



Winter Olympics

PyeongChang 2018

9 - 25 February



MEDALS

- Number 222
- Weight 493-586g
- Diameter 92.5mm
- Ribbon Gabsa fabric used in traditional Korean Hanbok (dress)



SPORTS

- 102 Events
- 15 Disciplines

PARTICIPANTS

6500 athletes



± 45 000 officials, IOC members, media, etc.

92 countries - new record

6 newcomers - Ecuador, Eritrea, Kosovo, Malaysia, Nigeria and Singapore

88 in Sochi (2014)

SPECTATORS/VIEWERS



35 000 for opening ceremony



±2-3.5 billion TV viewers worldwide



Possibly the coldest Winter Olympics since Norway ('94) - expected real feel temps of -9 to -6 degrees C (15-20 degrees F)

NORTH & SOUTH KOREA - divided for 70+ years

'SPORT DIPLOMACY' - A SHORT HISTORY

- 1991 - Unification flag and combined team at 41st World Table Tennis Championships - Japan
- 1991 - Combined team at 8th World Youth Football Championship - Portugal

Marched together, competed separately

- 2000 Summer Olympics - Australia
- 2002 Asian Games - South Korea
- 2003 Summer Universiade - South Korea
- 2004 Summer Olympics - Greece
- 2006 Winter Olympics - Italy
- 2006 Asian Games - Qatar

'PEACE OLYMPICS' - 2018

- Will march together under unification flag
- First combined Olympic team: women's ice-hockey



South Korea players **23**



North Korea players **12**

WINTER OLYMPIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Each Olympic Games is a remarkable opportunity to reach the lost for Christ

OLYMPIC VILLAGE RELIGIOUS FACILITY

(Required by the Olympic Charter for all major religions)

Open/free for prayer, Bible study, worship, and one-on-one sharing

LOCAL (KOREAN) CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Korean Christians are passionate about evangelism - prayer, outreach, literature distribution, etc.

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Thousands from numerous organisations attend the Games for Scripture distribution, evangelism and prayer

THE KOREAN CHRISTIAN LEGACY

A SHORT HISTORY

- 17th Century - Christianity (Catholicism) introduced via China
- 1758 - Catholicism outlawed as evil
- 1785 - Catholicism re-introduced (promoted Korean script-Hangul)
- 1866 - Catholic persecution (± 8,000 martyred, including 9 French missionaries)
- 19th Century - Protestantism introduced via American missionaries (built schools, hospitals, universities)
- 1884 - First Protestant church
- 1900 - 1% Christian
- 1901 to 1903 - Protestant revivals in modern-day North Korea
- 1945 - 2% Christian (persecution under Japanese imperialism)
- After WWII - Many Christians fled to the south



South

- Freedom of religion/belief
- Low levels of government restrictions and social hostilities
- 29% - Christian (Catholic & Protestant); 23% - Buddhist; 46% - no religious affiliation

North

- 'Secular' state
- Heavy persecutor of Christians
- ±0.1% - 2% Christians (no reliable statistics)

KOREAN MISSIONS IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

10,000+

South Korean missionaries in 160 countries (5th most active 'sending' nation)

1,014

missionaries sent per million church members (USA - top 'sending' nation - sends 614 per million)

