

Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



Korea, Rep.

GDP (US\$ billions) (2015)	Population (millions) (2015)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2015)	Unemployment rate (2015)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2015)
1,451.0	50.7	28,636.1	3.7	4.0

Macro Indicators

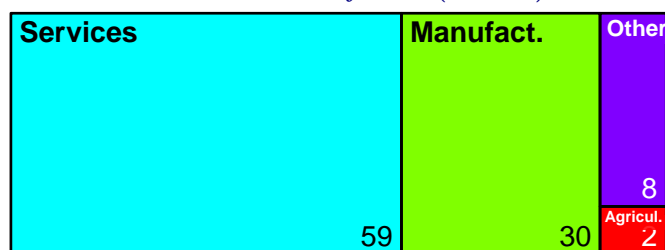
	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
GDP growth (annual %)	4.4e+00	2.3e+00	2.9e+00	3.3e+00	2.5e+00	3.2e+00	
Current account balance	1.6e+00	4.0e+00	6.1e+00	6.6e+00	7.1e+00	7.5e+00	
Cash surplus/deficit (% of GDP)	1.7e+00	1.5e+00	6.3e-01	4.6e-01	7.4e-01	1.6e+00	
Gross Fixed Investment (% GDP)	3.2e+01	2.9e+01	2.9e+01	2.9e+01	2.8e+01	2.7e+01	
Gross capital formation (% of GDP) [1]	3.2e+01	3.1e+01	2.9e+01	2.9e+01	—	—	
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP) [2]	1.1e+00	7.8e-01	9.8e-01	7.0e-01	—	—	
Private capital flows, total (% of GDP) [2]	4.0e+00	3.1e+00	—	—	—	—	
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	8.1e+01	1.1e+02	1.1e+02	1.1e+02	1.1e+02	1.1e+02	
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	3.6e-03	5.2e+00	6.6e+00	7.1e+00	7.5e+00	8.1e+00	
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	1.0e+01	4.8e+00	4.1e+00	3.0e+00	4.2e+00	4.9e+00	
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	8.5e+00	2.1e+00	1.4e+00	1.9e+00	3.5e+00	3.9e+00	
Personal remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	6.6e-01	5.4e-01	4.9e-01	4.6e-01	—	—	
General government gross debt [3]	2.7e+01	3.2e+01	3.5e+01	3.6e+01	3.8e+01	3.9e+01	
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	6.6e+00	5.8e+00	6.2e+00	6.5e+00	—	—	
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	1.2e+02	9.9e+01	1.0e+02	1.1e+02	1.1e+02	1.1e+02	
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	3.3e+00	2.2e+00	1.3e+00	1.2e+00	2.5e-01	5.8e-02	

Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015

Data not available

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

Electronic integrated circuits	Petroleum oils & oils obtained from	Motor vehicles for the transport of	Telephone sets, including telephone
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Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

Raw materials	Capital goods	Consumer goods	Intermediate goods
29	27	25	19

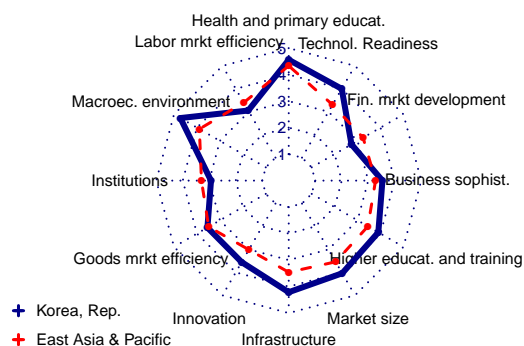
Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	30	28	2
Ease of Doing Business Rank	4	4	0
Enforcing Contracts	2	2	0
Getting Credit	36	42	-6
Getting Electricity	1	1	0
Paying Taxes	27	29	-2
Protecting Minority Investors	8	8	0
Registering Property	38	40	-2
Resolving Insolvency	5	4	1
Starting a Business	16	23	-7
Trading Across Borders	30	31	-1

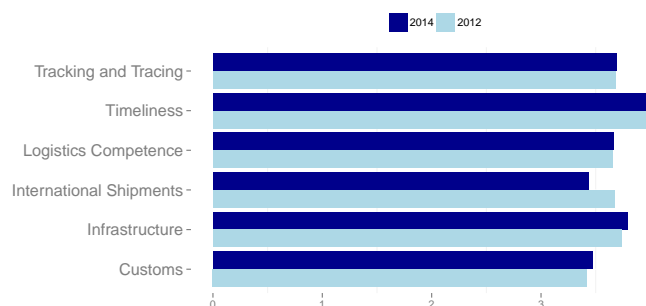
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



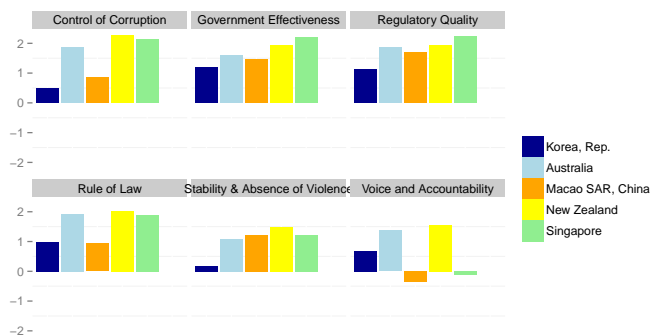
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

Trade Policy

	2010	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	10.1	5.4
Binding (%)	94.7	95.2
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	51.5	51.1
Import duties collected (%; 2011-2013) [1]	—	1.4
MFN Tariff (Agricul.)	48.6	46.3
MFN Tariff (Non-Agricul.)	6.3	6.3
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	12.1	11.5
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	98.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

Private Sector's Views

Enterprise Survey 2013

	Korea, Rep.	East Asia and Pacific	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	—	3.50	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	—	35.00	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	20	12.80	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	65	74.70	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	0.1	6.70	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)

Data not available

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondents among 88 executives)

Policy instability -	17.3
Inefficient government bureaucracy -	16.4
Restrictive labor regulations -	13.3
Access to financing -	12.3
Insufficient capacity to innovate -	9.5

Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015