

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Capital: Seoul

GEODATA

Area

98,480 km²

Major language

Korean

Major religious groups

Christian (49%), Buddhist (47%),
Confucian (3%)

Surrounding countries

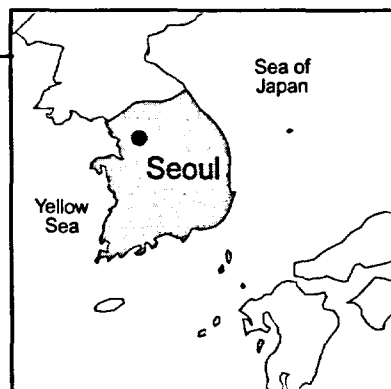
North Korea, Japan

Population

47.7 million (2001 est.)

Population growth rate

0.85% (2001)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Single chamber: National Assembly; multiparty

Leaders

President Kim Dae-jung

Prime Minister Lee Han-dong

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Han Seung-soo

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Energy

Chang Che-shik

UN Human Development Index (2001)

The Republic of Korea ranks 27th among 162 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$457.4 billion US (2000)

GDP growth rate

8.8% (2000)

GDP per capita

\$10,550 US (2000)

Main exports

Integrated circuits, automobiles, automatic data processing parts and machinery, oil (not crude), ships

Main imports

Integrated circuits, natural gas, oil (not crude), automatic data processing machinery and parts

Main exports to Canada

\$5.4 billion (2000), including integrated circuits, automobiles, data processing machinery, light vessels, transmission apparatus

Main imports from Canada

\$2.2 billion (2000), including wood pulp, coal, unwrought aluminum, vehicle gear boxes, ethylene glycol

Inflation rate

4.7% (August 2001)

Unemployment rate

3.7% (July 2001; seasonally adjusted)

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