A Tale of Education in Korea



Mothers praying hours & hours at a temple when their children's exam for university entrance due in 101 days

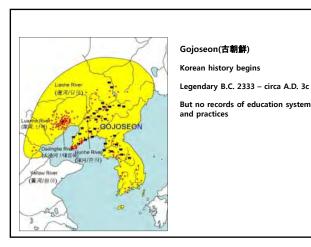
Bong Gun Chung, Ed.D. Visiting professor CICE, Hiroshima University Jan 21, 2016.

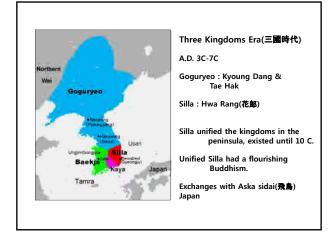
January 17, 2016, déjà vu?

I. A Blitz History of Korea



Goguryeo, AD 5th









Chosun(朝鮮), 1392-1910

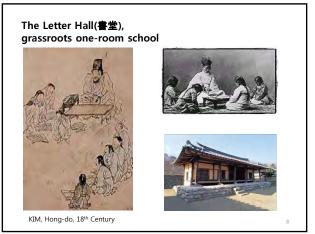
A fundamentalist Confucianism(朱子學)

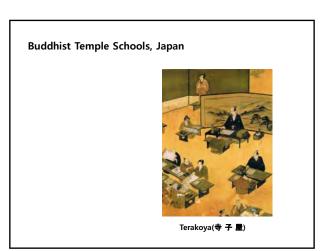
Well-structured education institutions nationwide.

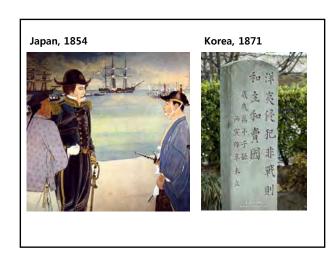
Sungkyunkwan (成均館), Hakdang(學堂) Hyangkyo(鄉校) Seowon(書院)

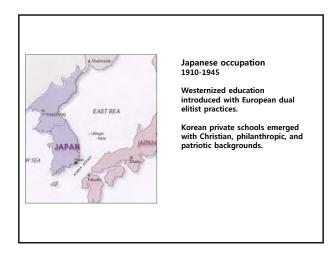
State reproduction of Confucian ruling ideology and life ethics.

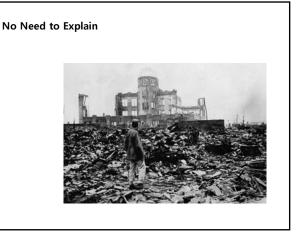
Recruitment exam for aristocratic state official class epitomized(科學) Ardent study of Chinese classics Literature education for poem, verses

