

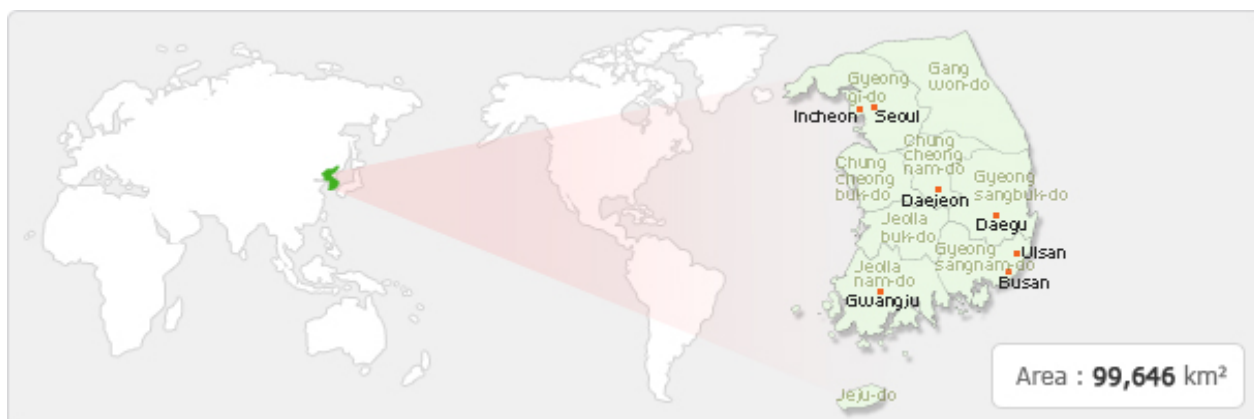
International Consultation Meeting on the Development of the Global Climate Change Adaptation Network

30 – 31 October, 2008
Changwon, Republic of Korea

Information for Participants

General Information about Korea

1. Republic of Korea is located on the northeastern region of the Asian continent.
 - 9 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time(GMT+9)
 - Population: 48,456,000 (as of July 1, 2007)
 - Capital: Seoul
 - Area: 99,646 km²
 - National Flower: Rose of Sharon



2. Climate

Korea has four seasons, with a wet monsoon/summer in the middle of the year, and a cold winter from November to March. October and November are in the autumn months, the most ideal time to visit Korea. During this time, the country experiences warm, sunny weather, skies are cobalt blue and the spectacular foliage is perhaps the biggest draw. The annual average temperature and rainfall in October and November for the past 5 years in Changwon area are as follows:

category	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	oct.	nov.	oct.	nov.	oct.	nov.	oct.	nov.	oct.	nov.
rainfall (mm)	11.3	62.5	0.6	127.6	26.2	31.9	35.0	30.2	105.2	0.0
temperature (°c)	17.0	12.9	17.6	12.5	16.9	11.2	18.6	11.5	17.1	10.0

[Current weather](#) » URL

3. Electricity

The standard voltage in Korea is 220 volts. The outlet has two round holes and is the same type used in France, Germany, Austria, Greece, Turkey, and many other countries. Because most newly built hotels and houses have the 220 volt wiring installed, it is advised to check electronic equipment with

the hotel beforehand.

4. Business Hours

Government office hours are usually from 9:00am to 6:00pm on weekdays and closed on weekends. Banks are open from 9:30am to 4:30pm on weekdays and closed on Saturday and Sunday. Major stores including department stores are open everyday from 10:30am to 8:00pm including Sundays.

5. Internet

Internet service is offered in public places such as airports, train stations, and bus terminals in Korea. PC rooms and internet cafes are also great places to get internet service and easy to find throughout the country.

6. Emergency Calls

International SOS Korea provides a 24-hour Emergency Service for participants.

Police: **112**

Fire Department / Rescue & Hospital Services: **119**

Medical Emergencies: **1339**

7. Currency

Official currency in Korea is the Won (KRW) and foreign currency (e.g. USD and EURO) are not used in Korea. Participants should exchange foreign currency for KRW. Exchange rates are USD 1 = KRW 1,221, EURO 1 = 1,658 KRW (as of 15 October 2008).

Visa requirement

Participants are required to have a valid passport and/or identity card. Please note that visa requirements may vary depending on your citizenship.

