

# REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Capital: Seoul

## GEODATA

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



## POLITICAL DATA

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

## ECONOMIC DATA

<b>GDP</b> \$422.2 billion US (2001)	<b>Inflation rate</b> 4.1% (August 2001)
<b>GDP growth rate</b> 3% (2001)	<b>Unemployment rate</b> 3.9% (2001)
<b>GDP per capita</b> \$18,110 US (2001, PPP)	
<b>Main exports</b> Integrated circuits, automobiles, automatic data processing parts and machinery, oil (not crude), ships	
<b>Main imports</b> Integrated circuits, natural gas, oil (not crude), automatic data processing machinery and parts	
<b>Canadian imports from Korea</b> \$4.6 billion (2001), including integrated circuits, cars, data processing machines, apparel, iron and steel products	
<b>Canadian exports to Korea</b> \$1.9 billion (2001), including wood pulp, coal, unwrought aluminum, car transmissions, ethylene glycol, machinery	

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