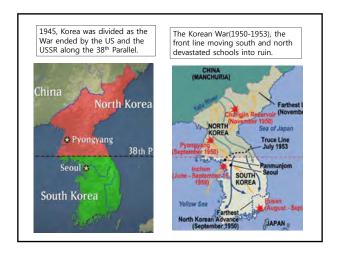


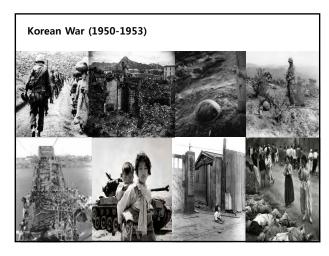


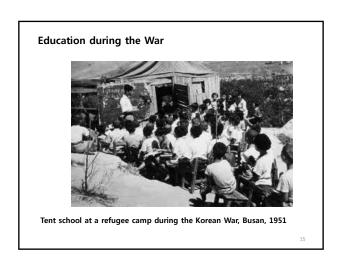


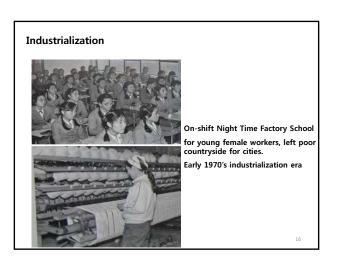


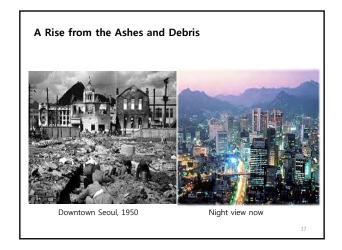


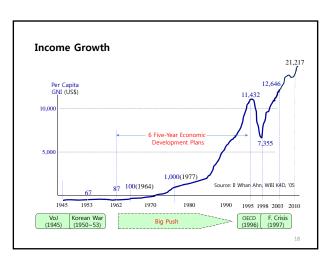


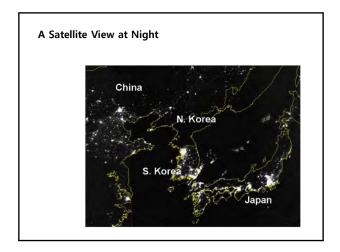




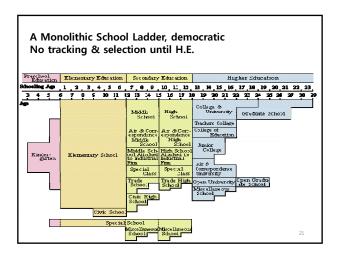


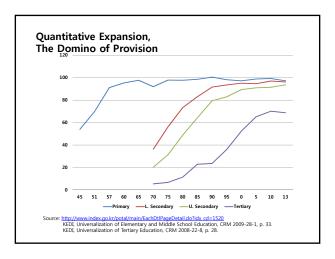


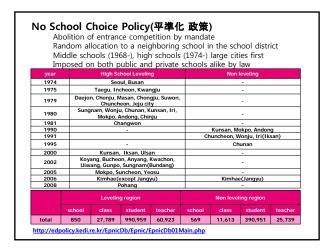












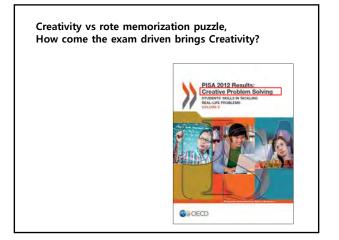


Korean 15 years-old students in PISA, Among the top achievers over a decade

Table 3. PISA results of Korea

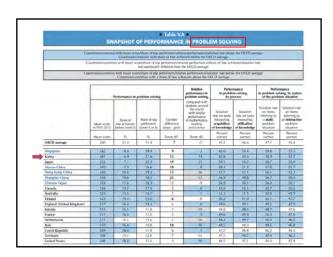
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Averag	je Score	547	542	547	546	554
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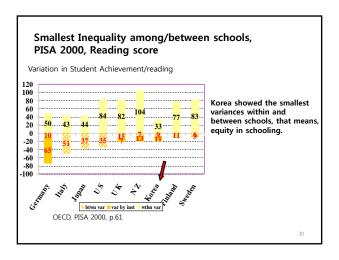
source: excerpted from OECD PISA reports