[The list of countries whose citizens may enter Korea without a visa](#)

However, since visa information may be subject to change, it is recommended to please contact the nearest Korean embassy or consulate for updated information.

Participants from countries for which an entry visa to Korea is required are strongly advised to start the visa formalities as soon as possible by contacting a Korean embassy or consulate. Citizens from countries where a visa for entry is required but where there is no Korean embassy or consulate are encouraged, wherever possible, to obtain a visa from a Korean consulate in a neighboring country.

[The list of Korean embassies or consulates](#)

Participants who encounter problems in obtaining visas are recommended to send an e-mail to jechul.yoo@unep.org well in advance.

In some cases, participants may need visa(s) for transit through another country, or countries, before the entry into Korea. Please carefully consider the likely transit point(s) and make arrangements to obtain a transit visa before the departure from your country.

Travel from airports to Changwon

There are several international airports in the Republic of Korea such as Incheon, Gimpo, and Gimhae International Airport. Since Gimhae International Airport is the nearest airport to the city of Changwon where the meeting will take place, it is recommended that you make Gimhae Int'l Airport your final destination. From Gimhae Airport to Changwon, there are limousine buses running to or via Changwon for fares of 6,000 to 6,600 KRW. Taxis are always available for around KRW 45,000, but you need to negotiate with the taxi driver for the fare, because the taxi runs across city border.

Participants who choose Incheon Airport as their final destination can travel from Incheon Airport to Changwon by buses, available from 07:10 to 22:10 all week. Travel time is 5 and a half hours. The cost is KRW 38,000 and KRW 41,000 in the late night per one way trip.



Tickets are available from ticket machines or can be purchased by cash. The bus stop is Section 10C on the ground floor in Incheon International Airport. Detailed timetable information is as follows:

From Incheon international Airport to Changwon bus terminal (via Masan)		From Changwon bus terminal to Incheon international Airport (via Masan)	
departure time	Fees	departure time	fees
07:10	KRW 38,000	04:10	KRW 38,000
08:40	KRW 38,000	06:00	KRW 38,000
10:00	KRW 38,000	08:10	KRW 38,000
13:20	KRW 38,000	10:10	KRW 38,000
15:20	KRW 38,000	12:00	KRW 38,000
17:30	KRW 38,000	(late-night) 23:40	KRW 41,800
19:50	KRW 38,000	(late-night) 01:10	KRW 41,800
(late-night) 22:10	KRW 41,800	(late-night) 02:10	KRW 41,800

Participants who need to move from Incheon to Gimpo Int'l Airport to transit to a domestic flight to Gimhae airport can use limousine buses which are available at a cost of KRW 6,500.

	Limousine Bus(Incheon to Gimpo)	Domestic Flight(Gimpo to Gimhae)
Operation Hours	05:30 ~ 20:00	07:00 ~ 20:20
Interval	10~20 min.	20~40 min.
Travel time	40 min.	60 min.
Fare	KRW 6,500	KRW 62,400 (KRW 71,900 weekend)
Website	http://www.airport.kr/eng/airport/	http://flyasiana.com/ http://www.koreanair.com/

Please note that a baggage connection service between Incheon and Gimpo is not provided. Transit passengers should claim their baggages at Incheon Int'l Airport and check them in at Gimpo Int'l Airport for domestic flights to Gimhae Int'l Airport.



Accommodations and Venue of the Meeting

The accommodations for participants are Changwon Hotel and Amore Motel which are located within walking distance from the Changwon City Hall. After arriving in Changwon (bus terminal), participants can take a taxi to their accommodations.

The meeting will be held at the Third Conference Room located on the 3rd floor of the Changwon City Hall at 09:00. Staff of the Changwon City will guide participants from the accommodations to the venue.

Participants who need to come to the venue directly from Changwon bus terminal can take a taxi at the terminal, instructing the driver to take them to the Changwon City Hall.

Detailed map of the accommodations and the venue that you can show to taxi driver will be sent to you soon.



Pick up service from Gimhae airport to accommodation (and vice versa) is being considered, and the decision will be informed to participants in due course.

Daily Subsistence Allowance

The participants who are eligible for DSA will be paid DSA at the meeting venue. Passport, flight tickets

and boarding passes will be required.

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