The North Korean Won

Good morning and welcome to this presentation about the *symbolism* and meaning of the images on the *currency* of North Korea; the Won

North Korea is a small country *located* on the north part of the Korean Peninsula. It has been ruled as a communist dictatorship by members of the Kim family since 1950.

Bad economic planning and isolation from the rest of the world means that North Korea is a very poor country with a simple infrastructure.

Although it has a *population* of only around 24 million people, it has a military made up of over 9.5 million regular troops, reservists and paramilitaries.

The currency of North Korea is the Won. The highest denomination note is the 5000 won and *features* the founder and former leader of the state, Kim Il Sung on the front. He looks very healthy, happy and clean and he is looking at a star symbol which *represents* the Communist party. On the *reverse* is an image of Kim Il Sung’s birthplace, Mangyongdae.