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The best service is our Responsibility, a great experience is our Guarantee.



[Korvia in Korea]

Beautiful Country in East Asia



Globalization has become a key word for career success these days, and numerous national governments are emphasizing the importance of international protocol: which is English-speaking. Asian countries are increasing the number of native English speaking teachers for public school, and the Korean Government is also participating in this trend of Globalization.

Korea is a beautiful, scenic country located in East Asia. It offers a contemporary lifestyle and an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of modern society, with an intriguing element of history and tradition.

KorVia Consulting is one of the top recruiting companies, recruiting native English speakers for the Korean Government. We have recruited over 1,000 native speakers from many native English speaking countries. Our highly experienced professionals are primarily focused on quality-based recruiting, and the careful matching of skilled candidates with suitable government public school.

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Native English teachers are in great demand in Korean Government schools. We are seeking individuals who are able to introduce the English language, as well as Western culture and a positive global attitude. The Korean Government guarantees appealing compensations compared to other countries that operate similar programs. Included are free housing, a competitive salary, and a contract completion bonus.

[Korea and Gyeonggi Province]

Growing Suburban 'Gyeonggi'

Koreans are primarily one ethnic family, and speak one language. Sharing distinct physical characteristics, they are believed to be descendants of several Mongol tribes that migrated onto the Korean Peninsula from Central Asia.

Since 1960, industrialization and urbanization brought flash development in Korean Economy. Currently Korea is a member of OECD, and the Korean economy is the 12th largest in the world. This is a magnificent achievement; and Korean Internet service is one of the best in the world.

Korea's total population was estimated at 50 million with a density of 500 people per square kilometer. The nation's rapid industrialization and urbanization has been accompanied by continuing migration of rural residents into the cities, particularly Seoul, resulting in heavily populated metropolitan areas. However, in recent years, an increasing number of "Seoulites" have begun moving to suburban areas like Gyeonggi Province. Gyeonggi Province is the biggest Province in South Korea and it consists of 32 cities.



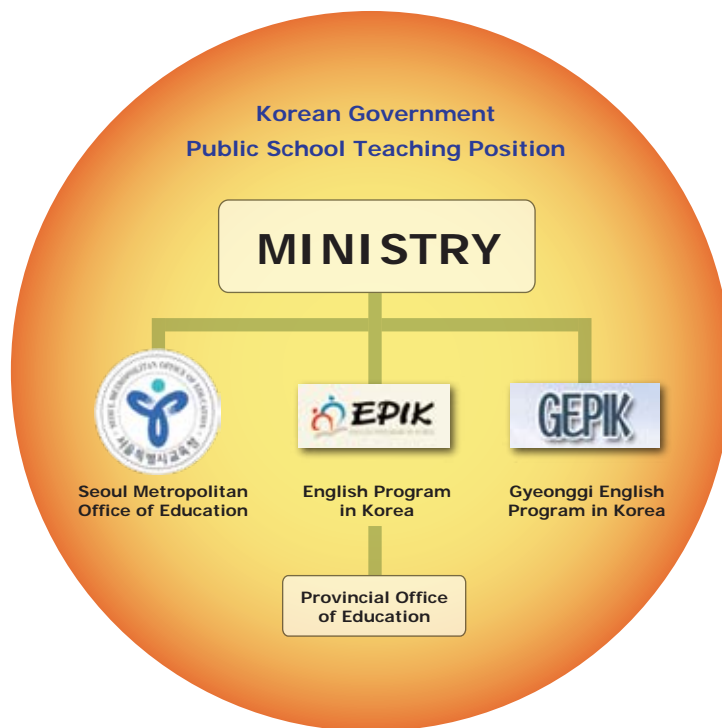
[List of Cities in Gyeonggi Province]

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[SMOE, EPIK, and GEPIK]

Major ESL Teacher Programs

Diagram of the Korean Office of Education



SMOE, EPIK, and GEPIK are the three major ESL English teacher programs in South Korea. More than 70% of English teachers have been hired through this program and each program has its own strengths. Each program's advantage depends on the individual candidate's preferences.

These three English programs cover almost every Korean government public school teacher position, and KorVia Consulting is an entrusted recruiting company working for all of them.

