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(10)(2e) Wed 4/1/2020 9:45:46 AM
Subject: RE: Korea
[Korea COVID-19 testing overview 30March2020.docx](#)
[Copy of COVID test kit list v4 - 0401 2020.xlsx](#)

Dear (10)(2e)

Please find the word document I made for my ambassador to share with the new Coronavirus envoy in the Netherlands.

I found the massive testing could be possible because of a lot of unique Korean things such as municipal healthcare facilities all around the nation, which is now converted to sampling facilities. More than 100 labs to test the virus with proper equipment and facility because of the lesson learned during MERS outbreak in 2015. This was also possible by available labors like public doctors who serves 3 years term as a military service and civil servants. Korean medical system has been also forcing doctors to see more patients in "peace times" as well due to strictly controlled medical bills by the public health insurance system. More part of medical services were insured so hospitals had to find way to make more profit such as "labs"

I heard the Netherlands will perform more testing from my diplomat colleagues. However, it needs labs/instruments and trained labor which cannot be obtained in short time. So we can think of interim solution like Finland which is sending its samples via airplane to Korea to test.

I also send you the updated version of testkit supplier list from KOTRA this morning including some rapid testing kits (antigen/antibody test) approved for export. Note that Korean government is still not using the antigen/antibody testing.

Best regards,

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From: (10)(2e) (10)(2e)

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 6:54 PM

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Subject: RE: Korea

Dear (10)(2e)

The embassy just received the general document about measures against COVID-19 including health, quarantine and economy. Please find the extensive document as attached.

I am now also drafting a short summary of Korean coronavirus testkit for molecular diagnosis, which is lately asked from a lot of countries.

Best regards,

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Subject: RE: Korea

Dear (10)(2e)

Please find updated report as attached. My conversion between Korean (10)(2e) to Euro was missing 1 zero in the table and I made some clarification.

For the containment measures, there were several articles from news media. The most interesting approach is large scale testing. Korean government is testing everyone from Europe (around 1000-1500 per day) from this week.

There was interesting article from the New York Times last week: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/23/world/asia/coronavirus-south-korea-flatten-curve.html>

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I will try to make some summary and send you early next week about the measure as Korean government keep introducing new

policies.

Best regards,

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Subject: RE: Korea

Importance: High

Hi (10)(2e),

Thanks again for the message this morning.

Is there also more information on the containment of the virus healthwise? A general document?

Thanks,

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Onderwerp: Korea

Dear (10)(2e)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/23/world/asia/coronavirus-south-korea-flatten-curve.html>

Our Korean colleague (10)(2e) wrote the attached report on the economic measures that Korea is taking due to the Corona situation.

Regards,

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