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Korean Professional Gamers By: Woo Chang Kang (Tyler)

A year ago, the Discovery Channel broadcast a show about the Korean game industry because Korea is one of the biggest game markets in the world, and also Korea is leading the future of the game industry. The Korean game market has been explosively growing since around 2000, and Korean pro-gamers are at the core of the growth.

The term Pro-gamer indicates an occupational gamer in Korea, especially someone earning money by playing computer games. They usually belong to a professional game team like soccer players, and annually join the big game competitions such as the WCG (World Cyber Games), which is one of the biggest game competitions in the world. Some of them earn a lot of money. For example, Jang, Jae-Ho (Game ID: Moon), the current Warcraft III world champion, earned \$180,000 this year at age 21. He has 80,000 members in his fan club all over the world. There may be many reasons that he became famous, but above all, the most important reason might be that he uses innovative strategies which nobody can expect when playing games with professional gamers. Also, his ability to control units enabled him to reach the stage of God. That is why he is called "Andro Jang" (referred to as Andromeda alien). If a pro-gamer competing against Jang is defeated, we describe the situation like this, "He got on the train heading to Andromeda." Anyway, becoming a professional gamer in Korea is similar to being a movie star or a singer. The era when we can earn a living by playing games has come.

Korea founded the World Cyber Game Olympics (WCG - <http://worldcybergames.com>) in 2000, and WCG has become the biggest game competition that 87 countries join annually. As a growing number of people enjoy cyber games, especially young people, many people will watch the game competition in the near future. I hope that Korean professional gamers inform other countries about Korea by winning game competitions.



The Best Place in This World

By: Susan

Do you know where is the best place for people to live? The answer is Vancouver. Can you image a place where there is good weather, air and a lot of natural views in one city? I lived there for one year and four months. When I arrived there, I started to love it immediately.

First, there are good transportation systems in Vancouver, such as a sky train and buses. You may think there are some buses in Memphis. However, you don't need to wait for a long time to get on the buses in Vancouver. The bus comes each 10~15 minutes. Another good thing is that the buses usually come on time. You can go anywhere if you can find the right route and buses. The sky train was the most important transportation for me when I was in Vancouver.

Second, if you are from Asia, you won't miss your country's food. According to a lot of Asian immigrants in Vancouver, there are a lot of restaurants and markets, which sell Asia's products. Even though some products are impossible to grow in Vancouver, they still import many kinds of goods. One of my favorite fruits is cherries. I can buy them at the cheapest price in Vancouver. Because in Asia, cherries are too expensive, so I enjoyed eating a lot of cherries during the peak period.

It is difficult to describe how beautiful Vancouver is. I will leave this to your imagination. I hope you will have the chance to visit there. You will find so many surprises by yourself.



A Type of Blood By: Han Jun

We all have a type of blood. We have A, AB, B, or O blood type. I want to discuss different blood types. First A type : People with Type A blood usually have a shy or quiet spirit. They aren't competitive, because this type of person likes fitness. They don't always believe others, however if someone gives them proof, then they have a simple belief. They are also lovable. They like a romantic love story and love and do everything for their lovers. Second is Type B. This type of person is often desirous to have many possessions and they are very competitive. Some say that Type B types are "psychos", so some Korea people don't like them to be part of a team. but I think they just don't like Type B people. For example, most companies have a Type B director. Maybe their personality is good for becoming a leader. Third, we have AB type people. The AB type is a genius or stupid. It is said "They are geniuses" but I don't believe it. They like to talk a lot, so they have a lot of friends around them. They think differently than Type A people. Some people don't understand them. Maybe they are going to go another space. However, I don't really understand these people. Fourth, we have the O type people: O types are lovable and have beautiful looks. They are most competitive, like the B types, but they aren't psycho. They like friends and talking, but inside they are cold hearted. Which type are you?????

Three things I would do with a million dollars..

Tyler –Buy an I-phone, and a Ferrari and save the rest in my savings account.

Amy- get plastic surgery, travel all over the world, and buy my own island.

Aws –share an island with Amy, buy my own business, and buy my own horse.

Haekweon- buy a big white house, travel for a long time around the world, and save the rest.

