# Korean Wikipedia



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### Korea and Korean

The country is in between China and Japan



Divided into two countries the north, communist state, and the south, capitalist state they had a civil war, and are in the war technically

Since 671, they are ethnically homogeneous

They speak Korean and have their own script, Hangul

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#### Numbers

Number of pages: 156,000

rank in Wikipedias: around 20th, similar to Romania and Turkish

Number of editors (last Dec.)

more than 10 edits since arrived: 7139

more than 5 edits / month:731

more than 100 edits / month: 104

Korean speakers: 78 million

South Korean: 49 million

North Korean: 24 million

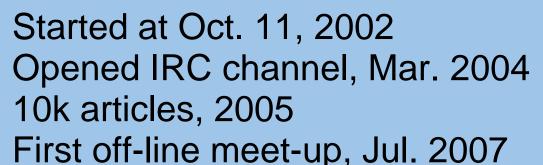
Korean diaspora: 6.8 million (est.)

Digital Opportunity Index of Korea: 1st (0.80) (ΙΤυ, 2007)



## History of KOWP





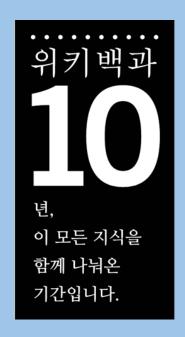
Major portals exposed KOWP in encycl. section, Jan. 2008

50k articles, Jan. 2008

First KOWP Conference celebrated 100k articles, Jul. 2009

150k articles, Dec. 2010

10th birthday party of Wikipedia in Seoul, Jan. 2011





# Is it delayed? Then why?

Koreans they are living in the future on Internet, but KOWP is not so popular.

Q/A service JisikiN(knowledge man) of NHN is prefered. NHN is the major portal (78%)
JisikiN is an important service of NHN (30%)

Local Internet search engines are not fair.

two dominant Korean portals: naver of NHN, daum

Google and Yahoo are minors

Their contents have more priority than KOWP or other sites

Korean Culture?

Let us examine!



#### **Policies**

Same 5 pillars

Encyclopedia, NPOV, Ours, Respect others, No strict rule

#### Important policies

Consensus, No personal attacks, Copyright, NPOV, Blocking, Open proxies, Vandalism, Sock pupets,

Policies or guidelines in talks
Arbitration committee, Fair-use, Transliteration,
Identifying reliable source, Check user, Oversight

Rejected policies Fair-use, South Korean standard language



### Korean culture and KOWP

Hierarchical society and Language

Orders by ages

Honorifics: verbs, nouns, speech levels

In KOWP, they honor each others

Administrators and editors

#### Competition

Edit counters as scores

Collaboration is not so emphasized than competition

Passive education: no essays for students but tests

Homogeneous and nationalistic

Less multi ethnical consideration

Nationalistic attitude for overcoming Japanese colonialism



### Korean Laws and KOWP

National Security Law

Free speech limited: Revolutionary communism denied Outer links at the bottom of articles

Limited Real Name Identification
Anonymity on Internet is not always guarantied
Resident Registration Number
Pros and Cons

Copyright Law
50 years
No explicit Fair-use, but quotation



### Words about KOWP

#### Criticisms

Too stubborn, no humor
Not welcoming new editors
Deletion preferred rather than inclusion
Small circles of editors have personal networks
No editing but debating
Failed

#### **Praises**

New model for JisikiN to follow Teaches how to collaborate to competing Koreans Good community rather than strong individuals



## Local Chapter

No local chapter in Korea, now

Consensus of Korean Wikipedians required Why we need a local chapter?

How to deal with the regulation of Korean government?

They decided to have regular meeting to found a local chapter.

Key members

By-laws

**Fund** 

Business plan for activities: Academy, GLAM, out-reach



## **Pictures**