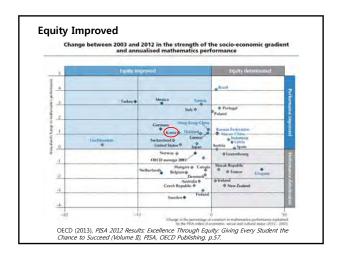


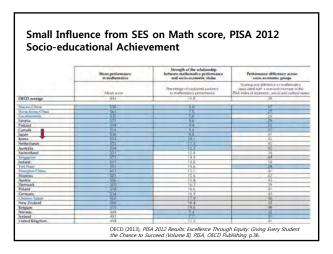


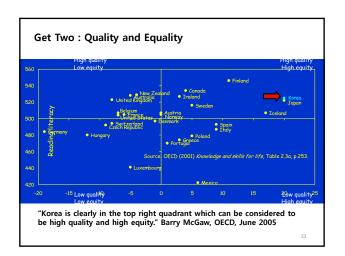


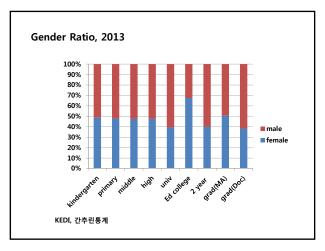


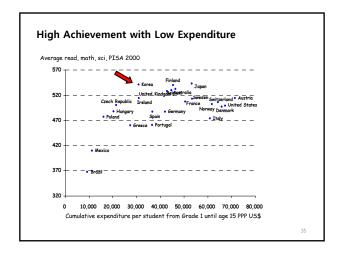


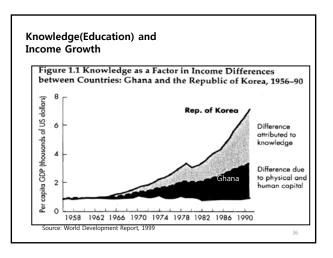


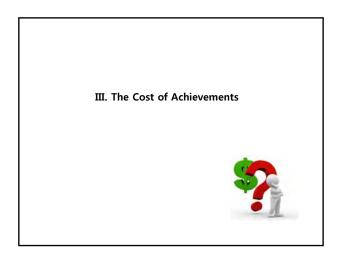


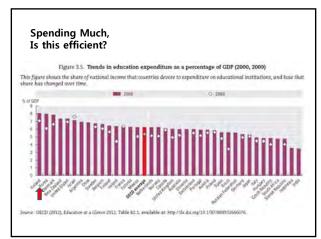


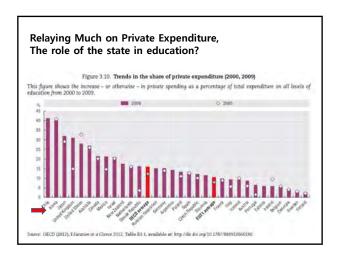


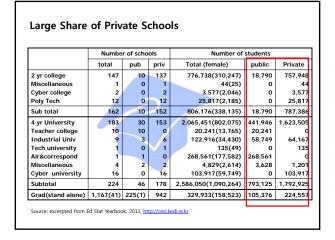












Huge Private Tutoring Expenditure

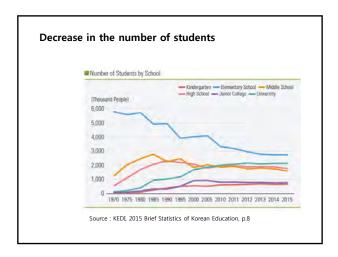
(in million Korean Won)

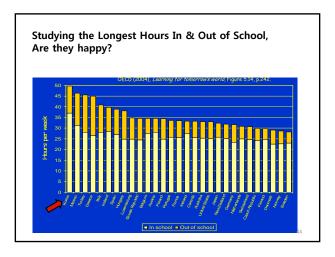
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Education budget	11,068,149	21,598,422	31,216,000	38,115,800*
Private expenditure	5,645,917	10,663,417	20,040,000	20,871,800
Primary	2,900,045	6,519,494	10,209,800	9,708,000
Middle school	1,848,887	2,584,171	5,612,000	6,039,600
Academic H	693,486	1,339,819	3,865,500	4,751,200
Vocational H	203,499	219,932	352,600	373,000

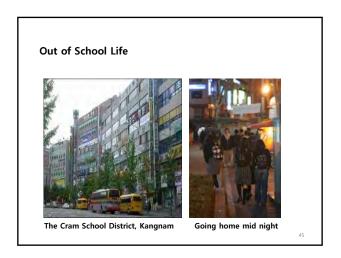
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Sang Keun Choi, et al., A Study of Private Education and Expenditure, KEDI, 2003, p. 23
The Office of Statistics, The Survey of Private Education Expenditures, 2010, p.57
*budget for science & technology excluded

Declining a bit after 2010, Perhaps owing to demographic decrese?

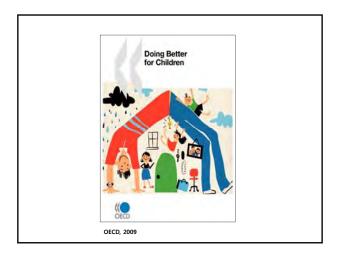
yr∖sch	total	primary	middle sch	high sch
2008	209,095	104,307	58,135	46,652
2009	216,259	102,309	62,656	51,294
2010	208,718	97,080	60,396	51,242
2011	201,266	90,461	60,006	50,799
2012	190,395	77,554	61,162	51,679
2013	185,960	77,375	57,831	50,754