Depending on your personal preferences, such as location and working environment, we are glad to assist you in applying for one of these programs. We can place you anywhere in South Korea as a government public school English teacher if you can meet their minimum application requirements.

■ About Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education

With the onset of the 21st century, fostering academic strength to the leaders of tomorrow has never been more vital. Therefore, SMOE has been strenuously promoting various efforts to support the advancement of academic success that will expand beyond the borders of the classrooms. With the emphasis on personal growth and character development, we have implemented leadership and performance excellence programs creating an environment in which responsible professional and ethical behaviors, accountability, and continuous learning are highlighted. In addition, along with the support of a creative and innovative educational atmosphere, an autonomous and responsible school environment has led to an academic community in which teachers can teach, and students can learn without barriers or limitations.

■ About English Program in Korea (EPIK)

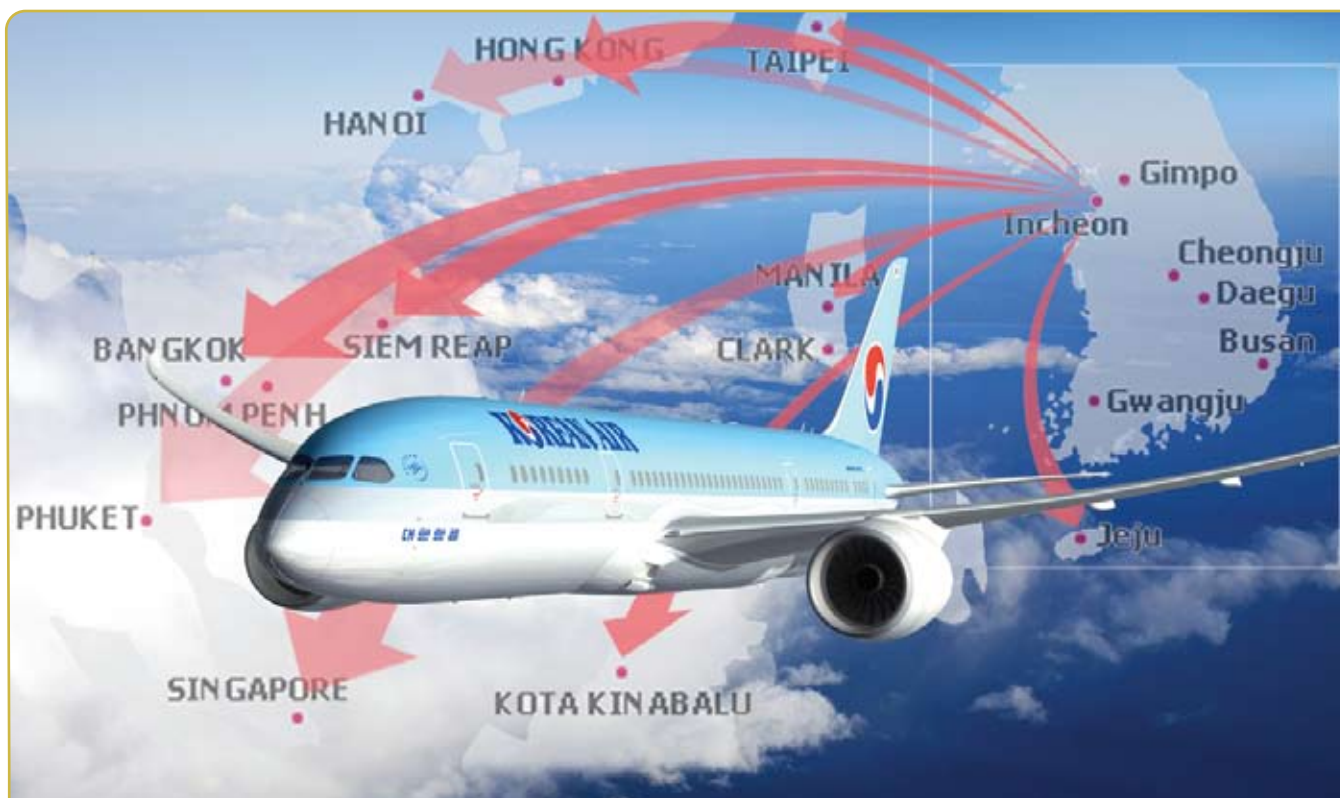
EPIK, English Program in Korea affiliated with the Korean Ministry of Education, was established in 1995 with the mandate to improve the English speaking abilities of students and teachers in Korea, to develop cultural exchanges, and to reform English teaching methodologies in Korea. EPIK extends invitations to responsible, enthusiastic native English speakers who are motivated to share knowledge with students and teachers. It is hoped that through EPIK, English language education will cultivate open-minded and well-rounded Korean individuals capable of advancing Korea in this age of information and globalization. It is also expected that in doing so, EPIK will promote cultural exchange and foster strong ties between Korea and other countries.

