

FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA / UNESCO COOPERATION
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1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 14 June 1950
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** re-elected at the 36th General Conference (term expires in 2015)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions etc.:**
 - Legal Committee (term expires in 2015)
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB). (term expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC). (term expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP). (term Expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (WHC). (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC); President: Dr Sang-Kyung Byun
 - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE). (term expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP); Vice-President (Member term expires in 2017)
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP); Elected Member: Hyun-Sook Yu
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH). (term expires in 2018)
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL); Member: Ms Un Shil Choi
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNEVOC); Member: Prof. Dae-Joon Hwang
4. **Your visits to the Republic of Korea: 5**
 - 19-22 May 2015: official visit
 - 2-4 February 2014: official visit
 - 11-14 August 2012: official visit
 - 26 November - 1 December 2011: official visit
 - 22-25 May 2010: official visit
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H. E. Mr Lee Byong Hyun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate (since April 2015) and 5 other staff
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Lee Sang Jin (September 2012 – March 2015)
6. **UNESCO Office:** The Republic of Korea is covered by the UNESCO Office in Beijing. Officer in Charge: Mrs Eunice Smith (since January 2015)
7. **National Commission of the Republic of Korea to UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: January 1954
 - Chairperson (ex officio): Mr Woo-yea Hwang (since August 2014), Minister of Education
 - Secretary-General: Mr Dong-seok Min (since October 2012)

8. Personalities linked to UNESCO:

- Sumi Jo, opera singer, named UNESCO Artist for Peace on 3 April 2003, in recognition of her dedication to the Organization's ideals and aims, her unfailing commitment to the promotion and the understanding of Korean culture all over the world, in particular through her support for the 'Living Human Treasures' initiatives, and her contribution to international cooperation in the service of peace and tolerance through her distinguished artistic career;
- Mr Hong Sungook, member of COMEST (term ends 31 December 2015, renewable). He is a Professor in the Department of Biological Science Program in History and Philosophy of Science, College of Natural Sciences, Seoul National University.
- Prof. Mr Myongsei Sohn, member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term 2012-2015). He is a Medical Doctor, Preventive Medicine; Director, Asian Institute for Bioethics and Medical Law, Yonsei University; Founding Chairperson of the Department of Bioethics & Health Law of Yonsei University.
- Mr Dong-Pil Min, Emeritus Professor, Seoul National University. Member of United Nations's Secretary-General's Science Advisory Board (SAB).

• **UNESCO Chairs: 5 + 2 UNITWIN Networks**

- UNESCO Chair in Philosophy, Seoul National University (1997)
- UNESCO Chair in Communication Technology for Women, Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul (1998)
- UNESCO Chair in Women's Empowerment, Ewha Women's University (2010)
- UNESCO Chair of Future Civilisations, Kyung Hee University (2011)
- UNESCO Chair in the Development of Youth through Sports Activities, Korea Institute of Sport Science (2012)
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- UNITWIN Network on Capacity Building of Sustainable Development in Developing countries in the Asian Region, Handong Global University (2007)
- The International Network for Women's Empowerment through ICT Skills and Leadership Education, Sookmyung Women's University (2015)

10. Associated schools: 59 (13 primary, 42 secondary and 4 teacher training). The Republic of Korea joined the ASP Network in 1961.

11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres : 4

- Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU)
- International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM), Daejeon
- International Centre of Martial Arts for Youth Development and Engagement, Chungju
- International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in Asia-Pacific Region (ICHCAP)

12. Biosphere Reserves : 5

- Mount Sorak (1982)
- Jeju Island (2002)
- Shinan Dadohae (2009)
- Gwangneung Forest (2010)
- Gochang (2013)

13. Global Geopark: 1

- Jeju Island Geopark

14. World Heritage sites: 12

Cultural sites:

- Baekje Historic Areas (2015)
- Namhansanseong (2014)
- Historic Villages of Korea: Hahoe and Yangdong (2010)
- Royal Tombs of the Joseon Dynasty (2009)
- Gochang, Hwasun, and Ganghwa Dolmen Sites (2000)
- Gyeongju Historic Areas (2000)
- Hwaseong Fortress (1997)
- Changdeokgung Palace Complex (1997)
- Haeinsa Temple Janggyeong Panjeon, the Depositories for the Tripitaka Koreana Woodblocks (1995)
- Jongmyo Shrine (1995)
- Seokguram Grotto and Bulguksa (1995)

Natural site:

- Jeju Volcanic Island and Lava Tubes (2007)

