



# THE NATIONAL ATLAS OF KOREA

## for Children



## Preface

For more than five thousand years, Koreans have lived on the Korean Peninsula, also known as Kumsugangsan—literally translated to “rivers and mountains embroidered on silk”—which best captures the beauty of Korea’s scenery. It is important for us to document the current state of and changes in Korea, her land, and her people in order to protect and develop our beautiful land for many years to come.

*The National Atlas of Korea* contains geographic information on the land, environment, economy, people, culture, and history of Korea. As a national record, *The National Atlas of Korea* is an official reference for the world that not only defines and explains Korea’s territory and territorial water, but also introduces Korea to other nations. It is also an effective way to introduces the dynamic changes and developments of Korea and Korean society in the 21st century.

The National Geographic Information Institute publishes *The National Atlas of Korea for Children* to help our children to better understand their nation and to foster a great pride in their nation. I hope that *The National Atlas of Korea for Children* can be a great resource for our future generations to learn the value and importance of the nation. The National Geographic Information Institute pledges to continuously publish the most updated geographical information of Korea.



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