

13 interesting facts about Korea can be unknown

Let us discover 13 interesting facts about Korea that you may not know yet!

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The world is becoming more and more interested in **North Korea** and their way of life. However, it seems that we know very little about this country. Even those present there are many conflicting thoughts.

Korea has long been considered a mysterious country of the modern world, this country has many strict rules, which is normal in their lives that is surprising to us.

Therefore, we have collected many interesting and unclear information about North Korea, which can help us better understand the country and its people a bit. Please refer to the **13 interesting facts about Korea** that you may not know yet!

1. Koreans believe that the Korean peninsula is a united nation



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If you hold a map of the world in any country, you will see that both North and South Korea are divided into two countries: the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (*North Korea*) and Korea (*Korea*). However, North Koreans are sure that there is only one unified North: any map in this country's school draws a united nation with the capital in Pyongyang.

Although people on both sides have dreamed of a unity, this is actually very unlikely.

2. Korean people call Americans "big nose".



Picture of an American soldier on a propaganda poster from the Pyongyang War Museum. North Koreans believe that all Americans have big noses, big eyes and beards. According to the successful defectors in Korea, they were taught how to kill American soldiers in training classes at schools. To do this, they often use cardboard-shaped fake mannequins, giant noses and big blue eyes.

3. North Korea is not a communist country



Tower of Subject (Juche Idea) in Pyongyang

People still think that North Korea follows the doctrine of Marxism-Leninism. In fact, **the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has only one ruling party** and operates on behalf of a multi-party state with three parties participating in the political system, in which the Korean Labor Party plays a role. ruling party. The Korean Labor Party proposed the **Juche theory** (*Subject*), an autonomous ideology initiated by Kim Nhat Thanh, the former leader of the country.

The theory of Juche is based on the main points of being willing to be self-sufficient when surrounded by embargo, upholding the spirit of self-reliance when isolated by enemy sanctions and expanding when socialism wins. so, combined with **Korean traditional theory** and **Marxism-Leninism** .

According to historians in Korea, this idea arose in early 1926 as a continuation of Marx-Lenin's teachings. Over time, all issues that addressed communism began to be wiped out of the North Korean constitution. In the last edition approved in 2009, it disappeared completely.

4. North Korean people do not need to pay income tax



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North Korea is one of the few countries in the world where people do not have to pay any income tax. The tax was abolished in 1974 as part of the " *old world* ". Only organizations and individuals who are making money abroad are still responsible for paying taxes to the state only. However, things may soon change: there are rumors that the government is planning to bring income tax back in the near future.

5. Koreans watch American movies without realizing it



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In North Korea, they just love watching Hollywood movies. For example, **Titanic** and **Die Hard** . However, Koreans often do not know exactly where the movies were filmed. After all, they realized that not only Americans were big noses.

Watching Korean movies is far more dangerous, because if they watch Korean channels that are found to be able to face death.

An interesting fact is that **Kim Il-sung** was born on April 15, 1912, the day the Titanic sank.

6. Kimilsungia flowers and Kimjongilia flowers



KIMILSUNGIA



KIMJONGILIA

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One interesting thing about Korea is that the two flowers have the name " *lost* " the names of two lost leaders: **Kimilsungia** (*Kim Il-sung*) and **Kimjongilia** (*Kim Jong-il*). Kimilsungia flower is a hybrid plant of the Lan Hoang genus of Lan family which is transplanted in Indonesia and the Kimjongilia flower is a sacred flower indispensable in the celebration.

In Korea, any words related to mocking or damaging the reputation of leaders, people may be forced to reform or be more serious than to execute. However, these two flowers are not considered to influence the names of the leaders and every year people here have exhibits about these two beautiful flowers.

7. North Korea is one of the world's leading seafood exporters



North Korean fishing boat in Rason

North Korea's main trading partner is its neighbor China, which **accounts for about 60% of the country's exports** . One of the main export items in Korea is fish and other seafood, accounting for a quarter of all goods sold abroad. North Korea is among the top 20 seafood exporters.

Besides, other export items in North Korea also have monuments, produced at the request of foreign guests. **Art Studio Mansudae** is famous for creating spectacular artworks, beautiful paintings and tapestries. Moreover, Mansudae is a business that brings millions of dollars to the government from monumental projects, monuments, museums, stadiums and even castles. They have a lot of customers around the world, especially in Africa.

8. Kim Il-sung is considered the eternal leader of North Korea



Kim Jong-un, Supreme Leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Photo source: © ED JONES / eastnews

North Korea is the only country in the world that has a unique form of governance: **necrocracy** . That's why Kim Il-sung is swollen - Korea's eternal leader. And the next leaders like Kim Jong-un, will be called as the Supreme Leader of the DPRK, Supreme Commander of the Army and the Chairman of the Workers' Party.

9. Arirang program has the participation of 0.4% of the nation's population



The 2012 Arirang festival was held to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Kim Il-sung's birth. **Feast of Arirang** is the largest mass activity and included in the Guinness Book of Records. About 100,000 people join each year and while the entire population of this country is about 25 million people. Moreover, the program was held at Rungrado 1st of May Stadium - the largest stadium in the world with a capacity of 114,000 people.

10. There is a propaganda village in the Korean border area



Kijong-dong, 'Peace Village'

Located close to the border with South Korea, **Kijong-dong village** was built to let the southern neighbor see all the privileges when living in the North. The village was built in the 1950s when electricity was a luxury in rural areas on both sides of the border.

Light appears in buildings on schedule, streets are marched by soldiers and images of women wiping windows are seen for 15 years. Later, when advanced Korean technology could clearly see the village, the houses in Kijong-dong were practically nothing but empty boxes: no floors, ceilings, or walls. inside.

11. Who 'screams' more?



A view in Kijong-dong and a 160-meter flagpole - the highest in the world by 2010. Photo source: © Marcella / flickr

There is another interesting story related to Kijong-dong. For years, it opened loudspeakers describing the pleasures of living in North Korea for those in the South.

However, in 2004, when realizing the futility of enticing neighbors, North Korea began broadcasting military parades for 20 hours a day and with loud sounds. Southerners responded with their famous rock songs. **When the noise reached an unbearable level, both sides muted and kept peaceful .**

12. The name Kim Jong-un is unique



Kim Jong-un during a visit to a boarding school in Pyongyang. Photo source: © STR / eastnews

In North Korea, children are **not given the same name as the leader** . If a child is named so before the leader "*crowned* ", his parents must change their name urgently. This is not a new ban that was issued: in 2011, Kim Jong-un's father, Kim Jong-il issued a similar decree on his name. However, the first person to do this was his grandfather and their father, Kim Il-sung, and all previous prohibitions were still in effect.

13. North Korea has a mandatory military obligation for both men and women



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Many countries around the world have compulsory military service, but perhaps not as long as in Korea: all men over the age of 18 must **serve in the military for 10 years** . Until 2003, even provisions were up to 13 years.

In 2015, women also began to enlist, but with a shorter time period: **after high school graduation until age 23** . Surprisingly, the country has a strong and active military force with about 1 million people (*ranked fourth in the world*), with nearly 6 million paramilitary personnel.

Bonus extra: The posters in Korea



'Let's do large-scale fish farming all over the country!'

As you know, propaganda posters in North Korea always appear everywhere in the country . Posters call for serving the country in every corner of the capital city of Pyongyang. If you travel there, you can even buy some Korean advertising posters. What is more surprising is that they are all hand painted!

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