15. Tentative List: 15 properties

- Kangjingu Kiln Sites (1994)
- Mt. Soraksan Nature Reserve (1994)
- Sites of fossilized dinosaurs throughout the Southern seacoast (2002)
- Southwestern Coast Tidal Flats (2010)
- Salterns (2010)
- Daegokcheon Stream Petroglyphs (2010)
- Ancient Mountain Fortresses in Central Korea (2010)
- Upo Wetland (2011)
- Naganeupseong, Town Fortress and Village (2011)
- Oeam Village (2011)
- Seowon, Confucian Academies of Korea (2011)
- Seoul City Wall (2012)
- Traditional Buddhist Mountain Temples of Korea (2013)
- The Goryeong Jisandong Daegaya Tumuli (2013)
- Gaya Tumuli of Gimhae - Haman (2013)

16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 17 elements

16 inscriptions on the Representative List + 1 multi-national inscription

- Royal Ancestral Rite and Ritual Music in Jongmyo Shrine (2008)
- The Pansori Epic Chant (2008)
- Gangneung Danoje Festival (2008)
- Cheoyongmu court dance (2009)
- Ganggangsullae, seasonal harvest and fertility ritual (2009)
- Jeju Chilmeoridang Yeongdeunggut, a ritual to pray for calm seas, abundant harvest and a plentiful sea catch (2009)
- Namsadang Nori 'all-male vagabond clown theatre' (2009)
- Yeongsanjae, re-enactment of Buddha's delivery of the Lotus Sutra on the Vulture Peak in India (2009)
- Daemokjang, traditional wooden architecture (2010)
- Gagok, lyric song cycles accompanied by an orchestra (2010)
- Jultagi, tightrope walking (2011)
- Taekkyeon, a traditional Korean martial art (2011)
- Weaving of Mosi (fine ramie) in the Hansan region (2011)
- Falconry, a living human heritage (**multi-national inscription**: Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic) (2012)
- Arirang, lyrical folk song in the Republic of Korea (2012)
- Kimjang, making and sharing kimchi in the Republic of Korea (2013)
- Nongak, community band music, dance and rituals in the Republic of Korea (2014)

17. **Memory of the World Register:** 11 inscriptions
- The Hunminjeongum Manuscript, Kansong Art Museum, Seoul (1997)
 - The Annals of the Choson Dynasty, Chongjoksan Sagobon, Seoul (1997)
 - Seungjeongwon Ilgi, the Diaries of the Royal Secretariat, Gyujanggak Library and Seoul National University, Seoul (2001)
 - Baegun hwasang chorok buljo jikji simche yojeol (vol.II), the second volume of "Anthology of Great Buddhist Priests' Zen Teachings" (2001)
 - Printing woodblocks of the Tripitaka Koreana and miscellaneous Buddhist scriptures (2007)
 - Uigwe: The Royal Protocols of the Joseon Dynasty (2007)
 - Donguibogam: Principles and Practice of Eastern Medicine (2009)
 - Human Rights Documentary Heritage 1980 Archives for the May 18th Democratic Uprising against Military Regime, in Gwangju, Republic of Korea (2011)
 - Ilseongnok: Records of Daily Reflections (2011)
 - Nanjung Ilgi: War Diary of Admiral Yi Sun-sin (2013)
 - Archives of Saemaul Undong (New Community Movement) (2013)

Note: The Republic of Korea is an important partner and contributor to the Memory of the World Programme, having established the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize which it funds for a biennial Prize of US\$ 30,000, awarded to institutions that have made an outstanding contribution to preservation.

18. **Creative Cities Network:** 5
- Icheon (City of Craft and Folk Art)-2010
 - Seoul (City of Design)-2010
 - Jeonju (City of Gastronomy)-2012
 - Gwangju (City of Media Arts)-2014
 - Busan (City of Film)-2014
19. **Legal instruments:** 15 ratified and 24 non-ratified
20. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015:** none
21. **Participation Programme:** no projects submitted since 2010-2011
22. **Fellowships:** no fellowship awarded since 2010
23. **Voluntary contributions to UNESCO:**

Voluntary Contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes			
(Expressed in US Dollars)			
COUNTRY	Jan-Jun 2015	2014	2013
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,625,751	10,814,931	7,851,533

24. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015:**
(Assessment rate: 1.994%; contributions assessed for 2014 - 2015: US\$ 13,020,820)
25. **Representation in the Secretariat:** normally-represented
10 professional staff in geographical posts (min.6 - max.10)