### Basic of Korean Hangeul Alphabets-I

## **Class Objective:**

I know the basics of Korean language and understand the basic sentence structure in Korean.

# Concept A: About Korean language.

- The Korean alphabet, called Hangul, was invented by a group of scholars under the patronage of King Sejong the great during the 15th century.
- Korean is spoken by more than 72 million people living on the Korean peninsula. Although it differs slightly in spelling, alphabet, and vocabulary between the two regions.
- Korean is the official language of both South Korea and North Korea.
- Originally written using "Hanja" (Chinese characters), Korean is now mainly spelled in "Hangul", the Korean alphabet.

# **Concept B: An Introduction to Alphabets.**

- "Hangul" consists of 24 letters 14 consonants and 10 vowels that are written in blocks of 2 to 5 characters.
- Unlike the Chinese writing system (including Japanese "Kanji"), "Hangul" is not an ideographic system.
- The shapes of the individual "Hangul" letters were designed to model the physical morphology of the tongue, palate and teeth. Up to five letters join to form a syllabic unit.

# **Concept C: Vowels:**

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