■ About Gyeonggi English Program in Korea (GEPIK)

Gyeonggi province has the largest scale of educational demand in all Korea, while its diverse regional characteristics and complex social structures contain immeasurable potential and dynamic opportunities. Therefore, GEPIK has the privilege of carrying the tremendous responsibility to foster a quality education based on the values such as flexibility and diversity. So that it successfully provides competitive educational edge with a strong vision for future, promoting competent global individuals. The EPIK and its 100,000 school personnel are called and passionately devoted to develop the ability and talent of Gyeonggi's every single student to help them grow as the world's foremost leaders.

[Tourism]

Great Location to travel



Your decision to be an English Teacher in South Korea will give you a chance to meet and make friends with other foreigners from all over the world and, of course, Koreans who want to meet and exchange culture with foreigners. You will know that there is always a great atmosphere, and every one is ready to have a good time. Korea is a good tourist destination for foreigners who want to experience the Oriental culture of East Asia. There are many festivals and activities that you can enjoy during your employment period such as water rafting, mountain climbing, experiencing a Temple Stay and much more. Korean tourist destinations are not only part of the fun you can enjoy during your employment. South Korea is located in the center of East Asia. Japan, China, Taiwan, Thailand, and many other East Asia countries are all around and it takes only 1~3 hours by plane. Japan, China and Thailand are the most popular tourist destinations for world travelers, and this is good opportunity for you to travel and work at the same time.



[Working Condition]

Where Most foreigners live

Currently there are over 800,000 foreigners living and working in South Korea. Most of them are working in Seoul and Gyeonggi Province. According to the Korean Labor code, employers must provide national pension and health insurance to employees and income tax is only about 3.3% for foreign teachers in South Korea. Government Public School teachers will have the full benefit of a return-flight ticket, single furnished housing, national pension, health insurance, and a severance payment.

Numbers of Registered Foreigners in Major Cities				
CITIES	2007			
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	RATIO
Total Number of Foreigners	765,429	438,660	326,769	100%
SEOUL METROPOLITAN CITY	229,072	111,467	117,605	29.9%
GYEONGGI PROVINCE	234,030	144,614	89,416	30.6%
BUSAN CITY	27,662	15,929	11,733	3.6%
DAEGU CITY	19,409	11,472	7,937	2.5%
INCHEON CITY	45,464	29,636	15,828	5.9%
GWANGJU CITY	10,016	5,398	4,618	1.3%
DAEJEON CITY	12,177	5,887	6,290	1.6%
ULSAN CITY	12,804	8,644	4,160	1.7%
JEJU ISLAND	4,130	2,330	1,800	0.5%
OTHER RURAL PROVINCE	170,665	103,283	67,382	22.2%



[Working Condition]

Overall Salary of English Teachers

Numbers of Registered Foreigners in Major Cities

Benefit	Amount
Monthly Salary	US\$ 2100 ~ 2400
Settlement Allowance (upon arrival)	US\$ 300
Severance payment (end of contract)	US\$ 2100 ~ 2400
Airfare	Return Airfare Provided
Vacation (during employment)	14days (two weeks vacation)
Accommodation	Free Furnished Single Housing
Working Hours	08:30 ~ 16:30 Monday ~ Friday
Teaching Hours	22 hours per week
Class Size	25 ~ 30 Students per class
National Pension (50% benefit)	50% of full payment (employer)
Health Insurance (50% benefit)	50% of full payment (employer)
Overtime Payment	KRW 20,000 per hour

Government Public School in Korea is a perfect job for those who want to get the real Korean Experience. The work schedule allows teachers to enjoy evenings and weekends off, while sharing their knowledge with Korean students and teachers. Also, people who are interested in teaching as a profession, or those who want to gain international teaching experience, may find a great experience with lovely students in South Korea.

