

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA



- **Capital City: Seoul**
- **Official Language: Korean**

1) Geographical Features:

- Area: 99,720 sq km
- Geographical Coordinates: 37 00 N, 127 30 E
- Climate: temperate, with rainfall heavier in summer than winter; cold winters
- Topography Type: mostly hills and mountains; wide coastal plains in west and south

2) Political Features:

- Government Type: Republic
- Head of State: President Moon Jae-in (since 10 May, 2017)
- Head of Government: Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon (since 1 June, 2017)

3) Economic Features:

- Total GDP: \$1.54 trillion (2017 est.)
- GDP Growth Rate: 3.1% (2017 est.)
- GDP per Capita: \$39,500 (2017 est.)
- GDP (PPP): \$ 2.035 trillion (2017 est.)
- Sectoral Composition of Economy (2017 est.):
 - » Agriculture: 2.2%
 - » Industry: 39.3%
 - » Services: 58.3%
- Currency and Exchange Rate: South Korean won (KRW) per US dollar - 1,130.48 (2017 est.)
- Exports: \$577.4 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Exporting Partners: China 25.1%, US 12.2%, Vietnam 8.2%, Hong Kong 6.9%, Japan 4.7% (2017)
- Imports: \$457.5 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Importing Partners: China 20.5%, Japan 11.5%, US 10.5%, Germany 4.2%, Saudi Arabia 4.1% (2017)

4) Social and Demographic Features:

- Population Size: 51,418,097 (2018 est.)
- Main Languages Spoken: Korean, English (widely taught in junior high and high school)
- Main Religions Followed: Protestant 19.7%, Buddhist 15.5%, Catholic 7.9%, none 56.9% (2015 est.)
- Biggest Ethnic Groups: homogeneous (except for about 20,000 Chinese)
- Total Employment (millions; ages 15+): 26.7 (2016)
- Sex Ratio: 1 male(s)/female (2018 est.)

5) Military and Defense:

- Total Defense Expenditure: \$41,157m (2018)
- Defense Expenditure as a % of GDP: 2.6% (2018)
- Military Obligation: 21- 24 months service obligation
- Military Strength (Active Manpower): 625,000(2018)

6) Important Rankings:

- GDP Ranking (Nominal): 12 (2018)
- HDI Ranking: 22 (2018)
- Global Peace Index: 49 (2018)
- KOF Globalization Index: 34 (2018)
- Military Strength Ranking: 7 (2018)
- Where-to-be-born Index: 19 (2013)