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| **Role of major agencies in changes of physical activity policy and practice in Korean health promotion**  |
| **Backgrounds**: Researches about policy and practice promoting health enhancing physical activity for Koreans are few. So we tried to review major Korean policy documents since 1996 when Korean health promotion act enacted and to show the role of major related agencies including Korean Healthy Cities Partnership. **Methods**: We reviewed Major documents related with Korean health promotion including Healthy Cities approaches **Results**: There were no concepts or even the terms related with health enhancing physical activity promotion in early documents written in 1998-2000. After some explorative researches have done through Korean Health Promotion Institute(KHPI), the term and concept of physical activity have introduced and spread to Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare(MOHW) guidelines. Although Physical Activity Guideline released officially in 2008, increasingly many physical activity initiatives and demonstrative projects of local governments have used the term and concepts. Korean Human Resource Development Institute for Health and Welfare(KOHI) has helped through regular educations.The first National Health Promotion Plan published in 2001 proposed 5 objectives in physical activity but environmental and policy approach were not found. After minor revision in 2005(The second National Health Promotion Plan) Koran Health Plan 2020 proposed eight physical activity objectives and four strategies including physical activity friendly environmental approaches. Now public offering for Korean Health Plan 2030 is undergoing.After four cities joined inaugural assembly of Alliance for Healthy Cities(AFHC) in Kuching Malaysia, increasingly many Korean local governments have participated in Healthy Cities approaches and launched Korean Healthy Cities Partnership(KHCP) in 2006. It shows that there are lots of health promoting type Healthy City projects in South Korea and most include physical activity promotion. Academic committee was launched in 2009 and finally ‘making active living environments’ was adopted as common theme of Korean Healthy Cities Partnership in 2015. **Discussion**: It is not surprising that early Korean documents did not include the terms and concepts related with physical activity. KHPI, KOHI and Healthy Cities were major platform for physical activity promotion in Korea. **Keywords**: Physical activities, Healthy Cities |