Romanization

- The Library of Congress will continue to follow the McCune-Reischauer system to romanize Korean. See: Romanization of the Korean Language: Based upon its Phonetic Structure by G.M. McCune and E.O. Reischauer ([S.l.: s.n., 1939?]), reprinted from the Transactions of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.
- The Library of Congress will designate certain standard dictionaries as final authorities to resolve questions of contemporary pronunciation. A word will be considered to be pronounced as indicated in those dictionaries, and romanized in such a way as to represent its pronunciation most accurately.
- When romanization rules conflict with the pronunciation of word, prefer to represent the pronunciation. Do not romanize silent syllabic finals.

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    choǔn
    좋은

    yori
    료리 (or 요리)

    namunnip
    나 못 잎

    kap
    값

    öpta
    없다
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4. Sai siot. Follow McCune-Reischauer directions on romanization of medial (sai) siot, with these revisions:

Romanize as nn when a syllabic final before i and yotized vowels.

yenniyagi 옛이야기 hŏnnil 헛일

Romanize as d when a syllabic final before all other vowels.

mŏdŏpta 멋없다 udot 옷옷

6. Words written with double final consonants are to be romanized as they are pronounced.

hŭk	홁
sam	삶
tak	닭
Maksŭ	막 스
Marksŭ	맑 스

7. Initial niŭn (-) and liŭl (=). Follow McCune-Reischauer rules governing initial niŭn and liŭl, with the following exceptions. The surname 季 is always romanized Yi, no matter how it is written (李, ∘|, ≥|).

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nodong	로 동		(or 노동)
yŏksa	력 사		(or 역 사)
Yi Sŭng-man	리 승만	(or	이 승만)

Exception 1) When medial $ni\bar{u}n$ is followed by medial $li\bar{u}l$, they are generally romanized ll. However, when syllables beginning with $\vec{\pi}$ or $\vec{\sigma}$ (i.e. \vec{E} , $\vec{e}l$) follow a vowel or medial $ni\bar{u}n$, the sound of $li\bar{u}l$ is generally dropped. In such cases, $li\bar{u}l$ is not romanized.

mullihak	文理學
nayŏl	羅列
punyŏl	分 裂
Korvŏ	高麗

Exception 2) To accommodate Word Division Rule 1, particles beginning with the letter $li\bar{u}l$ are to be separated from other words, and are to be romanized beginning with the letter r in all cases.

sae yŏksa rŭl wihayŏ	새		歷	史	_	를	_	위	하	여			
	自	ц	_	經	清	_	로	•	의	•	挑!	戰	
Kim Mari ranŭn puin	金		마	2		라	는		夫	人			

8. Following hyphens:

but

- (a) When sounds would normally change, according to McCune-Reischauer rules, sound change is indicated following a hyphen in the following instances:
 - (1) As second syllable of a forename.

Exception: When the second part of a given name follows a vowel sound and begins with a yotized initial $li\bar{u}l$ (=), the medial r is omitted (unless there is convincing evidence that the medial r is intended to be pronounced.)

	Song, Si-yŏl	宋	時 烈
	Yi, Ki-yŏn	리	기 련
but	Kim, Ch'ŏr-wŏn	金	哲 源
	An Ung-nyŏl	安	應烈

(2) For all generic terms used as jurisdictions, except the term pukto:

Kangwŏn-do江原道Wando-gun완도군

- (b) When sounds would normally change, according to McCune-Reischauer rules, sound change is not indicated following a hyphen in the following instances:
 - (1) In a spelled-out cardinal number:

ilch'ŏn-kubaek-yuksipp'al 一九六八

(2) Between a numeral and volume designation:

 che 3-chip
 第 3輯

 4-kwŏn
 4巷

(3) Between a year, written in numerals, and a suffix or modifier:

