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In Korea, up to 40% of people use smartphones, a small number in the country known for strict regulations on the use of technology by people. Koreans also use phones to make phone calls, text messages and games like any other country but have some other restrictions.

In Korea, most people, whether using computers, tablets or smartphones, can only access the local network, but cannot access the Internet. Of course, downloading applications in this country is not easy. North Koreans can not go to the app store themselves and press the download, but they have to rely on technicians in government approved media centers.



In Korea, the most popular applications include My Companion, an app that combines movies and reading, Ullim money transfer application, and Mt. Paektu to Mt. Hanna.

Almost every Korean-used smartphone is domestically produced. Below is a list of 5 smartphones currently used here compiled by NKNews.org. Let's see what is interesting about them!

1. Pyongyang Touch



This phone model was launched in 2014 with 3 color options including pink, blue and white. There is still no information about the configuration parameters of this model.

Pyongyang Touch runs on an Android version that has been "tweaked to suit Korea", making it impossible for the device to access the Internet or make international calls.

2. Arirang



This is another version of the Chinese Uniscope U1201, which was released in 2014. Arirang uses the Snapdragon S4 processor with 1.2 GHz clock, 4.3 inch size screen, 8MP camera and 1900mAh battery.

3. Jindallae 3



Jindallae 3 is a product of a Korean company called Mangyongdae Information Technology Corporation, launched in June 2017. Jindallae 3 has a rather luxurious design.

4. Arirang 171

Arirang 171 was launched in 2018. This smartphone is equipped with MediaTek6797 processor with 10 cores, clocked at 2.6GHz, 4GB of RAM, 32GB of internal memory, 13MP main camera, 8MP front camera, screen size of 4.7 inches and fingerprint sensor on the front.

5. Phurun ??Hanul H-1



Phurun ??Hanul H-1 is equipped with MediaTek MT6753 processor with 8 cores clocked at 1.3GHz, 3GB RAM, 32GB internal memory, 16MP rear camera, 8MP front camera, 5.5 inch screen size. This device has a 6000mAh battery so many people anticipate it will be twice as thick as those with 3000mAh batteries that are on sale today.

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