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Government Public School salary is varied depending on the teacher's qualification. Most teachers who are currently working in South Korea get paid for Category 2 (US\$ 2,200). A certificate or teaching experience is not required for application, but it can change your monthly savings.

English Teacher Category

Category 1	2,300,000 KRW per month	Person who Obtains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE or - Bachelor's degree in Education or - Master's Degree - TESOL, TEFL or CELTA certificate comprised of a minimum of 100 course hours
		Plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum two years of full-time English teaching experience at accredited institution(s)
Category 2	2,100,000 KRW per month	Person who Obtains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE or - Bachelor's degree in Education or - Master's Degree or - TESOL, TEFL or CELTA certificate comprised of a minimum of 100 course hours or - Minimum one year of full-time English teaching experience at accredited instituion(s)
Category 3	2,000,000 KRW per month	Person who Obtains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bachelor's degree - No other certificates or experiences outlined in Categories 1 or 2

[Working Condition]

Accumulated Saving

After working your one year contract, you will be able to pay off most of your student loans. Due to pay off of student loans, many of fresh graduates are coming to South Korea.

Sample of Monthly Saving for Category 1 Teacher

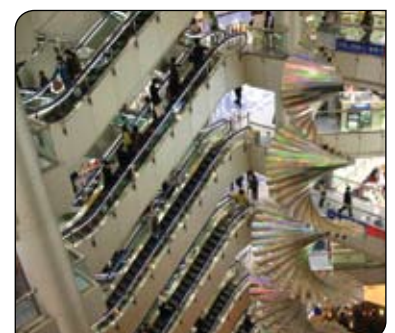
Contents	KRW	US\$
Salary	27,600,000	29,053
Flight Ticket	2,200,000	2,316
Single Housing	3,600,000	3,789
Severance Payment	2,100,000	2,211
Settlement Allowance	300,000	316
Annual Gross Income	35,800,000	US\$ 37,684
Income Tax (3.3%)	910,800	959
National Pension (5%)	138,000	145
Health Insurance (5%)	138,000	145
Utilities (KRW 100,000)	1,200,000	1,263
Annual Net Income	33,413,200	US\$ 35,172



Your furnished single housing will be provided by your school and your only expenses are utilities and living costs. Living costs in South Korea are reasonable compared to other western countries and Gyeonggi province's living cost is lower than Seoul and other metropolitan cities.

Sample of Living Cost in South Korea

Annual Net Income	KRW	USD
Milk 1ltr/2.11pints	KRW 1,750	\$1.84
Plain Yoghurt 180gr./6.35oz.	KRW 1,500	\$1.58
Bread (white loaf) kg /2.20lbs	KRW 1,500	\$1.58
Cornflakes (packet) 375gr./13.23oz.	KRW 3,500	\$3.69
Mineral Water (still) 1ltr/2.11pints	KRW 1,000	\$1.05
Orange Juice 1ltr/2.11pints	KRW 800	\$0.84
Olive Oil 1ltr./2.11pints	KRW 2,000	\$2.11
Onions 1kg/2.20lbs	KRW 4,000	\$4.21
Apples 1kg/2.20lbs	KRW 5,000	\$5.27
Fresh Beef Filet 1kg/2.20lbs	KRW 9,000	\$9.48
Bacon 1kg/2.20lbs	KRW 4,000	\$4.21
Marmelade/Jam 370gr./13.05oz.	KRW 3,000	\$3.16
Ketchup 340gr./12oz.	KRW 2,000	\$2.11
Milk Chocolate (Bar) 100gr./3.52oz.	KRW 800	\$0.84
Beer (Local, Can) 0.33lt./11.15oz.	KRW 1,000	\$1.05
Cigarettes (20pack, imported)	KRW 2,500	\$2.63



[Eligibility and Process]

We are here to help you

Who can apply for a Public School position?

