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Korea's Official Foreign Reserves

(December 2015)

- ☐ Korea's official foreign reserves as of the end of December 2015 amounted to 368.0 billion dollars.
 - Korea's official foreign reserves consisted of securities valued at 345.2 billion dollars (93.8%), deposits of 13.3 billion dollars (3.6%), gold of 4.8 billion dollars (1.3%), SDRs of 3.2 billion dollars (0.9%), and the country's IMF reserve position of 1.4 billion dollars (0.4%).

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(hundred million dollars)

	2013	2014	2015					
As of the end of			September	October	November	December	(During December)	
Official foreign reserves	3,464.6	3,635.9	3,681.1	3,696.0	3,684.6	3,679.6	-5.0	
Securities ¹⁾	3,210.6	3,416.7	3,343.4	3,346.0	3,364.8	3,452.4	87.7	
Deposits	145.9	119.3	240.8	253.4	223.9	132.7	-91.2	
SDRs	34.9	32.8	34.6	34.4	33.9	32.4	-1.5	
IMF position ²⁾	25.3	19.2	14.4	14.3	14.1	14.1	0.0	
Gold	47.9	47.9	47.9	47.9	47.9	47.9	0.0	

Notes: 1) Including government bonds, government agency bonds, debentures, MBSs, ABSs, and others.

2) The reserve tranche position (RTP) of an IMF member is the difference between its quota and the IMF's holdings of member's currency. Any member may draw down its RTP at any time in the form of convertible currencies.

☐ As of the end of November 2015, Korea's foreign reserve holdings ranked the sixth largest in the world.

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(hundred million dollars)

Rank	Country	Foreign reserves	Rank	Country	Foreign reserves
1.	China	34,383	6.	Korea	3,685
2.	Japan	12,330	7.	Russia	3,647
3.	Saudi Arabia	6,355	8.	Brazil	3,570
4.	Switzerland	5,883	9.	Hong Kong	3,558
5.	Taiwan	4,246	10.	India	$3,542^{1)}$

Notes: 1) As of the end of October. Sources: IMF, relevant central banks.