



**Beautiful  
& Dynamic  
Republic of Korea**  
(Land of the Morning Calm)

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# National Symbols



## The National Flag of Korea

The **Korean flag** is called "Taegeukgi(태극기)" in Korean. Its design symbolizes the principles of the [yin and yang in Oriental philosophy](#). The circle in the center of the Korean flag is divided into two equal parts. The upper red section represents the proactive cosmic forces of the **yang**. Conversely, the lower blue section represents the responsive cosmic forces of the **yin**. The circle is surrounded by four trigrams, one in each corner. Each trigram symbolizes one of the four universal elements: **heaven**, **earth**, **fire**, and **water**.



The national flower of Korea is the mugunghwa, rose of sharon. (무궁화)

# Location & Population



- ◆ Location: between China and Japan
- ◆ Area(South Korea): 100,032 km<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Population: 48,747,000
- ◆ Capital city: Seoul (South Korea)
  - Population: 10,460,000

- ◆ Busan city
- ◆ Area: 765.64km<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Population: 3,500,000
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> big city in Korea

# Korean cities



Seoul city hall

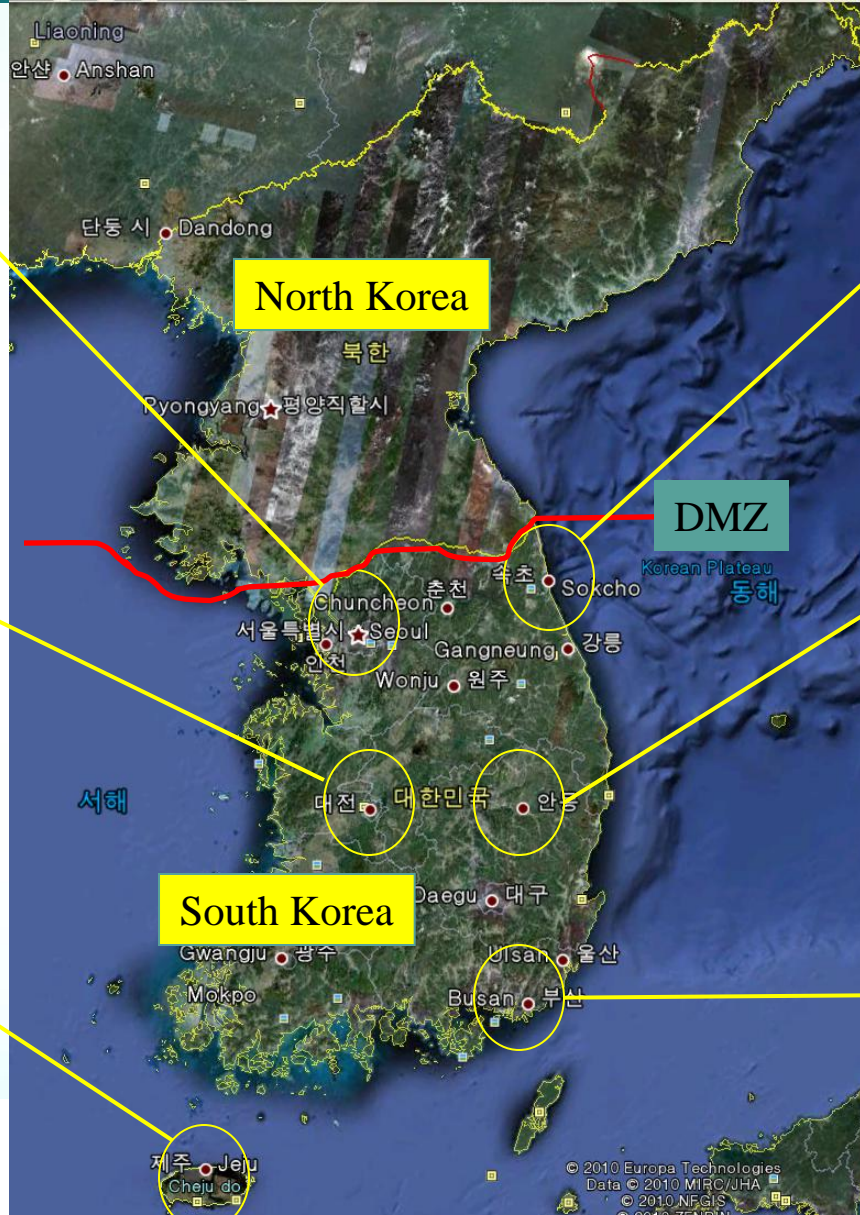
<http://www.jjongpig.co.kr>



DaeJeon Science Expo



Jeju Island



North Korea

DMZ

South Korea



Seorak Mt.



