

## Foreign policy of the Republic of Korea

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Doha Development Agenda negotiations; pursue the early conclusion of a free trade agreement with Chile; participate in discussions on international economic issues; and bring about the conditions necessary to become a business hub in Northeast Asia.

At the same time, the government will continue to redouble the efforts to promote exports and attract foreign investment. The government will also make every possible effort to host the 2010 World Expo in Yeosu, a decision due in December of this year.

Korea is strongly committed to promoting multilateral cooperation,

democracy and human rights. The government will be actively engaged in East Asia Study Group (EASG) activities and will contribute to the vision of an East Asian community. Moreover, it will reinforce inter-regional cooperation through such forums as ASEM and APEC. Korea will continue to participate in the UN peacekeeping operations in East Timor; contribute to international efforts to address refugee issues and promote the rights of women and children. Korea will join the four anti-terrorism conventions and actively participate in anti-terrorism efforts of the international bodies such as the UN and the ARF.

## Education in ROK

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General high schools teaching humanities totaled 1,210 as of 2001, with an enrollment of 2.25 million (2,259,975). Vocational high schools numbering 759 were teaching 651,198 students. In the same year, 99.5 per cent of middle school graduates advanced to high schools.

### Higher education

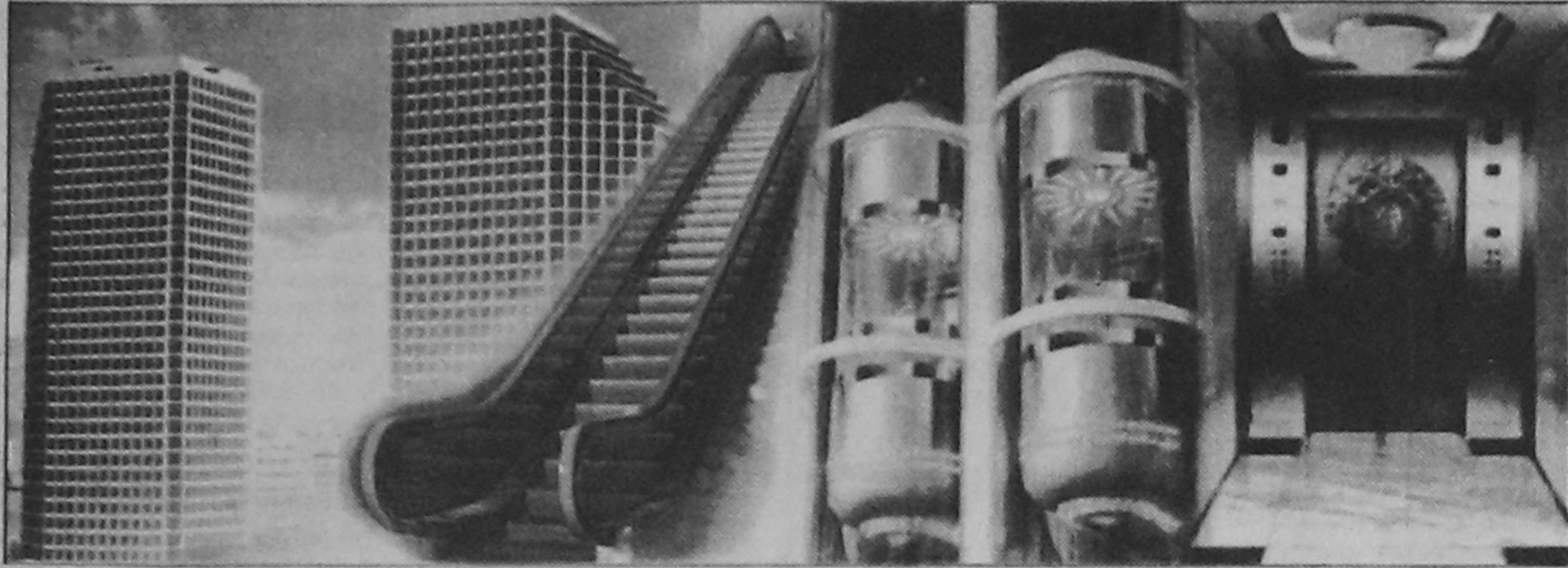
There are five categories of institutions of higher learning: (1) junior colleges (2-3 years), (2) colleges and universities with four year undergraduate programs (six-year medical schools), (3) universities of education or normal schools, (4) theological colleges and seminaries and (5) graduate schools.

About 80 percent of these institutions are private. Whether public or

private, they come under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development. The Ministry has control over such matters as the number of students each institution can accommodate, teacher qualifications, curricula and degree requirements.

