



**CITY OF GANGJIN  
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## **THE CITY OF GANGJIN**

### **Community Profile**

Gangjin is one of the best places to live in South Korea. It is an agricultural town with unique village communities, glorious sea sides, broad fields and beautiful mountains.

In Gangjin, people have very genial and peaceful hearts and live with pride for their community. Located 350 miles south of Seoul, Gangjin is one of 25 cities in Jeollanam province. Gangjin was incorporated in 1895 by the Joseon dynasty. It comprises 11 towns and 403 villages with a total population of 41,398. The total area of Gangjin is 194 square miles. The city administrative organization has 23 departments and 567 employees.

Gangjin is famous for its brilliant human spirit, cultural expression and scenic beauty. Some examples of Gangjin's heritage include Dasan YakYong Jung (1762~1836), one of the greatest scholars in the Joseon dynasty, who left behind him a legacy of practical learning. Youngrang Kim (1903~1950) wrote romantic poems that have enriched the hearts of the old generation as well as the new. As the birthplace of Korea's traditional Celadon pottery, Gangjin holds the Celadon Cultural Festival each year in August to inspire the next generation with the spirit of traditional arts. This beautiful city is graced by spectacular Mount Wolchul, which is rimmed by the sinuous Tamjin River.

These days, Gangjin is changing. By adaptation and development of scientific technology, farming focused on only rice and barley has shifted to diverse combined agriculture management, adding such specialties as rose floriculture and developing export products.



The city also has promoted stockbreeding and fishery. Other positive changes include the development of many historic sites to make them more accessible and attractive to tourists and Korean artists. Gangjin has broadened its friendships to other countries and welcomes cultural sharing.

## GANGJIN LANDMARKS

### Mysterious Koryo Celadon Kilns

Koryo Celadon kilns are ovens that are used to bake pottery and bricks. School boys and girls can tour large sites of the Celadon kilns and experience making pottery with their own hands. They can learn how potters create mysterious colors.



### Mount Wolchul and Maryang Sea Port (Sea fishing, Manho sacred place)

Students can climb the beautiful Mount Wolchul and enjoy a day of boating at Maryang.

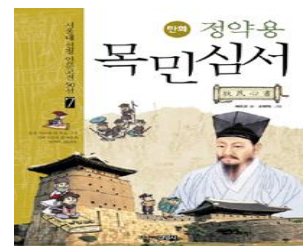


### Tamjin River

The Tamjin River is famous for a variety of activities such as swimming and fishing. It has many kinds of fish including sweetfish.

### Dasan Heritage (exhibition and learning center)

Dasan wrote *Mokminsimseo*, a Korean book, which is a revered guide for present public officials. Visitors from other countries to Gangjin are welcome to stay in Dasan thatched cottages at the Dasan learning center to study his philosophy and practical theory.



### Youngrang's Birthplace

By visiting Youngrang's birthplace, youths can gain an appreciation of one of the most romantic poets in Korea. They can learn the history of his writing and experience writing poems while surrounded by local peony blossoms.



### **Temple Baekreon and Temple Muwee**

The well-known temples of Baekreon and Muwee convey Korea's traditional spirit of mercy and cultural life.



### **GANGJIN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**

- There are 29 schools in Gangjin; 15 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, 5 high schools and 1 college.
- The number of students in the middle schools combined is 1,245.

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