

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

FACT SHEET

Area: 98,913 square kilometres

Population: 40,098,000

Capital: Seoul

Seoul Language: Korean

Religion: Confucianism, Buddhism, Animism, Christianity

Government: Constitutional republic, with power centralized in a strong executive.
President - Chun Doo Hwan
Prime Minister - Nam Duck Woo
Minister of Foreign Affairs - Lho Shin Yong

Economy: GNP (1980): - \$57.23 billion
Per Capita Income (1980): - \$1,503
Imports (1980): - \$22,292 million
Exports (1980): - 17,505 million

Canadian Exports to Korea (1980): \$504,086,000 (major components - rawhides and skin, coal, asbestos, wood pulp, radio active elements and isotopes, aluminum, engines, turbines, generators, machinery).

Korean Exports to Canada (1980): \$414,166,000 (major components textiles, outerwear, other apparel and accessories, footwear, televisions, radios and phonographs).

Canadian Ambassador: William (Bill) E. Bauer

Mr. Bauer, age 55, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952. He has served abroad in Warsaw, Vietnam, Rome, Geneva and Washington. From 1975-79 he was Ambassador to Thailand and concurrently accredited to Laos and Burma. He presented his credentials as Ambassador to Korea on February 26, 1981.