

## **Denmark offers support to Danes adopted to Denmark from South Korea, India, Vietnam, and Lebanon**

**International adoptees from South Korea, India, Vietnam, and Lebanon can now receive support in their search for information about their personal history and biological family. Adoptees can receive practical, individual assistance with the process of accessing their adoption records in their countries of origin.**

For a two-year period, until mid-2028, the Danish embassies in the four countries will, among other things, engage in dialogue with relevant authorities and build local networks. The embassies will also map the rules and circumstances that affect adoptees' opportunities to obtain information about their personal background and biological family.

Minister for Social Affairs Monika Rubin welcomes the support initiative:

*"It is deeply human, and entirely understandable, to have questions about where you come from and about your own history. For some adoptees, these questions play a significant role in their lives, while others do not feel the same need. There must be room for both. Wanting to know more about one's own history is not at odds with being happy with one's adoptive family and life in Denmark. But for those who are seeking answers, we must do what we can to help. That is why we are now strengthening the support available to adoptees who wish to find information about their history and biological family. It can be a difficult process involving different countries, authorities, and sets of rules, and no one should have to face it alone. I am therefore pleased that we are now taking this important step."*

The support provided by the four embassies is one of several initiatives to ensure better support for international adoptees. At the same time, a project providing free and independent legal advice is being launched, run by KFUM's Sociale Arbejde i Danmark (YMCA Social Work in Denmark). In addition, the Danish Social Appeals Board continues to develop and improve the existing post-adoption services in Denmark.

These initiatives are part of the agreement on a comprehensive initiative in the field of adoption between the former coalition government (the Social Democrats, the Liberal Party and the Moderates), the Socialist People's Party and the Conservative People's Party ([read more here](#)).

The project is being carried out in close cooperation between the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and the National Social Appeals Board.

Press enquiries can be directed to the press office of the Ministry of Social Affairs at [presse@sm.dk](mailto:presse@sm.dk) or the press telephone line 4185 1360.



## Are you an international adoptee in Denmark?

*Are you an international adoptee and do you already have the documents from your adoption case in Denmark?*

You can contact the embassy directly and send the relevant documents to the embassy yourself. The embassy will seek to provide practical guidance to help you gain access to information about your adoption case in your country of origin.

You can contact the embassies at the following email addresses:

- **South Korea – Embassy of Denmark in Seoul:** [selamb@um.dk](mailto:selamb@um.dk)
- **Vietnam – Embassy of Denmark in Hanoi:** [hanamb@um.dk](mailto:hanamb@um.dk)
- **Lebanon – Embassy of Denmark in Beirut:** [beyamb@um.dk](mailto:beyamb@um.dk)
- **India – Embassy of Denmark in New Delhi:** [delamb@um.dk](mailto:delamb@um.dk)

As an adoptee, you do not need to travel to the country concerned in order to receive assistance from the embassy.

*Are you an international adoptee who has not yet been granted access to the documents in your adoption case in Denmark?*

You can apply for access to your own adoption case through the [National Social Appeals Board](#). The National Social Appeals Board can also provide general advice and guidance on searching for information in your country of origin. The National Social Appeals Board is the central authority on adoption matters in Denmark and already has a number of initiatives to help and advise international adoptees.

During the initial phase, the embassies will build networks and map relevant stakeholders and authorities to create an overview of where adoptees can apply for access to information concerning their own adoption.

During the autumn, an information meeting will be held for relevant stakeholders with a focus on international adoption. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the two-year project and gather practical experience.

You can read more about the support and guidance available to international adoptees on the [website of the National Social Appeals Board](#).

For further details on what the embassies can assist with, and how, please see the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.