Andong Haehoe Folkvillage



Busan 2<sup>nd</sup> big city

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# Weather (distinct four seasons)



**Spring** lasts from late March to May and is warm. Various flowers, including the picturesque cherry blossom.



**Summer** lasts from June to early September. It is a hot and humid time of the year.

**Autumn** lasts from September to November, and produces mild weather. It is the best season to visit Korea.



**Winter** lasts from December to mid-March. It can be bitterly cold. Heavy snow in the northern and eastern parts of Korea makes for favorable skiing conditions.



# History

Korea has had a long history dating back to 2,333 B.C(고조선)  
According to legend, Dan-gun founded Gojoseon, the first Korean Kingdom, in 2333 B.C.

Three Kingdoms Period (57 B.C. - A.D. 676)



The Japanese Colonial Period (1910 - 1945)



The Goryeo Dynasty (918 - 1392)



The Korean War (1950-1953)



The Joseon Dynasty (1392 - 1910)



The After Korean War (1954-Current)



# Korean Language(Hangeul)

Hangeul (한글), Korea's official language, was first invented by King Sejong during the mid-15th century. Originally called Hunminjeongeum (훈민정음), the language was fully conceived in 1443

한 국 어  
han guk eo

Hangeul written in syllabic units made up of two, three, or four letters.

## Hangeul

### Consonants

ㄱ	g, k	ㅂ	b, p	ㅋ	k
ㄴ	n	ㅅ	s	ㅌ	t
ㄷ	d, t	ㅇ	ng, silent	ㅍ	p
ㄹ	r, l	ㅈ	j	ㅊ	h
ㅁ	m	ㅊ	ch		

### Vowels

ㅏ	a	ㅓ	o	ㅗ	yu
ㅑ	ya	ㅕ	yo	ㅡ	eu
ㅓ	eo	ㅜ	u	ㅣ	i
ㅗ	yeo				

- Hangeul: 24 letters
  - 14 Consonants
  - 10 Vowels
- Similar to English in structure
- Completely different from Chinese & Japanese



# Korean Customs



Traditionally in Korea, the typical family size is quite large, with three or four generations usually living together under the same roof.



Traditional wedding ceremony in Korea, But today's typical wedding ceremony is somewhat different from what it was in old times: Western-style ceremony

**Ondol:** Traditional floor of bedroom,

Underneath the floors are stone or concrete flues. Traditionally hot air was vented through the flues to provide heat.



A traditional Korean house is called *hanok*. ***Hanok*** sought to create a living space based on the coexistence of nature and humans.



# Korean Foods



The Korean Royal court cuisine  
(궁중요리)

Typical Korean Foods:  
Kimchi(김치), Hanjeongsik(한정식),  
Galbi(갈비), Bulgogi(불고기),  
Bibimbap(비빔밥), Royal court(궁중요리)



Kimchi



Hanjeongsik



Galbi



Bulgogi



Bibimbap



Royal court table-setting

# Educational System

**Pre-K**

**Private**



**6yrs**

**Elementary School  
(7 years old start)**



**3yrs**

**Middle School**

**3yrs**

**High School**

**4yrs**

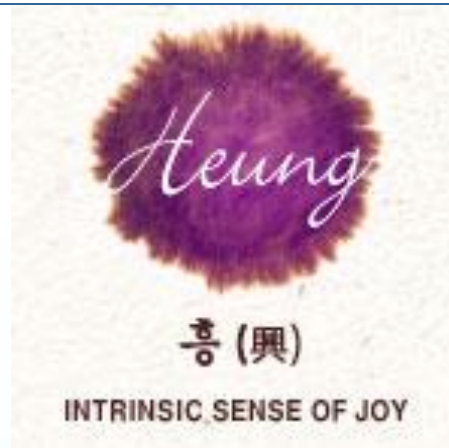
**University**  
- Undergraduate (4yrs)  
- Master (2yrs)  
- Doctor (> 4yrs)



# Korean Culture

For over five thousand years, the Korean people have managed to maintain their exceptional culture despite numerous acts of aggression from its powerful neighbors including China, Russia and Japan.

