

Signed at Tokyo June 22, 1965  
into force December 18, 1965

## **TREATY ON BASIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND JAPAN**

The Republic of Korea and Japan,

Considering the historical background of relationship between their peoples and their mutual desire for good neighborliness and for the normalization of their relations on the basis of the principle of mutual respect for sovereignty;

Recognizing the importance of their close cooperation in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations to the promotion of their mutual welfare and common interests and to the maintenance of international peace and security; and

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Treaty of Peace with Japan signed at the city of San Francisco on September 8, 1951 and the Resolution 195(III) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 12, 1948;

Have resolved to conclude the present Treaty on Basic Relations and have accordingly appointed as their Plenipotentiaries,

The Republic of Korea:

Tong Won Lee, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea

Dong Jo Kim, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea

Japan:

Etsusaburo Shiina, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Shinichi Takasugi

Who, having communicated to each other their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

### **Article 1**

Diplomatic and consular relations shall be established between the High Contracting Parties. The High Contracting Parties shall exchange diplomatic envoys with the Ambassadorial rank without delay. The High Contracting Parties will also establish consulates at locations to be agreed upon by the two Government.

### **Article 2**

It is confirmed that all treaties or agreements concluded between the Empire of Korea and the Empire of Japan on or before August 22, 1910 are already null and void.

### **Article 3**

It is confirmed that the Government of the Republic of Korea is the only lawful Government in Korea as specified in the Resolution 195(III) of the United Nations General Assembly.

#### **Article 4**

- (a) The High Contracting Parties will be guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations in their mutual relations.
- (b) The High Contracting Parties will cooperate in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations in promoting their mutual welfare and common interests.

#### **Article 5**

The High Contracting Parties will enter into negotiations at the earliest practicable date for the conclusion of treaties or agreements to place their trading, maritime and other commercial relations on a stable and friendly basis.

#### **Article 6**

The High Contracting Parties will enter into negotiations at the earliest practicable date for the conclusion of an agreement relating to civil air transport.

#### **Article 7**

The present Treaty shall be ratified. The instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Seoul as soon as possible. The present Treaty shall enter into force as from the date on which the instruments of ratification are exchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty and have affixed there to their seals.

DONE in duplicate at Tokyo, this 22nd day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five in the Korean, Japanese, and English languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE Republic of Korea:  
(Signed) Tong Won Lee  
Dong Jo Kim

FOR JAPAN:  
(Signed) Etsusaburo Shiina  
Shinichi Takasugi