leading A Global Network of Parliamentary Research Services



Building global network of parliamentary research services overseas

- NARS held its 1st International Seminar for Parliamentary Research Services in 2010 and has hosted ten international seminars where 36 countries have participated
- NARS is creating a global network for information sharing among the US, EU, Japan and the research services of many other countries

MOUs with Domestic and International Institutions

Forging network via cooperation with parliamentary research services and related institutions at home and abroad

List of MOUs with International Research Services

- Nov 19, 2009 National Diet Library, Japan
- Dec 7, 2010 Cabinet of the National Assembly of the Lao PDR
- Dec 7, 2010 Parliamentary Secretariat Research Center of State Great Hural of Mongolia
- Dec 7, 2010 Institute for Legislative Studies of the National Assembly Standing Committee of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- Mar 30, 2011 Secretariat General of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- May 28, 2013 Institute for Monitoring of Current Legislation Under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Jun 22, 2014 Islamic Parliament Research Center of the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Feb 22, 2018 The Legislation and Parliamentary Research Institute of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Jul 1, 2019 Chinese Academy of Social Studies
- Sep 23, 2019 European Parliamentary Research Service

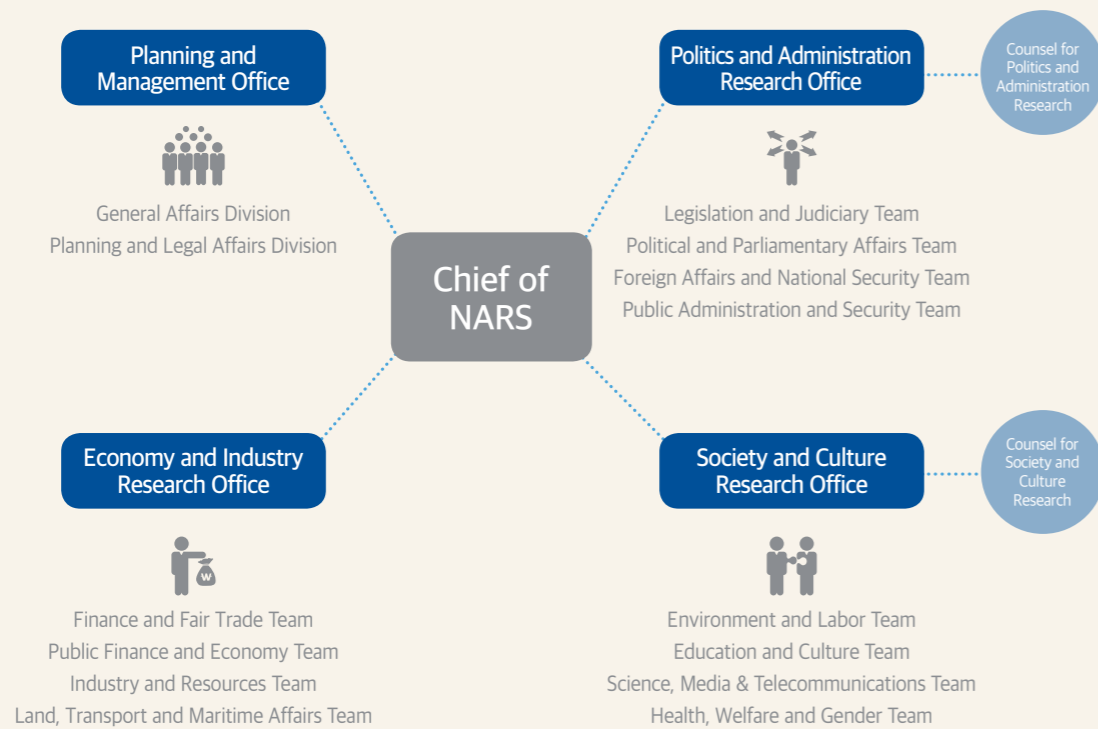
List of MOUs with Domestic Institutions

- Apr 25, 2012 The Korean Institute of Legislative Studies
- Nov 5, 2015 National Research Foundation of Korea
- May 11, 2017 Seoul Metropolitan Council
- Aug 29, 2017 Jeju Special Self-Governing Provincial Council
- Oct 26, 2017 Judicial Policy Research Institute
- Dec 11, 2017 Korean Institute of Criminology
- Apr 26, 2018 National Assembly Library, Statistics Korea
- Nov 28, 2018 Korea Social Science Data Archive
- May 28, 2019 Korean Bar Association
- May 6, 2020 Korea Legislation Research Institute



Organization Chart

NARS is composed of three research offices, one planning & management office, two counsels, two divisions, and 12 teams with a total of 126 staff members.



Offices	Phone No.	Fields	
Planning and Management Office	General Affairs Division	6788-4510	Personnel, Accounting, General Affairs, Management, Pension, Staff Welfare
	Planning and Legal Affairs Division	6788-4520	Planning, Budget, Public Relations, Audit & Inspection, Training, Informatization, International Cooperation, Law & Regulation, Registration of Research Requests
Politics and Administration Research Office	Legislation and Judiciary Team	6788-4540	Public Law, Private Law, Criminal Law
	Political and Parliamentary Affairs Team	6788-4530	Parliament, Election, Political Party
	Foreign Affairs and National Security Team	6788-4550	Foreign Affairs, National Security, International Trade, Reunification, National Defense
	Public Administration and Security Team	6788-4560	General Administration, Local Administration, Security
Economy and Industry Research Office	Finance and Fair Trade Team	6788-4580	Financial Services, Insurance, Fair Trade
	Public Finance and Economy Team	6788-4570	Economy, Finance, Tax
	Industry and Resources Team	6788-4590	Industry, Trade, Energy, SMEs, Startups, Agriculture, Oceans and Fisheries
	Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs Team	6788-4600	Land Infrastructure, Maritime Affairs, Transport
Society and Culture Research Office	Environment and Labor Team	6788-4730	Environment, Labor
	Education and Culture Team	6788-4700	Education, Culture
	Science, Media & Telecommunications Team	6788-4710	Communications, Information Communications, Science Technology
	Health, Welfare and Gender Team	6788-4720	Healthcare, Social Welfare, Gender Equality



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