10-chunyŏn 10週年 1900-yŏn 1900年

(4) Between abbreviated forms combined coordinately:
chung-kodǔng hakkvo 中高等 學校

chung-kodŭng hakkyo 中高等

(5) For the generic jurisdiction term *pukto*:
Ch'ungch'ŏng-pukto

忠清北道

(6) When a word of Western origin is modified by a single character modifier, affix, or substantive of Korean or Sino-Korean origin:

esei-chip 에 세 이 집

- 9. Words of Western Origin
 - (a) The letters that can be used in romanizing words of Western origin are limited to those allowed by the McCune-Reischauer romanization rules. Therefore, while there may be a choice between letters that may be used to represent a consonant, there can be no variation in the representation of vowels. The letters that may be used to represent consonants are:
 - ¬ k, g, ng
 ¬ n, l
 ¬ t, ch, j, d
 ¬ l, r, n
 - m p, b

s, sh, n, t, d, p, k

- ng ch, j
- ch'
- ¬ k'
- € t', ch
- ≖ p'
- ė h

(b) When one or more of the prescribed letters corresponds exactly to its counterpart in the Western word being romanized, that letter will always be used.

> dijain (from the word *design*) 디 자 인 Lenin 레 니

(c) When none of the prescribed letters corresponds exactly to its counterpart in the Western word being romanized, apply the romanization system strictly, without approximation of sounds.

Pet'ǔnam 베 트 남 (from the word Vietnam; the romanization system does not permit the use of the letter v) chero 계로 (from the word zero; the romanization system does not permit the use of the letter z)

(d) When the original Western word cannot be ascertained, apply the romanization system strictly.

Word Division

Basic Principles:

1. Each word or lexical unit (including particles) is to be separated from other words.
k'alla TV rŭl chungsim ŭro 칼라 TV 를 中心 으로

- 2. The Library of Congress will designate certain standard dictionaries as final authorities to resolve questions of word division. A word found in these sources will be considered to be a lexical unit, and written as a unit. Words or parts of speech not appearing in these authorities will be separated or connected according to these guidelines. Then, when in doubt, prefer to separate.
- A compound word is considered a combination of binary words. (A binary word is a compound consisting of two Chinese characters (Hancha) or two syllables of Han'gul.)
- 4. A compound word is divided into binary components according to euphony.

Specific Rules:

Write a particle (至) as a word separate from the word stem, except as noted in (a) through (d) below.

na nŭn nae kil e 나는 내길에 noin kwa pada 老人 과 바다 ch'owŏn ŭi kkum ŭl kŭdae ege 草原 의 꿈 을 그대 에게 sae ya sae ya p'arang sae ya 4 야 새 야 파랑 새 이

1A. Add a particle as a suffix to a verb stem, adverb, or a simple inflection of the verb stem or adverb.

sarang pannŭn anae 사랑 받는 아내 chago mŏktŏni 자고 먹더니 kanan ŭl iginŭn pŏp 가난 을 이기는 法

1B. Write coordinated or multisyllabic particles together as a word. However, always separate the particle $\supseteq (iii)$ from other particles.

만 도 아니다 na mando anida 韓國 古典 에 招符 Han'guk kojon e ŭi ch'odae iltung egenun so rul sang uro 一等 에게는 소 를 상 으 로 學 門 으로서 의 史學 hangmun ŭrosŏ ŭi sahak

1C. Write independent contracted particles (such as 엔, 엘) separately from the preceding word.

yejŏn en mich'ŏ mollassŏyo 예전 엔 미처 몰랐어요 kohyang el kanda 고향 엘 간다

1D. When particles are contracted to nouns or pronouns, connect them to those words.

chigǔm ǔn nugun'ga wasŏ지금은누군가와nan molla난몰라kǔgŏn na to molla그건나도몰라

Write a simple inflected verb, adjective, or adverb as a separate word or as a suffix joined to a word, according to the dictionary that serves as authority or the sense of the element(s) involved.

먼 동 0 möndong i t'ŭl ttae 틒 pam e ssŭn insaengnon 지 긴 올 choguk ŭl chik'in yongsa 누구 를 위하여 nugu rŭl wihayŏ chong ŭn ullina 鐔 온 十里 도 못 가 서 난 다 simni to mot kasŏ palpyŏng nanda 가 올 일 어 버 린 iröbörin kaŭl 목 마 른 후 조 mongmarŭn hujo

2A. Separate an auxiliary verb, adjective, or adverb and its inflection from the word stem.

