

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Capital: Seoul

GEODATA

Area 98,480 km ²	Population 47.7 million (2001 est.)
Major language Korean	Population growth rate 0.9% (2001)
Major religious groups Christian (49%), Buddhist (47%), Confucian (3%)	
Surrounding countries North Korea, Japan	



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Republic	Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Choi Sung-hong
National legislature Single chamber: National Assembly; multiparty	UN Human Development Index (2002) The Republic of Korea ranks 27th among 173 countries
Leaders President Kim Dae-jung Prime Minister Lee Han-dong	Canadian official development assistance \$10,000 (2000-01)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP \$422.2 billion US (2001)	Inflation rate 4.1% (August 2001)
GDP growth rate 3% (2001)	Unemployment rate 3.9% (2001)
GDP per capita \$18,110 US (2001, PPP)	
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	
Canadian imports from Korea \$4.6 billion (2001), including integrated circuits, cars, data processing machines, apparel, iron and steel products	
Canadian exports to Korea \$1.9 billion (2001), including wood pulp, coal, unwrought aluminum, car transmissions, ethylene glycol, machinery	

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