- **Person who has a Bachelor's Degree**
- **Person who has no criminal history**
- **Person who is adventurous, and ready to explore the world**

How long does it take to go to Korea

- **About 4~ 6 weeks to obtain working visa in South Korea**

visa process (from out of Korea)

Step one : Phone Interview

After contacting KorVia Consulting, one of our professional recruiting consultants will e-mail you to arrange a phone interview. Depending on your preferences we will offer you a suitable school where you can work for a year. After the phone interview, we will send you a job offer, including a sample contract and school location.

Step two : Preparing Documents

After your job confirmation, you must provide these listed items for visa application, as required for Government Public School positions:

List of Required Documents for Public School

1. **Two Passport Sized Photos**
2. **Application Form (form will be provided)**
3. **Formal Resume and Personal Essay**
4. **A Medical Self Evaluation (Form will be provided)**
5. **Copy of Passport**
6. **An Official Criminal Background Check, including Proof of Experience**
7. **Diploma and 2 Sealed Transcripts**
8. **Teaching Experience proof (if applicable)**
9. **Signed Contract**
10. **Teaching Certificate [ie, TESOL, TEFL, CELTA (if applicable)]**
11. **Two Reference Letters**
12. **A letter verifying that Teaching Certificate is accredited as an over 100-hour course**

Your document only can be notarized by the South Korean Consulate, and reputable international courier companies such as FedEx and DHL help make this process as smooth as possible.

Step Three : visa issuance application

Once we have your documents, a representative from your school will visit the Korean Immigration Office for your Visa Issuance application. This process usually takes 7~9 business days, and KorVia Consulting will forward you a Visa Issuance number for obtaining your working Visa.

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Step four : Visiting Korean Consulate

You have to visit nearest Korean Consulate for visa issuance and you will requires following items.

1. **Application Form (Form will be provided)**
2. **Visa Issuance Number**
3. **Your passport**
4. **passport size photo**
5. **Sealed Transcript (Depends on Consulate)**
6. **Criminal Background Check (Depends on Consulate)**
7. **Original Diploma or Notarized copy of diploma (Depends on Consulate)**

Visa issuance cost about US\$ 50~60 and Korean Consulate could ask for a consul's interview. Consulates where requesting consul's interview may ask you to submit sealed transcript, diploma and criminal background check (it may vary depends on consulates).

Step five : Purchasing Flight Ticket

After visa application at Korean Consulate, it's time to buy your flight ticket. Your flight will be fully reimbursed after your arrivals. After flight is confirmed, you have to provide us your flight itinerary for your airport pick up service.

Step six : Pick-up Service

Upon your arrival, one of our pick up staff will meet you at the airport. Our pick up staff will directly take you to school and your co-teacher will greet you at the school. When your flight is too early or late your co-teacher may not available to greet you at the school then we will guide you to your housing.

Step seven : You are All Set!

After first meet with you co-teacher, you will go to nearest hospital for medical check up including TBPE and HIV tests. Korean immigration is requesting an official medical evaluation for your Aliens Registration Card. You Aliens Registration need bellow items

1. **Application Form (Form will be provided)**
2. **Your passport**
3. **A letter or certificate that proves you are an employee of the school**
4. **KRW 10,000 for application fee**

Congratulations!

you have done all your hiring process. Your co-teacher will help you to have cell-phone, bank account and internet connections.

[Testimonial]

I found Consulting to be extremely efficient, professional, dedicated and reliable.

KorVia Consulting helped me to find a job teaching English in a middle school, and filled me with confidence to acclimatize to Korea once again. The school itself is great as it gets to work in the Korean public school sector. My working atmosphere couldn't be better the staff are warm friendly and most helpful, I've been assigned a fluent English speaker to look after my interests at the school and in Korea who I can go to with any problem KorVia showed me a good choice of jobs. Having taught in Korea before, I understand that many private academies can be awful. KorVia Consulting took my worries to heart and came up with the goods, so thank you KorVia your consistent help that continues to be great to this day. Within a week of arriving in Korea, KorVia arranged a meeting of other English teachers they have helped to find jobs. We ate and drank, and all had a common respect for the help we have received...speaking from experience, many agencies don't give a toss where you go they just want to place you somewhere so it is a rare well apprenticed thing to come across such a good company that truly does have your interests at heart... with the utmost respect, please take my word for it.