가 고 싶 온 내 고 향 kago sip'ŭn nae kohyang 떠나 욘 ユ 자리 에 ttŏna on kŭ chari e 나이다 네 蓋 0 넘치 nae chan i nŏmch'i naida

2B. Separate the auxiliary * \(\therefore\) (hada), the copula \(\therefore\) (ida), and inflections of the same from the word stem when they consist of two or more syllables.

sin ŭn ch'angjoja ida 神 은 創造者 이다 sarang iranŭn pyŏng 사랑 이라는 病

2C. Separate a gerund form from the word stem.

p'urŭn pyŏl ŭn sara issŏtta 푸른 별 온 살아 있었다

3. Write an imperfect noun as a separate word, except as noted in A-B below.

morankkot p'il muryŏp ssirŭm ŭn tano ppun anirao 모란꽃 필 무렵 씨름 은 단오 뿐 아니라오

3A. Write a single syllable, imperfect noun as a word joined to an attributive adjective or to a simple inflected verb.

> halsu ŏmnŭn saramdŭl sinsa sungnyŏ yŏrŏbun nugu rŭl wihan kŏsin'ga i choguk ŏdiro kalkŏt in'ga

할수 없는 사람들 紳士 湘女 여러분 누구를 위한 것인가 이 조국 어디로 갈것 인가

3B. Connect a prefix (接頭離 chŏptusa), such as the native Korean prefixes 文 (kat), 홑 (hol), that), and 天 (p'ut) to the words that follow them.

kassŭmul tŏtchŏgori p'ussarang 갓 스 물 덧 저 고 리 풋 사 랑

 Write a single syllable attributive adjective or prefix as joined to a personal pronoun or imperfect noun.

> kŭbun i sŏnsaeng ida igŏt i chinsang ida

그분 이 先生 이다 이것 이 **眞相** 이다

Write a derived word formed by the addition of a single character modifier, affix, or substantive as a single word, whether the word be of pure Korean or Chinese origin.

Han'guk kwa Han'gugin pudongsan p'yŏngka taedosi ŭi inyŏm kwa Han'guk Hanbando ŭi p'yŏnghwa wa anbo kyŏngje ch'odaeguk ŭi hyŏngsŏng hwangmuji ka changmikkot kach'i 韓 國 韓國人 不動産 評價 大都市 의 理念 韓國 韓半島 平和 安保 의 와 經 潛 超大國 의 形成 황무지 가 장 미 꽇 갈 이

사 여

4A. In a Sino-Korean phrase, write a simple inflection of the auxiliary = [(hada) and = [+](toeda), and the copula o [+](ida) joined to the word stem.

孤獨か

kodokhal ttae sayŏn ŭl yŏngwŏnhan saengmyŏng haengbokhan Miguk saenghwal chomyŏnghae pon uri choguk

永遠한 生命 행복한 미국 생활 照明해 본 우리 祖國

때

4B. Connect a single character modifier, affix, or substantive of Western origin with a hyphen to a word of Korean or Sino-Korean origin. Connect a single character modifier of Korean or Sino-Korean origin with a hyphen to a word of Western origin.

Pak Mog-wŏl taep'yo esei-chip kukche maak'et'ing-non

차 末月 代表 에세이**集** 國際 마아케팅論 Write an attributive adjective or a pre-formative character separately from the word it modifies.

新 憲法 sin hönpöp chŏ hanŭl edo sŭlp'ŭm i 에 도 韓國 索引 Han'guk sinhak nonmun ch'ong saegin 의 再 昭明 kŭndaesa ŭi chae chomyong 近代史 kwanhan il yŏn'gu 관 하

4D. Write two coordinated characters, affixes, or substantives together as an integral part of the word.

兵 出 禴 節次 such'urip chŏlch'a 國內外 kungnaeoe saiŏng 韓民 画家 印譜 Han'guk sŏhwaga inbo 에게 드리는 청 소 년 ch'ŏngsonyŏn ege tŭrinŭn Hanŏl

Write a single character suffix together with the word stem.