Susan-travel around the world, immigrate to Canada, and share the rest with my family.

Han Jun –First save it in the bank, then buy an apartment in Korea, and give the rest to poor people.

Chanhee First, I must offer a tithe to God, then I'm going to make my fashion company, and then, I'll learn a lot of things that I want to know or learn about everything.

What are 3 things you would do with a million dollars?

Make donations to charity, start trust funds for my grandchildren, and buy a new house for my mother and me -
Richelle Becker



Buy a huge house, buy luxury cars and world travel -Sean

I am going to open a hospital, after two years I can buy a big house with a swimming pool, and then get married with two girls – OR Continue my studying and do good. Masoud

Buy a house, buy cars, and travel around the world -Fu Fu

Buy a house, buy a car, and open a bank account. –Cindy

Take a trip around the world, buy an airplane, and build my own mansion –
Melissa

Donate 20%, Use 10% for education and Deposit 70% in the bank. –Bank

Buy my own franchise business, buy a beautiful house with a ranch and buy my daughter a grand piano. Kyung Suh

I want to buy a company, buy a high priced apartment, and make a donation to poor people. Kyung Yoon

Invest in some stocks, give an offering to the church, and buy some land.
Sinae Choi

First, save the money for the tuition fee of the graduate master's course, then travel all around the world with my boyfriend and family, and invest in some property.
Grace

Take a trip all over the world, help poor people, and pay college tuition fees
Megan

Enter an American university, marry my girl friend, and buy a big house. Jae Bok
Build a good cafeteria at the U of M, buy an island, build an amusement park in boring Memphis. Erica

Am I 23 ?! By: Amy

How old are you? I know this is kind of rude question in conversation between strangers. Since I have been living in the U.S., I have always been confused with this question.

I've been here since December last year. During this one year, I added one more year to my age. Although, I'm still confused with my age. How old am I!? I was born on March 28, 1983. When I was born in Korea, I was already considered 1 year old. This means, the way to count people's age is different between Korea and the U.S. In Korea newborn babies are born with 1 year of age. But many countries like the U.S. aren't like that.

Another different thing that makes me confused is the dissimilarity of accounting birthdates. This can be hard to understand to you if you are not Korean. Because every year the age is changed after January 1st. This is not only New Years Day, but also everyone's birthday. In contrast, in the U.S., it's changed after each individual unique birthday. These differences have bemused me since I have been here, and it still annoys me now.

Certainly, you will be curious of my age. I am both 24 years old and also 25 years old. Before my birthday, I was 23 years old and 25 years old. It can depend on when you were born. Let's think about that. If you are Korean or an American, we can calculate your Korean style age. Today is September 9. If your birthday is September 8, your birthday has passed and you become one year older than yesterday. But if your birthday is September 10, you are still your age. Are you interested or annoyed by this calculation? The best thing is that you can be younger and also older in your mind. Anyway, age is just number. And we are all still young!!



i New Orleans Travel

By: Haekweon

I will never forget a beautiful and wonderful trip when my family and I went to the New Orleans in September 2007. We departed for the city in the early morning and arrived at 2:00 pm. First, after checking into our hotel, we went to see the Oak Alley plantation located on the Mississippi River. The quarter-mile canopy of giant live oak trees is believed to be nearly 300 years old. There were 28 huge oak trees and a big house in a garden. It was very old and graceful house. And then, we took a Honey Island swamp boat tour. I enjoyed some of the rich wildlife stretches of the river. I saw alligators and many species of exotic birds several times. It took about 2 hours. Finally, we visited the French quarter at 6:00 pm. Many people crowded around the place. We walked on foot about 1.5 miles and saw many attractive places. Also, we ate beignets and drank coffee at Café Du Monde. After one hour, we ate Gumbo soup in the gumbo shop. We waited for 30 minutes before we entered the restaurant, but it was very delicious. If I have any spare time, I want to go to Louisiana again. This journey was really impressive. I will remember our New Orleans family trip forever.

A Beautiful Country, Korea

By: Kyung Suh

Hello, everyone!

I introduced myself to you guys before. At this time, I want to introduce my country, Korea. Have you ever been to Korea? If not, but have you ever heard of Korea? I know you have some Korean classmates, but you don't know well about Korea.