The curricula are composed of general and professional courses and each is again divided into required and elective courses. In 1945 there were only 19 institutions of higher learning across the nation, including North Korea. By 2001, 1261 institutions were registered in South Korea alone. A total of 3,500,560 students were enrolled at these institutions, staffed by 58,532 faculty members.

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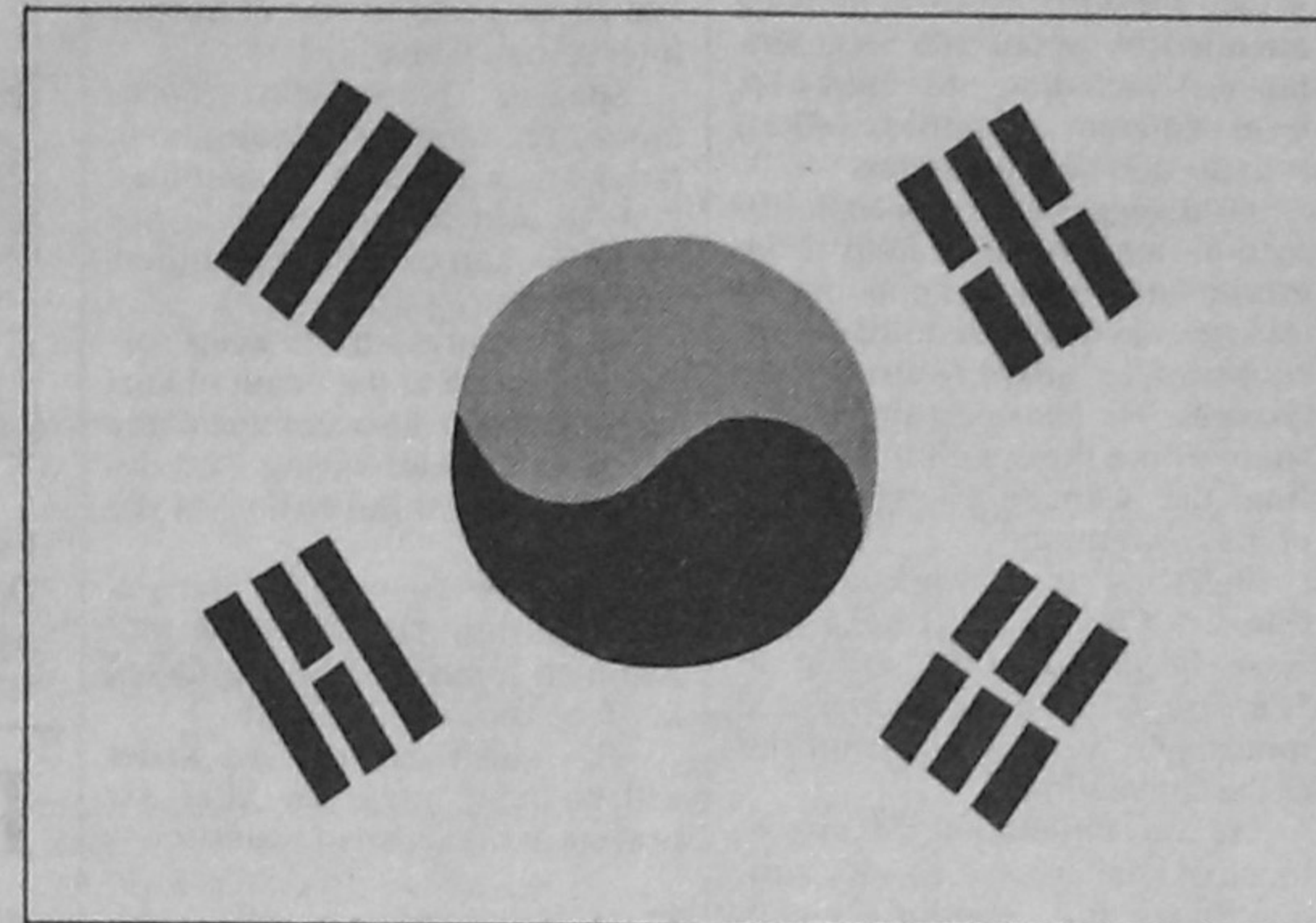
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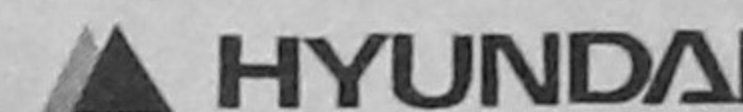
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