

Korean Wikipedia



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우리 모두의 백과사전

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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, Hangeul



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) (ITU, 2007)



History of KOWP



Started at Oct. 11, 2002

Opened IRC channel, Mar. 2004

10k articles, 2005

First off-line meet-up, Jul. 2007

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 preferred.

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 puppets,

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 guaranteed
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

