

# The History of Inter-Korean Relations





# Geopolitical Location of Korea

- Bridge between Continental Power and Maritime Power
- ✓ “A hammer ready to strike at the head of China”
- ✓ “A dagger pointed at the heart of Japan.”





# Surrounding Powers and the Division

**1593: between Japan and China**

**1894: between Japan and China**

**1896: between Japan and Russia**

**1903: between Japan and Russia**

**1945: between America and Russia**

# The Division in 1948

**Occupation by  
the US and the  
Soviet Union  
for Disarming  
Japan**

**The Cold War  
Rivalry in  
International  
Scene**

**Domestic  
Struggle**  
Syngman RHEE  
vs.  
KIM Il Sung



# The War for Unification



**“Let’s unify Korea under communist system by whatever means possible”**

**With Stalin’s agreement, North Korea initiated all-out war against South Korea on June 25, 1950.**

# The War for Unification



**“March North!”**

**“We can’t live with  
Cholera”**

**The War ended on July 27,  
1953.**



# The Tragedy in Korea





# Influence of the War



- Deepening mutual antagonism between North and South Korea



# Influence of the War



**Strengthening  
Internationali-  
zation of the  
Korean  
Question**



# Influence of the War



**Intensifying  
Ideological  
Confrontation**



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# Joint Communiqué of July 4, 1972

- Agreed on Three Principles of Unification

- ✓ peaceful unification

- ✓ independence of outside forces

- ✓ grand national unity

- ❖ Opening of the era of “Confrontation with Dialogue”



# The Cases of North Korean Provocation





# The Basic Agreement of 1992

- ① To recognize and respect each other's political system
- ② Not to interfere in each other's internal affairs
- ③ Not to use force and to abandon armed invasion against each other
- ④ To encourage economic exchange and cooperation



# Joint Declaration of June 15, 2000

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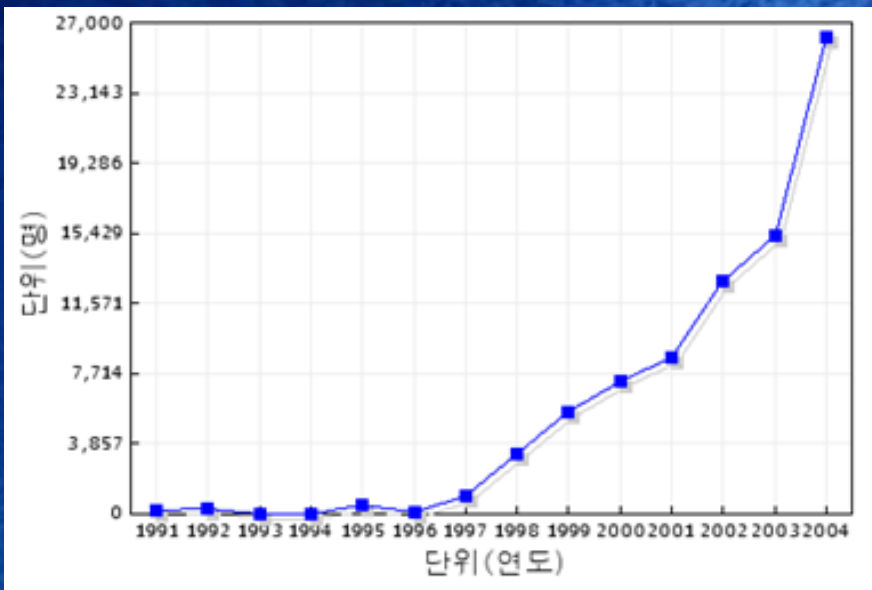
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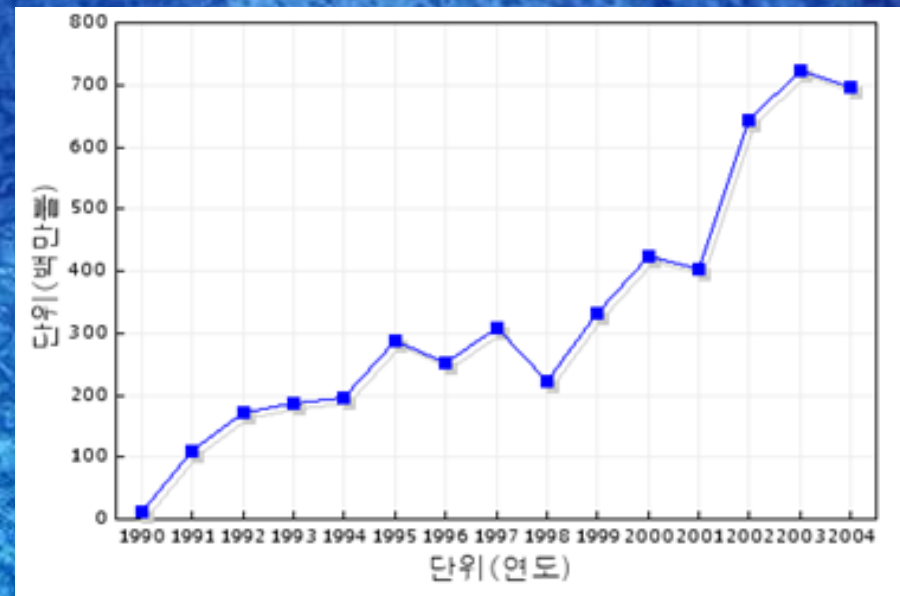


# Affirmative Effect

Trend of Social Exchange



Trend of Economic Exchange



# North Korea's Nuclear Weapon

- **Why Does Pyongyang go for Nuclear?**
  - for Security (esp. against the US)
  - for Political Gains
  - for Economic Benefit
  - \* for Bargaining Chip



# Two Korea's Today





# The Future of the Korean Peninsula