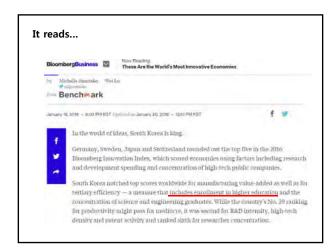


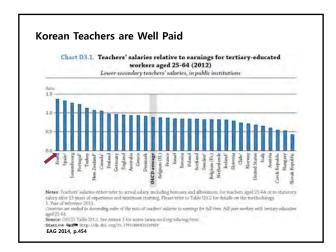


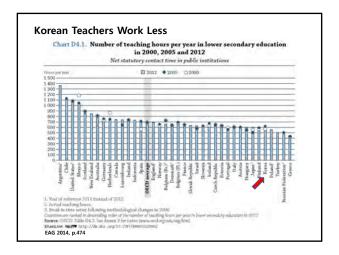


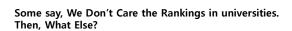
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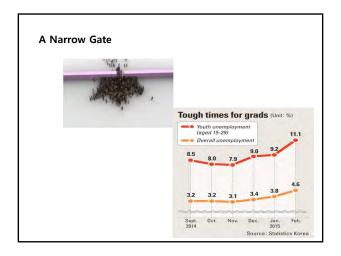


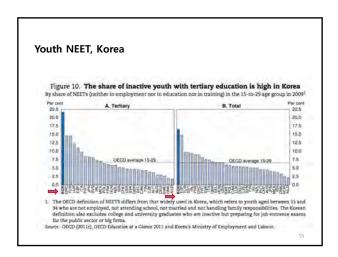


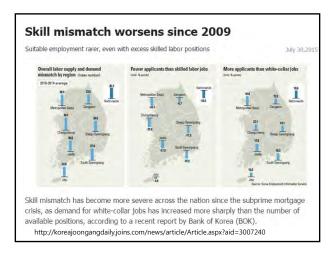


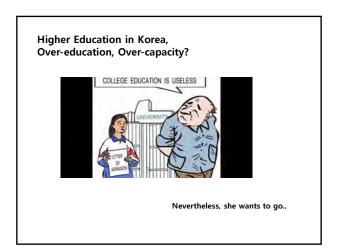


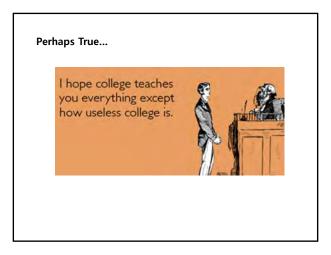
	The Times Higher Education(THE)				
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Seoul National Univ	50	47	85		
KAIST	95	69	148		
Yonsei Univ	203	151	301-350		
Korea Univ	236	211	251-300		
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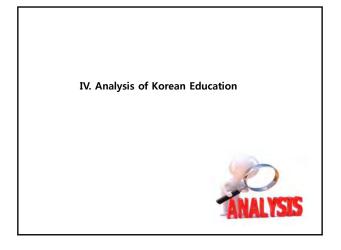


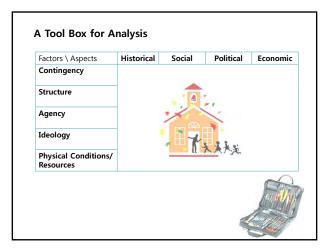


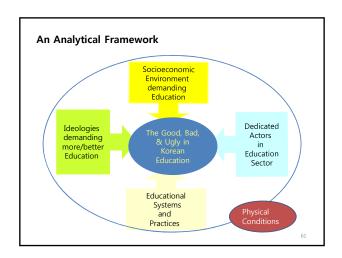












Historical Legacies of Korean Education

- 1. Traditional Confucianism (4th C 1910)
 - Rule by literati class, civilian supremacy
 - Aristocracy based on recruitment exam
- 2. Japanese Occupation (1910 1945)
 - Deterred expansion in secondary & tertiary
 - European Elitist Education System
- 3. U.S. Influence (1945 to present)
 - Mass education for political democracy
 - Mono-track school ladder system for equity
- 4. Neo-Liberalism (1984 to present)
 - Market Principle to Education Sector

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Socio-Educational Structure in Korean Education

- 1. Upward Social Mobility through Education
 Aristocracy and landlord class dismantled
- 2. Strong Rewards for Education
 Social respect, self-esteem, & higher wage
- 3. Manpower Demand for Industrialization

 Labor intensive industrial structure at early stage
- 4. Successful Family Planning for Less Children

 More family resources, care, & expectation

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Actors in Korean Education

1. Governments : MOE & Local Ed Offices

Development with authoritarian leadership based on Education Laws

2. Private School Owners

Motivated by informal merits & formal causes

3. Parents and Students

Seized with education fever for their children Obedient Tendency of Korean Youth Culture

4. Teachers

Professionalism with self-esteem Politicized teacher union activism

5. Mass Media: Newspapers, TVs, Internets

Constant, acute coverage on education issues

Actor Politics

Equity first...
Working condition...
More democracy...

