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Paul's Summary (transcribed)

Today's topic involves the **immense popularity of plastic surgery** in South Korea. Now, being conscious of one's own appearance is fine, but if you take a casual stroll around the busy streets of downtown Seoul, you'll start to see a lot of plastic surgery clinics -- out in the open! Now, if you ask a lot of Korean people, you'll find that it is commonplace for women to **have some work done on their eyes and nose** and whatever parts of their body. Now, though the glamorous and stylized stories of women getting **cosmetic touchups** at the doctor's office at lunchtime sound harmless, there are less attractive stories of young women becoming **anorexic** due to excessive weight loss and having other eating disorders, but(and) also even (of) teenagers **getting intense makeover surgeries**, which is never good. Now, I'm not trying to blame just women, as I know more men are getting plastic surgery these days, but some people point to Korean society's **emphasis on physical appearance**. Many people know that having a more pleasing appearance or a stunning first impression can land you a better job or even a better spouse, but you can quickly realize that there is an immense **commercialization of this cultural craze**, whether it is the large neon signs of clinics spread around the main streets of Seoul, to the constant, constant ads on buses and subways and taxis and magazines and newspapers.. And even famous Korean idols are just admitting, or even bragging about their new cosmetic surgery. But then you'd also say that it's good for Korea, too, because Korea's expertise in modern technology and plastic surgery has made a boom in the tourism, or **plastic surgery tourism**, with many foreigners flocking to Korea to get that perfect smile. In the end, I think that some people say that plastic surgery is **a matter of personal choice**, while others will think it is an unhealthy disguise for Korea's obsession with competition and discrimination.

Key Words

1. 열풍 craze, obsession
2. 지나치게 마른 anorexic
3. 외모지상주의 emphasis on (obsession with) physical appearance, vanity (be vain) (부정적 어감), craze for superficial beauty
4. 성형의료관광 plastic surgery tourism
5. 쌍꺼풀수술 "have one's eyes done," eye-job
6. 코 성형 nose-job
7. 눈가주름 crow's feet
8. 턱을 깎다 slim down one's face
9. 보톡스 등으로 얼굴에 약간만 손대다 (cosmetic) touchup = have some work done
10. 지나치다 go way too far
11. 상품화의 희생양이 되지 말라 don't fall a victim to commercialism cf. 상품화: commercialization
12. 개성의 표현 expression of one's individuality

Additional Key Words

1. 외양이 좋은 사람을 선호하다 prefer good appearances
2. 위선적 hypocritical
3. 다른 관점에서 살펴보다 look at it from a different angle
4. 성형산업 육성 "encouragement" of plastic surgery
5. 경제적 잠재성 economic potential
6. 비보험 수술 elective surgery
7. 자아상 self-image
8. 경쟁과 차별에 대한 한국사회의 집착의 불건전한 단면이다. unhealthy disguise for Korea's obsession with competition and discrimination

9. 자아존중감 self-esteem