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**Yellow Sea**

- A Floating Home of Chinese Korean Minority

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Chinese Korean minority originally immigrates to Manchuria from northern Korean Peninsula and is an indispensable branch of Korean Diasporas. Currently, political constraints, economic opportunities, and cultural intimacy bring them to South Korea. At the same time, the imbalanced development between Chinese Korean minority and South Koreans has also created a volatile situation. South Korean director Na Hong-jin’s *Yellow Sea*, a 2010 Korean blockbuster, casts a critical and tragic light on this minority, and has aroused heated debates. “Yellow Sea” (the border sea between China and Korea) metaphorically represents the “home” of the CKM, who is a people floating between two countries, legally Chinese, historically Korean, yet ostracized by both. This paper investigates the political and social development of CKM, through visual, audio and textual content analysis methods. The hypothesis that CKM straddles the threshold between China and South Korea, plagued by institutional insufficiency and a cultural sense of exclusion in both countries would be tested.

**Key Words:** Korean Diasporas, Chinese Korean minority (Cho-sun Jok), Yellow Sea, human smuggling, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, Chinese minority governance

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