

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Date of Elections: 28 February 1982

Purpose of Elections

Elections were held for all the seats in Parliament on the normal expiry of its term of office. The previous elections took place on 11 November 1977.

Characteristics of Parliament

The unicameral Parliament of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Supreme People's Assembly, comprises 615 Deputies elected for 4 years.

Electoral System

All citizens who have reached the age of 17, including members of the armed forces on active duty, have the right to vote, irrespective of sex, race, occupation, length of residence, property status, education, party affiliation, political views and religion; ineligible, however, are the insane and those disenfranchised by court decision.

Electoral registers are compiled at the level of the sub-constituency. Voting is compulsory.

All qualified electors may be elected to the Supreme People's Assembly.

Candidates for Deputy are recommended by political parties and social organizations (which may recommend joint candidates), or at meetings of employees of State organs and enterprises, of members of co-operative farms and organs, and of servicemen. The recommended candidate must agree, in writing, that he is willing to be elected from the constituency concerned.

The election of Deputies is valid only when more than half of the voters in a given constituency take part in it. The candidate who has received the greatest number of votes and more than half the votes of all electors of his constituency is declared elected. Each elector may cast only one vote for one candidate of one constituency.

In the event of parliamentary vacancy arising due to death or recall of a Deputy, a by-election is held pursuant to a decision of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly.

General Considerations and Conduct of the Elections

It was officially stated that all of the country's registered electorate except those out of the country had voted by noon on polling day and that the totality of these electors had voted in favour of the 615 registered candidates proposed on the final official list of the Workers'

Party of Korea, the leader of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland.

At its first session (5-7 April 1982), the seventh Supreme People's Assembly unanimously re-elected Marshal Kim Il Sung as President of the Republic. Mr. Li Jong Ok was re-elected Prime Minister and formed a 33-member Administrative Council (Cabinet).

Statistics

1. *Distribution of Deputies according to Professional Category*

Workers	34.6%
Peasants	10.2%
Others .	55.2%
	100.0%

2. *Distribution of Deputies according to Sex*

Men. .	80.4%
Women	19.6%
	100.0%

3. *Distribution of Deputies according to Age Group*

Under 35 years	3.9%
35-55 »	71.2%
Over 55 »	24.9%
	100.0%