Most Korean people attribute the success of their country to this energy, which is divided into three types: Gi, Heung and Jeong. Grasping these important principles of the Korean belief system will surely instill a deep understanding of Korean culture



# Entertainment



Fan dance



Farmer's folk band



Hwangjiny

Jumong



Daejanggeum



Winter sonata

The **Korean TV drama** are very popular in the Asian countries such as China, Japan, etc.

# Well known Korean...



Korea-pop singer **Rain**(비) and Olympic figure skating champion **Kim Yu-na**(김연아) are among 200 candidates for this year's list of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time's magazine



Ban Ki-moon,  
UN Secretary-General



Sumi Jo  
World class Soprano singer



President, Lee Myung-bak  
met US President, Obama



**Recipient country (1946-70)**  
**Korean War 1950**

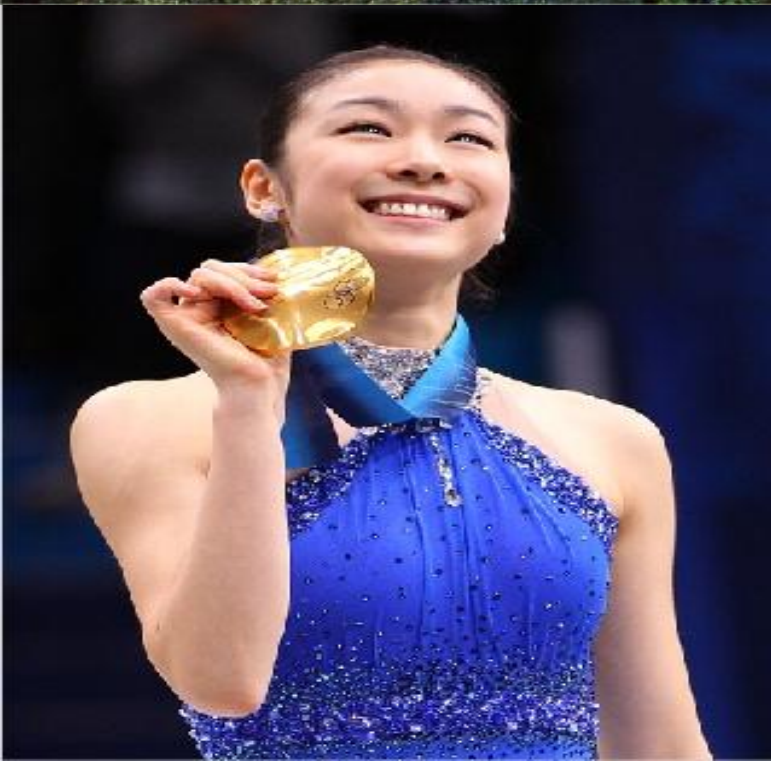


**(Foreign aid)**





**Donor country (since 1991)**



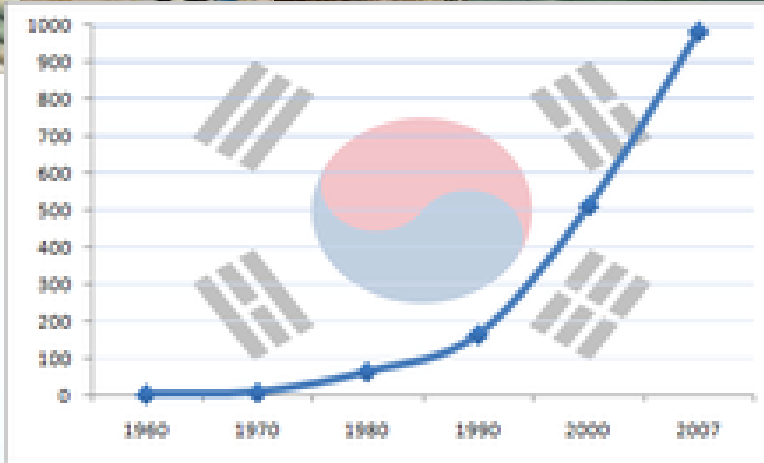


# Economy & Industry

South Korea is a **developed country** and had one of the world's fastest growing economies from the early 1960s to the late 1990s. Its rapid transformation into a wealthy and industrialized economy in this short time was termed the **Miracle on the Han River**. As of 2009, South Korea is the world's **8th largest exporter**



South Korea's Samsung Electronics is the world's largest electronics and technology company and Samsung Group is the world's largest conglomerate.



South Korea's real GDP growth from 1960 to 2007 (**13<sup>th</sup> rank**)

South Korea is the world's largest shipbuilder, and the fifth largest automobile maker in the world (Hyundai Kia Motors)

# World's 13th Largest Economy(2009)

TV sets



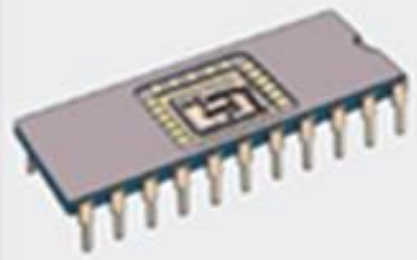
No. 1  
(36.1%)

Shipbuilding



No.1  
(34.4%)

Semiconductors



No. 1  
(61.1%)

Mobile phones



No. 2  
(30.6%)

