Korea is Wired!

Traditional “Nongak” or Farmers’ Dance
Wired!

World Champion "b-boys" (Breakdancers)

"The most Wired nation in the world …"

"Scand is the most wired city on the planet"

“70% of all households subscribe to broadband internet.”
“E-Government”:
The Government has aggressively promoted the provision of government information on the Internet.

http://www.egov.go.kr/ (click on "English")
Aggressive Goals:

Exemplary Vision:


Today’s Assignment

• English Sources on Korean Law
• On the Internet
• "Free"
• A Tall Order!

1st Question: What Does “Free” Mean?

• “Free to anyone”?
• “Free to me”?
• “Free to someone” (so maybe I can get it for free)
What I’ll Cover Today:

- General: Online Research Tools and Portal Sites
- Specific: Sources for Specific Types of Information (Laws, cases, etc.)

Where to Start??

General: ONLINE RESEARCH TOOLS/PORTAL SITES:

- Research Guides/ Introductions to Legal System
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http://www.korea.net/korea/kor_loca.asp?code=C0102

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http://lib.law.washington.edu/eald/klr/kres.html

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Korean Legal Research Guides “Online”

- Young-Hee Kim, Introduction to Korean Legal Materials, J. of Korean law, Feb. 2002 at 125
- Available in Hein Online
The purpose of this paper is to provide an introduction to Korean legal materials for researchers in the English language ...
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Washlaw Korea Page
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- Google Advanced Search (http://www.google.com/advanced_search)
- Google Scholar (http://scholar.google.com/)
- Google Books (http://books.google.com/)

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SOURCES FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF INFORMATION:

News (English Language)
- Importance of News Sources
- LexisNexis, Westlaw (Include Asian newswires, etc.)
- Korean Newspapers (archives, etc.)
- Blogs

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http://www.korealawblog.com
SOURCES FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF INFORMATION:

- Laws, Regulations
- Gov't websites: agencies
- Database: Statutes of the Republic of Korea
- NGO websites
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- Gov't websites: agencies
- National Assembly

http://korea.na.go.kr/index.jsp
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- Ministry of Government Legislation (MOLEG)
  - Responsible for Compilation & Dissemination of All Laws
- KLRI - Korea Legislation Research Institute
MOLEG: Economic Laws on Foreign Investment in Korea

http://www.moleg.go.kr/english/

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- Database: Statutes of the Republic of Korea

http://elaw.klri.re.kr/indexE.jsp
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- Gov't websites: agencies
- Statutes of the Republic of Korea
- NGO websites

http://www.klri.re.kr/project/emain.nsf/Link02?OpenForm
SOURCES FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF INFORMATION:

- Caselaw

Civil Trial in Late 19th Century
SOURCES FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF INFORMATION:

- Journal Articles (English)
- The Usual Places:
  - LexisNexis/Westlaw
  - LegalTrac ~ Legal Resource Index ~ Current Law Index
  - Google Scholar
  - Hein Online
- Journal of Korean Law
- Korean Journal of Intl and Comparative Law

Challenges & Pitfalls

- Translation
  - Not everything is translated!
  - Websites not really bilingual ...
  - Translation Variants: Penal Act, Criminal Code, Criminal Law
  - Automatic Translation Example: 형법 (Hyŏngpŏp) = "Big Brother Law" (兄法), vs. "Criminal Law" (刑法)?

Challenges & Pitfalls

- Romanization
  - President Roh Moo-Hyun
  - President No Mu-hyeon
  - President No Mu-hyun
  - President No Mu-hyon
Korean Legal Research Guides

- Korean Legal Research at the University of Washington (Bill McCloy)
- Introduction to Korean legal materials (Young-Hee Kim)
- Korean law in the global economy (Sang-hyun Song)

감사합니다!

THANK YOU!