

NORTH KOREA

North Korea, officially the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is a country in East Asia, in the northern part of the Korean Peninsula. Pyongyang is both the nation's capital as well as its largest city. North Korea is an independent country and a member of the United Nations

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On December 10, 1973, India opened official diplomatic relations with the DPRK, having maintained consular relations since March 1, 1962.¹ Both countries have a fully functioning embassy in each other's capital and work towards strengthening relations through cultural exchange and understanding. The relationship was founded on the cooperation as members of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Korea-India Friendship Association in 1970.

India supported Korea as a strong mediator, sitting on the UN Temporary Commission on Korea (UNTCOK). The nation of India believed Korea should be one nation and wanted to peacefully resolve the conflict if possible, as was the main view of the UNTCOK.

India declares the DPRK a Most Favored Nation: Treaties of 1974-1978 On February 18, 1974, India and the DPRK signed a treaty formalizing trade between the countries, which granted the status of most favored nation to each other.¹⁷ This, perhaps from the aforementioned cable with Kim Il Sung and the exchange of embassies in 1973, marked the beginning of diplomatic relations. This trade agreement followed with an official continuation of the trade agreement in 1978¹⁸ lengthening the list of traded goods and affirming the desire to continue "successful economic and trade relations."

(source : global review)

Exports from India to North Korea

Chemicals used in industrial production and agriproducts.

India's imports from North Korea

agriproducts such as asafoetida, natural gum and dried and fresh fruits.

Trade Statistics

Indian Exports to DPRK	DPRK Exports to India
2001-02 \$170	\$19
2002-03 \$157.86	\$4.66

2003-04	\$115.35	\$1.07
2010-11	\$329.13	\$143.98
2011-12	\$.31	\$.49
2013-14	\$186.8	\$12.48

(source:MOC)

Chamber of Commerce

DPRK Chamber of Commerce, Pyongyang