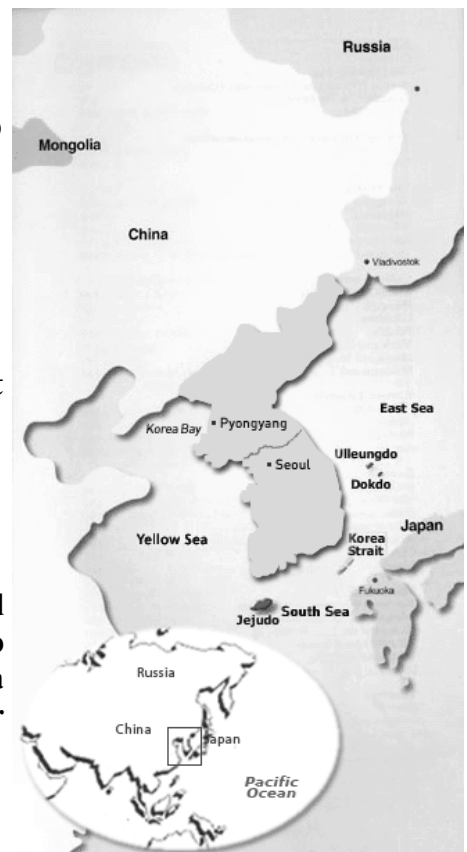
We have over an 5,000 year history, so Korea is a fascinating blend of old and new. Korea is a small country which is a peninsula surrounded by the sea on three sides. So, we can eat fresh fruits, vegetables, and fish which are caught the day. Korea is mostly mountainous, so we have a lot of beautiful mountains and rivers.

The seasons are divided into four distinct; winter, spring, summer, and fall. So, we can see various scenes on the mountain each season. In the spring, we can see living things waking up from deep sleep. In the summer, the mountains change into the vital forest. In the fall, all of the mountains are tinged with red and yellow. It looks like they are burning. And, in the winter, we cannot help wondering at the sight that all of the mountains are blanketed with snow. We also have a fantastic island, which is called Jeju-do. A lot of newly married couples go there and enjoy beautiful nature and make plans for their future.

We have many traditional foods such as Kimchi, Bulgogi, and Naeng-myon. I eat Kimchi which my mother makes almost everyday. Kimchi is fermented food with spices but it is very good for your health. Bulgogi is barbecued beef which is marinated with various seasoning. It is very delicious and well known to foreigners. Why don't you try to eat Kimchi and Bulgogi when you visit Korea? We use a spoon and chopsticks instead of knife and fork.

Korea held both the Olympic Games in 1988 and the World Cup Games in 2002 successfully. Korea also is famous for IT (Information Technology). You can find PC rooms such as internet café easily everywhere in Korea. If you have to find Woo-Chang (Tyler) in Korea, you may be able to find him at one of them. Korea grows up with the technology of communications. Do you know Samsung and LG? They are famous global companies in Korea.

Korean people are very kind and warm-hearted, especially to foreigners like you. If you have a chance to visit Korea, you'll never regret it.



The Holy Land

By: AWS SAMI SHAFIQ KHDAIR ABDELQADER ALNAJJAR

The holy land, located in Palestine, is one of the most important historical and religious places in the world. There are many facts that make this place the most important place in the world. The first important religious fact is that Jesus Christ was born there. Second, the Alaqasa Mousq, second only to Mecca, is one of the most important places for Muslims. Third, the first Jewish temple was built there. This is why the holy land is important for Jewish people. All of the above reasons show the importance of the holy land for many religions.



What would be your dream job?

*To own my own company so I can make lots of money.
Haekweon*

*Being an artist because I love painting.
Susan*

*To be a missionary, because it is a rewarding job from God.
Kyung Suh*

To be the CEO of a fashion company. Chanhee

What surprised you about life in the US?

*There are a lot of junky, old cars on the street.
Haekweon*

The size of the land, geographically, it is much larger than Korea. Tyler

Name the 3 best things about your country.....

The internet cafes, B-boy, a type of dance, and the speed of the internet Han Jun

*Delicious food, transportation, cheaper prices.
Susan*

*The holy places, good people, and the weather.
Aws*

