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The Quality-of-life Enhancer

Pursuing Policies,
Which Benefit People
and They Can Feel

President Moon Jae-in implemented economic and welfare policies focusing on improving the quality of life and making changes that the people can directly feel. He met with and listened to the public and announced policies that have a large bearing on the lives of ordinary people.

- Announcing the implementation of an initiative for the country to take responsibility for dementia patients while visiting a long-term care hospital for dementia patients in Seoul on June 2, 2017
- Announcing a plan to improve the coverage of national health insurance at Seoul St. Mary's Hospital on August 9, 2017
- Responding to #Me Too Movement on February 27, 2018, and announcing the establishment of a special report center and a comprehensive measure to prevent sexual harassment and assault on March 8, 2018

Various support measures were newly employed to ease five major burdens of the cost of living—housing, medical, educational, telecommunication and transportation expenses.

- Raising the basic pension for the elderly and confirming the payment of child allowances beginning in September 2018
- Abolishing admission fees for national universities in 2018 and for private universities and two-year colleges gradually within three to five years, and increasing the number of national scholarship recipients to 80,000 in order to halve their tuition burden
- Reducing households' telecommunication expenses and easing transportation costs, including a decrease in highway toll fees
- Announcing a housing welfare roadmap on November 29, 2017 to provide public housing, supplying one million homes for low-income households and newlyweds and preparing support plans tailored to different life stages

Strengthening Safety and Environmental Security

President Moon Jae-in visited the sites of catastrophes such as earthquakes and fires and has endeavored to improve emergency responses. He concentrated his efforts on coming up with measures to fundamentally solve problems related to the physical environment that impact upon people's daily lives, safety and livelihood.

- Establishing and announcing comprehensive measures on fine dust on September 26, 2017
- Visiting sites damaged by an earthquake in Pohang on November 24, 2017, designating Pohang as a special disaster zone and postponing the scholastic aptitude test
- Visiting the scene of a fire at a sports center in Jecheon on December 22, 2017 and Sejong Hospital in Miryang on January 27, 2018
- Announcing a special measure for fire safety on April 19, 2018

A plan to recruit 174,000 on-site public servants by 2022 was formulated in order to ease the shortage of personnel involved in protecting the life and safety of the people such as the police and firefighters. As of the end of March 2018, 35,000 new public servants have been hired.

- As of the end of March 2018, 3,500 police officers, 5,400 firefighters, 6,000 teachers, 3,600 noncommissioned officers, 3,200 social workers, and 13,300 workers, including those who are related to saving lives, were hired.