Chris Barrett from the UK



Like many ideas in life, the idea formed slowly in my mind and began to take root only with the unfolding of certain events. That I am here right now teaching at Yangkang Middle School is mainly due to the wonderful advice and patience of KorVia Consulting. I first came into contact with KorVia over the internet. Our relationship began with those first emails and continues to this day. I had a thousand and one questions that they patiently answered. It is never easy to pick up and move to another country - throughout the entire process, application, visa, etc., KorVia was not only a consummate professional but kind, considerate, and mindful of the complexities of such a move. The best part of my experiences, thus far, has been my interaction with the Korean people. Warm and hospitable I have been amazed and at times overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit and food! Be prepared - come with an appetite! Koreans do not do anything without food! I would welcome any questions from anyone who might read this mini-blog. I can be reached at ctfryer@yahoo.com. I encourage all who are interested in experiencing a new culture, learning about a different educational system and living in a vibrant country to apply!

Christine Fryer from the US

Moving to Korea by myself to start a new career in a new country with no friends was one of the scariest things I have ever done - but I am having the time of my life! I feel so lucky to have crossed paths with KorVia, otherwise it might have been a different story. KorVia Consulting Staffs all worked so hard to find me my 'dream' teaching job - perfect school, perfect hours, perfect location. They guided me through every step of the visa process and always clarified everything for me. Constant phone contact - both in Australia and also when I arrived in Korea - helped me feel comfortable and in control. KorVia has a rare mix of professionalism, warmth and service. I have been here for more than a month now, and they continue to help me - from helping me organize a cell phone to celebrating my birthday with me a few days after I arrived! They are such a wonderful group of people, and I really cannot recommend them highly enough.

Rachel from Australia



There are so many recruiters in Korea all trying to make a fast buck; I should know as I've dealt with enough of them. But KorVia is different. Instead of the usual 'Here - we found you a school, when can you start?' attitude, I never felt pushed. KorVia handled all my paperwork for me, including making the trip to Immigration on my behalf; I was able to sit back and relax knowing that everything was being taken care of. I've been more than satisfied with the ongoing service provided by KorVia. The people there have truly exceeded my expectations. Thanks a million.

Jane Cohen from New Zealand

My name is Emily-Jane Williams. I'm currently very happily teaching in Gyeonggi-Buk Science High School. From the beginning of our relationship, KorVia Consulting has always been very open and professional. They have been extremely honest and always followed through on any commitments made. I sincerely recommend KorVia Consulting as an earnest, highly competent and hard-working professional who will do their best to ensure a smooth transition into your school.

Emily-Jane Williams from Canada



I am extremely pleased with the level of professionalism KorVia Consulting demonstrated while helping me through this transition. They were forthright and responsive with answers to my questions, and didn't try to paint an unrealistic picture. They always provided feedback in a timely manner, and gave me realistic information which helped me determine the right course of action. The area is exactly as KorVia has described it, and I feel like I had a very accurate idea of the type of environment I was walking into.

Gary Hope from the UK

My wife and I are currently working at two public schools in Gyeonggi province. We were placed here by KorVia Consulting. Working with KorVia has been a pleasure. Our schools and location are exactly what we requested when we initially contacted KorVia, and they answered all our questions and concerns promptly and in detail. As South Africans it is hard to find helpful and accurate information on teaching in Korea, but KorVia Consulting made sure that this process was as painless as possible. Their assistance during the application process was excellent, and she maintained regular contact with us to keep us informed of the status of our applications. Also it was wonderful to arrive at Incheon airport and have a taxi waiting for us - all arranged by KorVia Consulting. Their assistance after our arrival has also been top-notch. They have kept regular contact and have made sure that our schools look after us properly. We have been very impressed! We wholeheartedly recommend KorVia Consulting to anyone looking to find work as an English teacher in Korea.

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