主張 kongsanch'ŭk ŭi chuiang 共産側 아름다운 arŭmdaun tongmuldŭl

4F. Add the binary + ξξ(chuŭi; used chiefly as a formative element) to its modifier as a suffix.

民主主義 minjujuŭi 마르크스主義

Marŭk'ŭsŭ-chuŭi wa Kidokkvo

5. Write any binary component of a compound as a single word, when possible.

t'oji kaeryang chohap 十地 改良 組合

5A. Write a single character substantive as part of the preceding binary element of a compound. Write a single character substantive or an additional modifier together as part of the binary element.

> 國稅 基本法 kukse kibonpop 調查表 指定 統計 chijong t'onggye chosap'yo 韓 國 傳統 木造 建物 図 Han'guk chont'ong mokcho konmulto 計量 kyeryang kyöngjehakchök yön'gu 经済学的 研究

If two single character substantives appear in succession, write the second one as a separate word. 5B.

國稅 基本注 綸 kukse kibonpop non 指定 統計 調查表 chijong tonggye chosapyo chip 三十三人 現代 作家 hyŏndae chakka samsipsamin chip 中國 古典 漢詩人 Chungguk kojon Hansiin son 說 官僚制 鲁族制 과 kwijokche sŏl kwa kwallyoje non

Write a single character noun as a separate word.

hyŏn haengjŏng ha e che kisul 行政 現 技術 Moktan'gang haeng yölch'a 牧丹江 行 列重 中共 fil) 韓國 Han'guk Chunggong kan ŭi kyoyŏk 의 交易

5D.	Borrowed (Western) words or terms:	When it can be determined that a word or words in Korean
	consisted of more than one word in	the original language, apply the following guidelines.

If they appear separately, write them separately.

syeip'ŭ ŏp	셰이프	업
t'eibŭl maenŏ	테이블	매너

If they appear without spaces, write them as a single word. (It is useful to also provide an access point in which the word or words are separated in the same manner as in the original language.)

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syeip'ŭŏp (originally shape up) 세 이 프 업
(and another access point from syeip'ǔ ŏp)
t'eibùlmaenŏ (originally table manners) 테이블매너
(and another access point from t'eibùl maenŏ)
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If they appear with a center dot (\cdot), write them separately.

syeip'ŭ ŏp		셰이	щ	업
t'eibŭl maenŏ		테이	브	매너

- 6. Personal Names
- 6A. Write a family name consisting of two characters as a single word. Hyphenate a given name in two characters or a courtesy name (in place of a given name), and capitalize only the first letter of the first syllable.

Ch'oe Ch'i-wŏn	雈		致	遠	
Yi Kwang-su	0		광	수	
Kim So-wŏl	金		素	月	
Namgung Kak	南	官		珏	
Sŏnu Chong-wŏn	鯕	于		宗	源

6B. Write a pseudonym or other assumed name as one word.

Kim Sakkat	김	삿	갓
Ch'ungmugong	忠武	公	

6C. Write a Buddhist priestly or posthumous name as one word.

6D. Write a reign title, temple name, or title of nobility as one word without a hyphen.

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T'aejo	大 祖				
Yi Sejong	李	世	宗		
Kwanggaet'o Wang	廣 開	±	3	E	
Hyegyŏnggung Hong Ssi	惠 慶	官	Ý	共	Ħ
Chang Hŭibin	張	橲	瘤		
Hyŏnu Haengja	賢 愚		行:	者	

7. Corporate Names, Geographical Names, Names in Publication Titles, etc.

Han'guk Hyumönisŭt'ŭ-hoe

7A. Treat a corporate name also as a binary compound when possible. Write separately as binary elements general terms such as 學 會(Hakhoe),學 科(Hakkwa),教 會(Kyohoe), etc.

