As may be expected, because of the well-developed education system the literacy rate is very high, reported as 93 per cent.

Language: The national language is Korean. English is spoken by those having frequent contact with foreigners.

Currency: The Korean won (w) is the national currency. It is not an international currency and floats against a basket of other currencies. The Canadian dollar in February 1987 was worth about 856.3 won.

Religion: Four religions are followed in South Korea. Buddhism has the largest following with 37 per cent followed closely by Christianity with 30 per cent. Confusianism and Chondo-Oyo are also practiced, accounting for 18 per cent and 4 per cent respectively.

Weights and Measures: Korea utilizes the metric system

Visa: is required

Innoculations: none are required