

## Korea (Rep.)

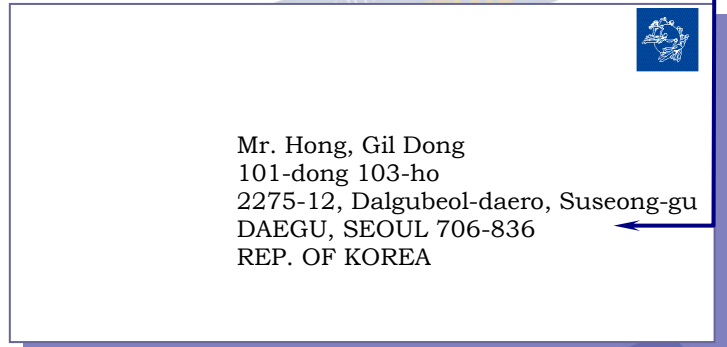
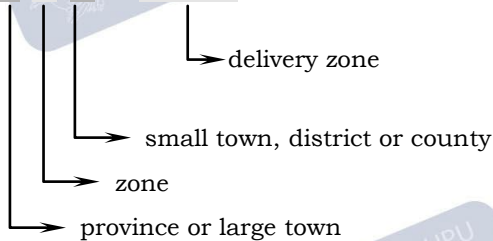
### Postcode

### Postcode type and position

6 digits to the right of the locality name with a dash between the 3rd and 4th digits.

### Coding method

7 0 6 - 8 3 6



### Overview

The present land lot address system is in use in parallel to the new street address system having been introduced since 2009. The stabilization of the new street addressing system will be on-going until 2014.

*Note: Both land lot and street based systems use the same postcodes.*

### Administrative divisions

A typical address in Korea is described by the administrative units in which it lies and Korean administrative units are identified by suffixes. The following table describes suffixes of administrative units of various levels and their relation to address elements used in explanations of address examples:

| Address elements           | Korean Suffixes     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| province                   | -do, -si            |
| sub-province (sub-prv)     | -gun, -si, -gu      |
| sub-province 2 (sub-prv 2) | -eup, -myeon, -dong |
| locality                   | -ri                 |

Note that the suffixes “-ri” and “-dong” are used in reference to a locality and sub-province level 2 in the land lot addresses and they are not used in the new street name addresses.

Moreover the term “-dong” in the new street addresses is not used in reference to a locality but to a building within a complex of buildings.

### Address formats

For inbound cross border mail, Korea Post prefers to have addresses written in Korean. It also recommends adding "SEOUL" before the postcode irrespective to the final destination in the country. This measure is designed to avoid mail addressed to the Republic of Korea being sent to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. If the address includes the correct postcode, adding "SEOUL" does not cause any problem because sorting is done on the basis of the postcode.

Complex of buildings are common for both street name based and land lot based address systems. Addresses within a complex of buildings shall identify individual buildings by numbers suffixed with “-dong” and door numbers suffixed with “-ho”. For example: “101-dong 103-ho”. This form is preferred over the abbreviated one: “101-103”. The first digit of “-ho” number (or first two digits when the “-ho” number is four digits long) indicates the floor on which apartment is located. When an address is located underground the “-ho” number will be prefixed with letter ‘B’ for basement (sometimes the word ‘Jiha’ is used instead of ‘B’).

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### Land lot address system

Land lot numbers can be registered either in the books of flat land or in the book of mountainous areas. Land lot numbers registered in the book of mountainous areas are used in addresses with prefix 'san' (Korean "산" meaning a mountain).

#### **Examples**

##### Land lot address in metropolitan city:

International Postal Division  
Bureau of Posts  
Korea Post  
154-1 Seorin-dong  
Jongno-gu  
SEOUL 110-110  
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addressee  
department  
organization  
premises + sub-province 2  
sub-province  
"SEOUL" + postcode  
country

##### Land lot address with complex of buildings:

Mr. Hong, Gil Dong  
101-dong 103-ho  
1229-1 Suseong 4-ga  
Suseong-gu  
DAEGU, SEOUL 706-836  
REP. OF KOREA

addressee  
building number + door  
complex of buildings + locality  
sub-province  
province + "SEOUL" + postcode  
country

##### Land lot address in a large building:

Mr. Minho PARK  
Hana Apartments, 912-ho  
1308-25 Seocho 2-dong  
Yongsan-gu  
SEOUL 135-283  
REP. OF KOREA

addressee  
building name + door  
premises + sub-province 2  
sub-province  
"SEOUL" + postcode  
country

##### Land lot address in rural area:

Dr. Hong, Gil Dong  
35-8 Doekhyeon-ri, Gujeong-myeon  
Gangneung-si  
GANGWON-do, SEOUL 210-813  
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addressee  
premises + locality + sub-province 2  
sub-province  
province + "SEOUL" + postcode  
country

##### Land lot address in mountainous area

Dr. Hong, Gil Dong  
san164 Gyo 2(i)-dong  
Gangneung-si  
GANGWON-do, SEOUL 210-921  
REP. OF KOREA

addressee  
premises + sub-province 2  
sub-province  
province + "SEOUL" + postcode  
country

##### Land lot address for p.o. box delivery:

Mr. Hong, Gil Dong  
Daejeon Yuseong P.O. Box 00  
Yuseong-gu  
DAEJEON, SEOUL 305-600  
REP. OF KOREA

addressee  
post office + p.o. box  
sub-province  
province + "SEOUL" + postcode  
country

### Street based address system

#### **Examples**

##### Urban addresses:

Dr. Hong, Gil Dong  
24, Songnim-ro, Dong-gu  
INCHEON, SEOUL 401-060  
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addressee  
premises + street + sub-province  
province + "SEOUL" + postcode  
country

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### Examples (cont.)

*With building:*

Samsung Card Bldg.  
194, Yulgok-ro, Jongno-gu  
SEOUL 110-754  
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*organization  
premises + street + sub-prv  
"SEOUL" + postcode  
country*

*With complex of buildings:*

Mr. Hong, Gil Dong  
101-dong 103-ho  
2275-12, Dalgubeol-daero, Suseong-gu  
DAEGU, SEOUL 706-836  
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*addressee  
building + door  
premises + extension + street, sub-prv  
province + "SEOUL" + postcode  
country*

Suburban/rural address:

Mr. Hong, Gil Dong  
6, Jong-ro, Changnyeong-eup, Changnyeong-gun  
GYEONGSANGNAM-do, SEOUL 635-813  
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*addressee  
premises + street + sub-prv2 + sub-prv  
province + "SEOUL" + postcode  
country*

P.O. Box:

Mr. Hong, Gil Dong  
P.O. Box 00  
51, Oncheon-ro, Yuseong-gu  
DAEJEON, SEOUL 305-600  
REP. OF KOREA

*addressee  
p.o. box  
premises + street + sub-prv  
province + "SEOUL" + postcode  
country*

### Glossary

| Local Name in Korean  | Local Name in English |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Cheung</i>         | Floor (F)             |
| <i>Dong</i>           | Block                 |
| <i>Ho</i>             | Apartment             |
| <i>Ro, Gil, Daero</i> | Street                |

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