> Han'guksa Hakhoe 韓國史 (Society of Korean History) Han'guk Sahakhoe 韓國 史學會 (World History Society of Korea) 라 성 장 로 교회 Nasŏng Hanin Changno Kyohoe 団 語 國文 學科 Kugŏ Kungmun Hakkwa 労 動 甚 進 調香局 Nodong Kijun Chosaguk 韓国 휴 머 니 스 트 · 숲

7B. Write a proper name, term of address, or publication title separately from its modifier and also separately from the word it modifies.

月南 李 商在 紿 Wöllam Yi Sang-jae Ong 乱中 日記 Nanjung ilgi ch'o 異 官 君 Hüngsön Kun 亀峯 集 Kwibong chip 芸爾 学 科 Wŏnye Hakkwa chi 大 fiB 新聞社 毎日 Taegu Maeil Sinmunsa sa

7C. Hyphenate a generic term used as part of the name of a jurisdiction, and indicate phonetic changes, except in the case of the term北道(pukto).

江原道 Kangwŏn-do 慶尚北道 Kyŏngsang-pukto 大邱市 Taegu-si 夏會洞 Kahoe-dong

7D. Write a generic term for a type of topographic feature, architectural construction, or a corporate entity used as a part of a proper name, together with its name.

Hallasan 漢 肇 山 洛東江 Naktonggang 獨立門 Tongnimmun 東亞 日報社 Tonga Ilbosa 유리城 Yurisŏng

Treat a generic term for a topographical feature or a jurisdiction also as a binary element when combined with another word.

> 太白 山脈 T'aebaek sanmaek 安州 君民會 Aniu Kunminhoe **原州** 君誌 Wŏnju kunji

西壯台 滿月 山頂 Sŏjangdae Manwŏl Sanjŏng

8. Abbreviated Forms:

8A. Write contractions which include proper names as a single word.

8B. Write an abbreviated or contracted proper name, Korean or foreign, as a single word.

onŭl ŭi Pukhan 오늘의 北韓 Chŏn'gyŏngnyŏn 全経騲 Chunggongkwŏn ŭi changnae 中共國의 將耒

8C. Hyphenate abbreviated forms combined coordinately. Do not indicate phonetical changes. Write a single character substantive as part of the final element in that combination.

佛韓 ch'oesin Pul-Han sajon 最 新 서 울 中高等 學校 Sŏul Chung-Kodŭng Hakkyo 新訳 新旧約 全書 sinyök Sin-Kuyak chönsö 中短篇 小 說 chung-tanp'yŏn sosŏl 白話本 唐宋 散文選 Paekhwabon Tang-Song sanmunsŏn 고사 명 첫 Myŏng-Ch'ŏng p'ilgi kosa sŏnyŏk

9. Numerals:

9A. In romanizing numbers and adjacent words, create binaries whenever possible. Write the preformative element \(\mathbb{H}(che)\) joined to the following number to form a binary.

 che-1
 第 1

 cheil
 第 一

 che-3 segye
 第 3 世界

 chesam segye
 第 三 世界

However, prefer to join a number to a suffix or generic term that follows it with a hyphen (for example;次(ch'a),回(hoe), 世(pŏn),年(yŏn)). Do not indicate phonetical changes after the hyphen. In such cases, when 第(che) precedes the number, separate it from the number.

 che 1-ch'a
 第 1次

 che ilch'a
 第 一次

 che 3-chip
 第 3相

In more complex situations, still attempt to create binaries when possible.

cheil, i Konghwaguk 第一·二 共和國 che-1, 2 Konghwaguk 第1·2 共和國

9B. Write a spelled-out cardinal number as one word. In a number over one hundred, separate by hyphens, without phonetic changes, each unit of ten (+ sip), hundred (百 paek), thousand (千 ch'on), etc.

ilch'ŏn-kubaek-yuksipp'allyŏn ー九六八年

9C. Treat a contracted form of a cardinal number or calendar year as one word.