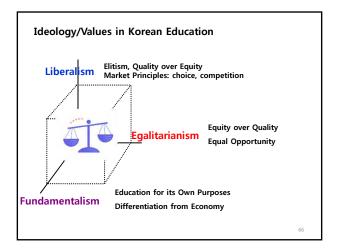
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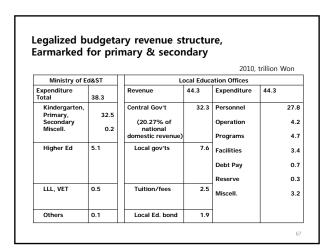
Teacher Association

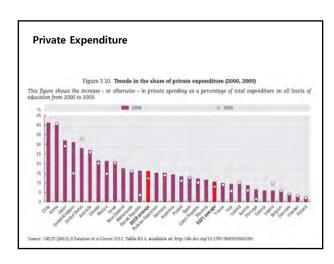
Parental NGOs

Nat'l competitiveness...
Exam hell...
Private tutoring...

Government
Exam hell...
Equal treatment...

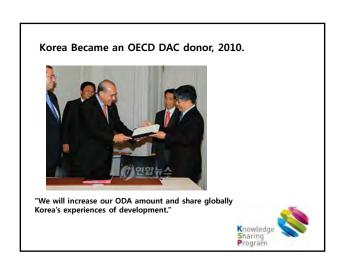


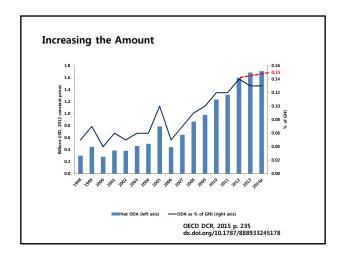


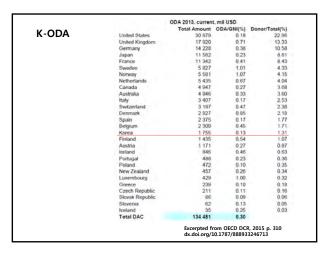


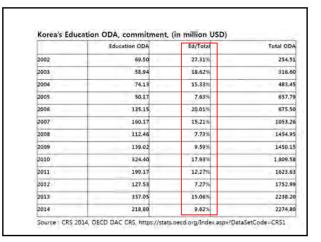
V. Korean Education & Development Cooperation

A "Polite" Aid touching the hearts of the recipients

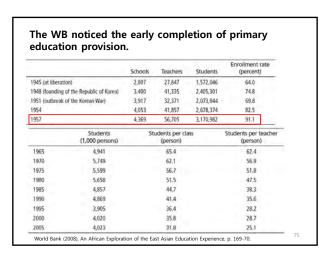


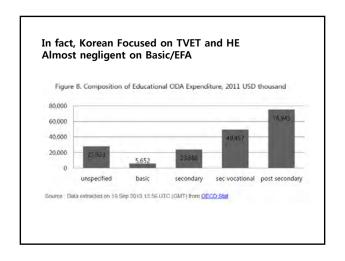












Why Is It That? A Critical Review of Korean Educational ODA

Agency : MoE, MoFA, MoSF fragmented, MoE's second priority, but among MoFA/KOICA's first priority

Structural condition : Education as domestic state function rather than international/global one

System/Practice : Manpower, expertise, overseas branches concentrated in KOICA/MOFA

Ideology/Value : Economic growth first, instrumentalist view of education prevails, rather human-centered and educational intrinsic

Resources: Budgets concentrated in KOICA and EXIM/MoSF

SDG Goal 4 and Korean Education ODA The SDG 4 by now includes too many & too much targets and values. Therefore, whatever you may do, you are likely to hit anyone of them. So, as usual, Korea decides to select and concentrate. Welcomes that unlike MDG basic education extended to lower secondary. Notes that quality, inclusiveness, and ethics are emphasized in the SDG 4. KOICA education sector will focus on those topics during 2016-20 such as: Better Life for Girls: President Park Geun-hye's agenda Global Citizenship Education: President Park's and UNSG's agenda Quality secondary education: excused from past negligence on EFA Inclusive education for the disadvantaged: determined to support the least developed countries unattended for so far MOE will focus on TVET as proven in the UNESCO BEAR(Better Education for African Rise), ICT, and GCED implementation in schools.

So, my story ends here, as if in the Rashomon.

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