

# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note

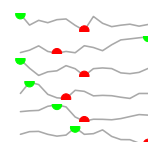


## Korea, Rep.

GDP (US\$ billions) (2016)	Population (millions) (2016)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2016)	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
1,508.9	50.9	29,654.6	3.5	4.0

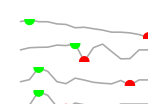
### Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP growth (annual %)	4.370	2.292	2.896	3.310	2.500	3.200
Current account balance	1.637	4.019	6.140	6.592	7.064	7.470
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	1.723	1.538	0.632	0.461	0.738	1.574
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	0.637	0.537	0.494	0.460	—	—
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	118.144	98.540	101.739	107.342	112.729	111.234
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	3.261	2.165	1.268	1.239	0.248	0.058



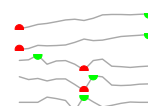
### Investment indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	32.43	29.11	29.11	28.83	28.16	27.00
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	32.00	31.00	29.10	29.16	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	1.07	0.78	0.98	0.70	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	3.96	3.15	NA	—	—	—



### Trade Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
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
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	6.6e+00	5.8e+00	6.2e+00	6.5e+00	—	—

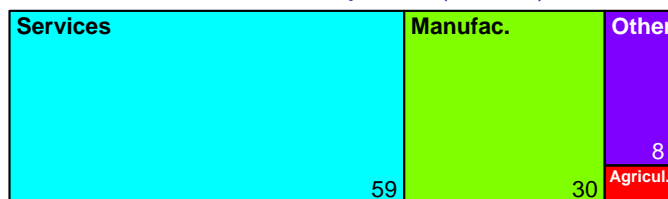


Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

### 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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			Liquid crystal devices, n.e.s.; las
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### Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

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

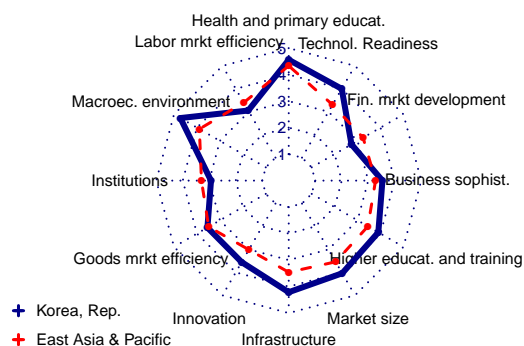
Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

### 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

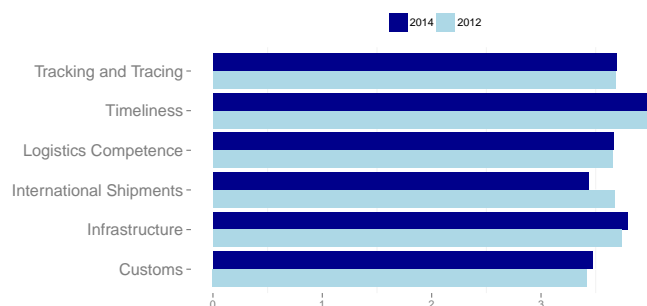
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

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



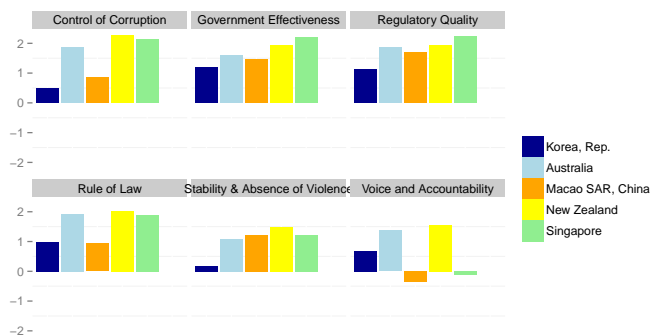
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

## 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 (% of GDP) [1]	—	1.4
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	48.6	46.3
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	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