

## South Korea

Population: 50.2 million (2013)

**Geography:** South Korea is mainly surrounded by water and has 2,413 kilometres of coastline.

Climate: Humid, subtropical

**World heritage sites:** Hwaseong Fortress, Royal Tombs of the Joseon Dynasty, Jeju Volcanic Island and Lava Tubes

Capital City: Seoul

Official languages: Korean

Political system: Constitutional republic

**Travel advisory information:** For up-to-date travel advice for South Korea from the New Zealand government visit www.safetravel.govt.nz/south-korea

## **Curriculum resources:**

• Asia New Zealand Foundation

## **Useful websites:**

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- New Zealand Embassy in Seoul
- Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Wellington
- Lonely Planet

## Media:

- The Korea Times
- The Korea Herald
- Korea JoongAng Daily