

Women stranded at airport after cosmetic surgery

Three Chinese women were left **strand / stranded** at a South Korean airport after immigration officials said their passport photos did not **match / suit** their faces. The women had just had cosmetic surgery to change their **looking / looks**. The surgery had transformed their faces to such **an / the** extent that passport control **official / officials** in South Korea could not confirm their **indemnity / identity**. Photos of the women went **viral / virtual** on the Internet. Their faces **were swollen / swell** from the surgery and were heavily bandaged. The Shanghaiist.com website reported that the women were not allowed to take their return flight back to China, and were **instead / steadily** held for questioning by the airport authorities. It is still **unclear / nuclear** if the women have been able to return to China.

South Korea has become the cosmetic surgery **capitalistic / capital** of the world. Cosmetic surgery tourism from China is now **booming / boomed** business. More than 500,000 Chinese residents **the / a** year flock to clinics in South Korea to reshape their faces and bodies. Many of them go to clinics that specialize **on / in** making clients look more "Western". Cosmetic surgery is also **hugely / huge** popular with South Koreans. Around half of women **under / beneath** 30 in the capital Seoul are estimated **to / that** have had surgery. Many parents encourage their children to **oversee / undergo** surgery in efforts to gain a "competitive edge" in the job **marketing / market**. There are even hugely popular prime time TV shows that **feature / future** before and after transformations.