Automobiles



No. 5  
(7.3%)

# Sport Highlights

## National popular sports



Soccer



Baseball



Basketball



Taekwondo



Games of the XXIV Olympiad Seoul 1988



## 2002 FIFA World Cup held in Korea and Japan



# Travel Highlights(Seoul)

**Seoul** is the capital of Korea with over 600 years of history. It is the heart of Korea's culture and education as well as politics and economics.



Namsan Tower



Kyeongbuk palace



President H(Blue House)



Namdaemun Market



63 City Building



Lotte World



Insadong shopping St.



Itaewon Tourist District

# Travel Highlights(Busan)

**Busan** a bustling city of approximately 3.5 million residents, is located on the southeastern tip of the Korean Peninsula. Busan is the second largest city in Korea

<http://etour.busan.go.kr/index.jsp>



Yongdusan Park



Haeundae beach



Beomeosa (Temple)



Millak Waterfront Park



Nurimaru APEC House



Jagalchi Seafood Market



Dongnae Spas



Busan Museum

# Travel Highlights(Jeju Island)

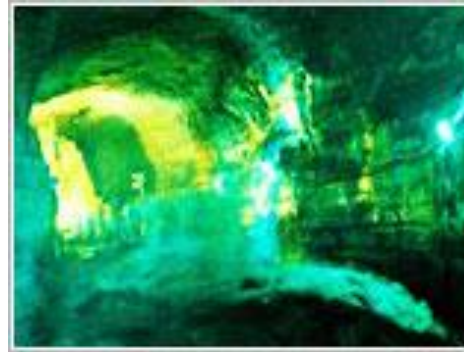
**Jeju Island** situated in a most ideal setting, just 64 kilometers south of the Korean Peninsula is Korea's largest island, Jeju. Jeju is a magical place known for 3 things: roaring **winds**, magnificent **rocks**, and **women**.



Folk Village



Mandarin Village



Manjang Cave



Sanbanggulsu



Beautiful Beach



Dragon rock Beach



Jeongbang Waterfall



Cheonjeyeon Waterfall

# Travel Highlights(Gyeongju)

**Gyeongju** was the oldest capital city of the first unified Korea under the reign of the Silla (57 B.C. ~A.D. 935) kings. This picturesque city allows tourists to step back in time, experience the beauty of the land and exquisite architecture.



Bulguksa Temple



Seokguram Grotto



Deareungwon



Gameunsa Temple



Bunhwangsa Temple



Poseokjeong



Ice Storage House



Cheomseongdae

**See you in a beautiful city of Busan!!**



**Local Organizing Committee**