

# REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Capital: Seoul

## GEODATA

### Area

98,480 km<sup>2</sup>

### Major language

Korean

### Major religious groups

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

Confucian (3%)

### Surrounding countries

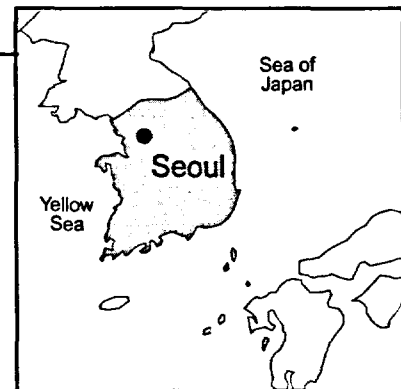
North Korea, Japan

### 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

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