9D. In case of certain contracted numerals that have been firmly established through common usage, prefer that form.

 sa-ilgu haksaeng ŭigŏ
 四·一九
 學生
 報学

 o-illyuk kunsa hyŏngmyŏng
 五·一六
 軍事
 革命

 samil undong
 三一
 運動

9E. In writing native Korean numbers, also attempt to create binaries when possible.

se pŏntchae 세 번째
ch'aek nekwŏn 책 네 린
som han'gŭn 속 한 근
so yŏl mari 소 열 마리

Capitalization

 Each separately written word of a corporate name (except particles), or an abbreviation thereof, is capitalized.

Han'guk Ilbosa 韓國 日報社 Taehan Sanggong Hoeŭiso 大韓 商工 會議所

2. Each separate word of a personal name is capitalized.

Yi Kwang-su 李 光洙 Chŏng Yŏn-hŭi 鄭 然喜

3. Titles and terms of address are capitalized.

Pak Taet'ongnyŏng ・ 朴 大統領 Cho Yong-gi Moksa ・ タ기 목へ

4. Each separately written word of a geographic name is capitalized. An abbreviated geographical name is capitalized. An abbreviated geographical name is capitalized in coordinate compounds and at the beginning of other compound words.

Sŏul T'ŭkpyŏlsi 서울 특별시

Kyŏngbuk Supʻil Tonginhoe 경북 수필 동인회

5. The first word of the title of a book, periodical, or series is capitalized.

Hyŏndae kukchepŏp 現代 國際法

Silch'ŏn munhak ŭi sijip 실천 문학 의 시집

6. Names of dynasties are capitalized.

> 李 朝 五百年 Yiio obaengnyŏn 明清 時代 Myŏng-Ch'ŏng sidae

7. A word derived from a proper name is capitalized only if the name retains its full, original meaning.

> 陽明學 研究 Yangmyŏnghak vŏn'gu

신 암 Hyŏndae wa K'ŭrisŭch'yan ŭi sinang 현대 와 크리스챤

8. Abbreviated forms combined coordinately are capitalized if called for by these guidelines.

Sin-Kuyak Sŏngsŏ

新旧約 聖書 실 용 분 하 사 전

Siryong Pul-Han sajŏn

9. In all other cases, follow the directions found in the officially designated style manual.

Punctuation

A centered point (·) indicating coordinate words is generally transcribed as a comma, except where the rules require a hyphen.

Chung-Kodung Hakkyo

中·高等 學校

Nam-Pukhan kyŏngje hyŏmnyŏk

南・北韓 郷 酒 協力

In other instances, it may be transcribed or not transcribed, depending on the context.

sa-ilgu ŭi minjungsa Chang Tae-uk chŏ

四 · 一九 의 民衆史 張 大郁·著

Iryŏp, Iltang sihwajip

一葉·日堂 詩書集

2. Brackets (「 ... 」) used in the manner of quotation marks (" ... ") are transcribed as the latter.

> "Munhak kwa chisŏng" siinsŏn "Si wa haebang" tongin sijip

「文學 과 知件 」 詩人選 「詩 와 解放 」 동인

Dictionaries to be Used as Authorities in Korean

To determine standard contemporary pronunciation in South Korea and North Korea:

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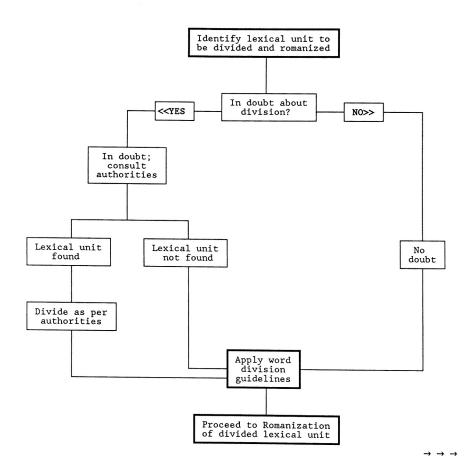
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SPECIAL CHARACTERS AND CHARACTER MODIFIERS IN ROMANIZATION

Special Characters	Name	USMARC hexadecimal code
,	alif ayn	AE B0
Character Modifiers	Name	USMARC hexadecimal code
ŏ	breve	E6

Flowchart for Applying Korean Word Division and Romanization

Word Division



Romanization

