

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

FACT SHEET

Area: 98,913 square kilometres, slightly smaller than the island of Newfoundland. Only 22% is arable.

Population: 40,098,000

Capital: Seoul

Language: Korean

Religion: Animism, Confucianism, Buddhism, Christianity

Government: Constitutional republic, with elected National Assembly. Power centralized in a strong executive.
President: Chun Doo Hwan
Prime Minister: Kim Sang Hyup
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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning Board: Kim Joon Sung
Minister of Foreign Affairs: Lee Bum Suk
Minister of Commerce and Industry: Kim Dong Whie

Economy: Export-led economy based on comparative advantage in labour-intensive light industries and, increasingly, in skill-intensive heavy industry.
GNP (1981): US\$ 63.368 billion
Per Capita Income (1981): US\$ 1,627
Imports (1981): US\$ 24.2 billion (FOB)
Exports (1981): US\$ 21.3 billion (FOB)

Canadian Exports to Korea (1981): \$446,234,000 (major components: coal, woodpulp, fertilizers, copper, sulphur, engines, turbines, raw hides and skins, telecommunications and related machinery)

Korean Exports to Canada (1981): \$608,085,000 (major components: outerwear, footwear, televisions, radios, phonographs, apparel and accessories, steel, telecommunications and related equipment)

Canadian Ambassador: William (Bill) E. Bauer