



The Honorable Jeong Gwan Lee
Consul General of the
Republic of Korea

Jeong Gwan Lee has served as the Consul General of the Republic of Korea since March 2010. Prior to serving in San Francisco, the Consul General served as the

Director-General of the Overseas Koreans and Consular Affairs Bureau (2008-2010).

He graduated from the Seoul National University in 1982 and in 1988, he graduated from the Graduate School of Georgetown University. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1981. Since then, he has held top ranking positions. He has served in a number of Secretary Positions in Korean Embassies in Japan (1989-1992), Bulgaria (1992-1996), and the USA (1996-2000). He also served in the Presidential Office on two separate occasions (2000-2002 and 2007-2008), with the latter focused on the Northeast Asian Cooperative Initiative. In 2002, he held the Directorship of the North American Affairs Bureau.

The Consul General possesses a great diplomatic mind, but also carries about a generous family-oriented aura. He gladly welcomes guests to his residence and enjoys friendly exchanges. He is married with one son and one daughter.

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SOUTH KOREA



Korean Flag History:

The flag was designed by King Go-jong in 1882 and was officially adopted as the national flag of Joseon Dynasty in 1883. During the colonial era, the flag was banned, but was used as a symbol of resistance and independence during the time that ownership of it was punishable by execution.

Korean Flag Meaning:

The Korean national flag is called Taegeuk and represents the origin of all things in the universe; white is a traditional Korean color and represents peace and purity; the blue section represents the negative cosmic forces of the yin, while the red symbolizes the opposite positive forces of the yang. Together they represent a continuous movement with infinity. Each tri-gram (kwae) denotes one of the four universal elements, which together express the principles of movement and harmony.

Information taken from CIA World Factbook and wikipedia.org

- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) declared South Korea to have the world's highest estimated national IQ, with leading rankings in mathematics, science, problem solving and reading.
- South Korea is the largest ship builder in the world.
- The emigration rate of South Korea is one of the highest in the world, with most ethnic Koreans migrating to China, the United States, and Japan.



- The metropolis of the capital city Seoul (pictured left), which was settled first in 18 BC, is the world's second largest metropolitan area with over 25 million.
- The number 4 is considered to be unlucky by many South Koreans. In fact many buildings are built without a 4th floor.
- The 1988 Summer Olympic Games

were held in Seoul, South Korea.

- South Korea is world-renowned for Information Technology with leading brand names like Samsung and LG.
- South Korea is the foremost construction contractor in the world, having built some of the world's most prominent buildings including Burj Dubai, the world's tallest building, located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Taxi cabs in South Korea are color coated with white or grey signifying a more basic car and black meaning a more luxurious ride and more experienced driver.
- Taekwondo is the national sport in South Korea.
- "Snuppy" the first cloned dog in the world was "manufactured" at the Seoul National University.
- Approximately 50% of South Koreans consider themselves Atheist.



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