Confucianism in Korea





Confucianism Comes to Korea



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Confucianism entered Korea around the same time as Buddhism (4th century). Korea was divided into three kingdoms (see map). Koguryo King Sosurim created a Confucian university in 372 C.E.

Neo-Confucianism Flourishes During Joseon (Choson) Dynasty (1392 – 1910 C.E.)





Among all the dynasties, Chinese and foreign, the longlived Joseon was undoubtedly the most thoroughly Confucianized. The Confucian aristocrats (Yangban) ruled the court politics with an elite culture of Neo-Confucianism. (Encyclopedia Britannica)

Gyeongbok Palace



Constructed in 1394 in the Joseon Dynasty (Seoul, South Korea. Home of the king or "Ruler" who, according to Confucius, had an obligation to take care of his subjects. If he was a virtuous ruler, his subjects would be loyal and obedient.





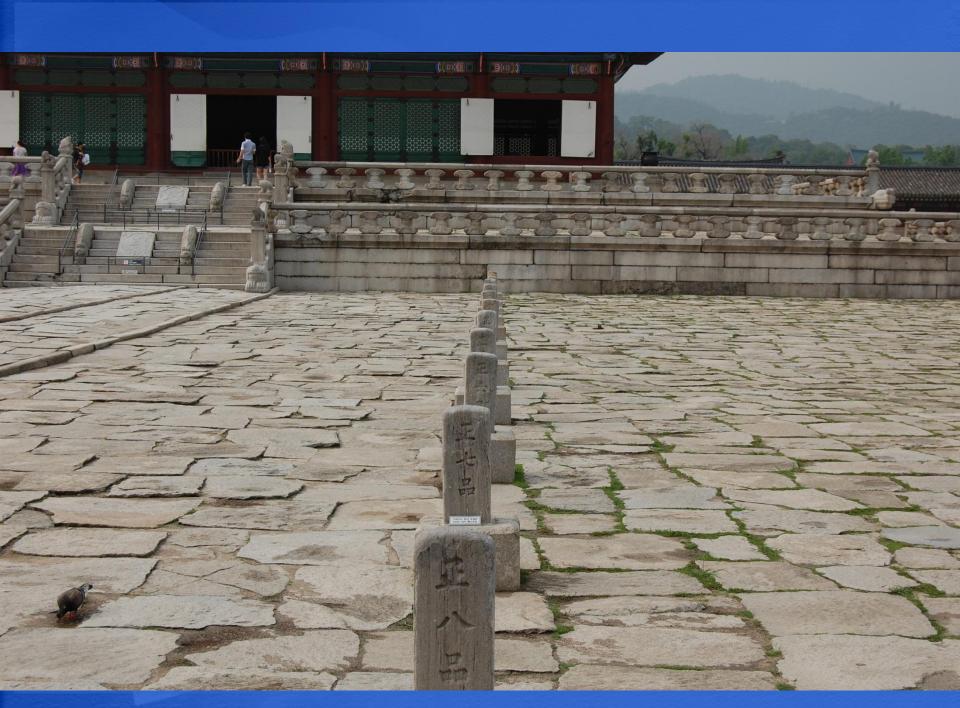
The Mandate of Heaven in Korea



Truly the Chinese Emperor had the Mandate of Heaven and Korea's king would be a tributary state.

Confucian Hierarchy – Positions of importance lined up for the King







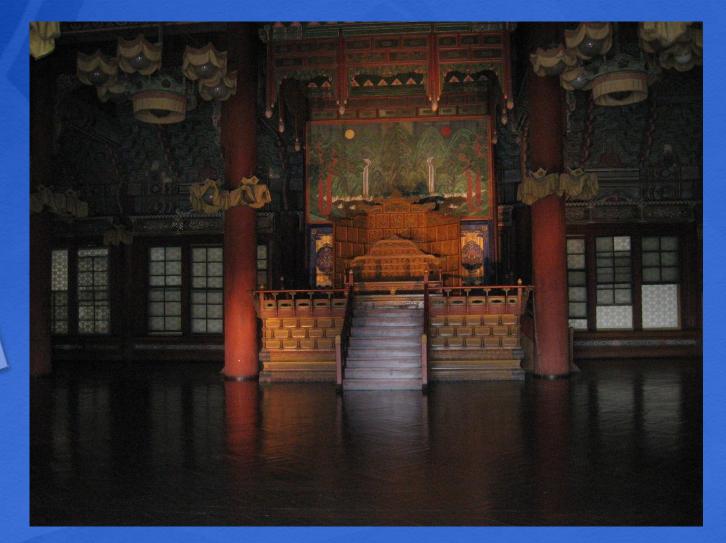
Changdeok Palace



Built in 1405 during the Joseon Dynasty in Seoul, South Korea.



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Ruler and Subject







Yangdong Confucian Village



The village is home to many historical figures including Eon-jeok Lee (1491-1553), a noted Confucian scholar of the Joseon Dynasty. It is home to descendents of the Yangban (Scholarly officials – an aristocratic title)

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Meeting with the lineage heir



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Part of the Five College Center for East Asian Studies Study Tour to South Korea 2009. Professor Mark Peterson of Brigham Young University translated for the lineage heir and lectured.

Dosan Seowon Confucian Academy



Built in 1561 by Yi Hwang, one of the great Korean Neo Confucian scholars.









Sisdan Stele



The original was moved here due to the construction of the Andong Dam. Confucian civil service exams were held at this place.

The Main Lecture Hall





Student dorm rooms











Established in 1572. Located in Gyeongju, South Korea.

Holds a wooden blocks copy of the *Samguk Sagi* (*History of the Three Kingdoms*)







The Ritual of Tea





The Tea Ceremony requires following many Confucian-like rules and a ritual that takes a great deal of time and preparation.



Students in Korea Today





Goyang Foreign Language School (Private) in South Korea







From 7 A.M. -7 P.M. From school to private academy.



Yongin High School in South Korea



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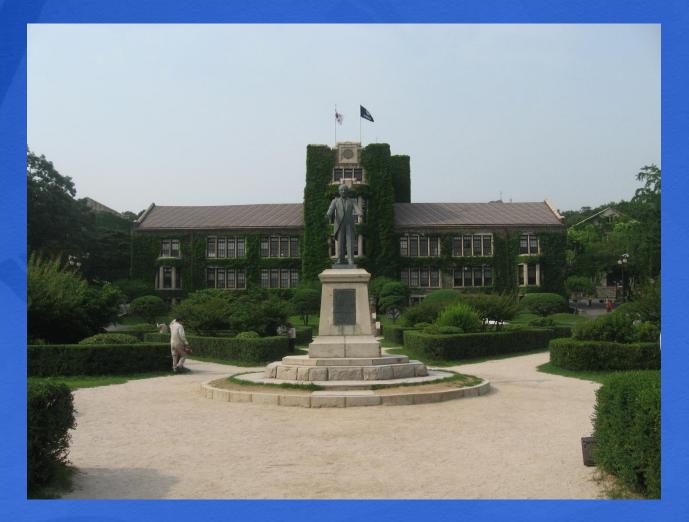


Many South Korean students go to academies like this on after school is over to learn English (and more)



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His Legacy Lives On... Confucius's Birthday Ceremony in South Korea





Daegu Hyanggyo Confucian Temple in South Korea



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