

National Archives of Korea

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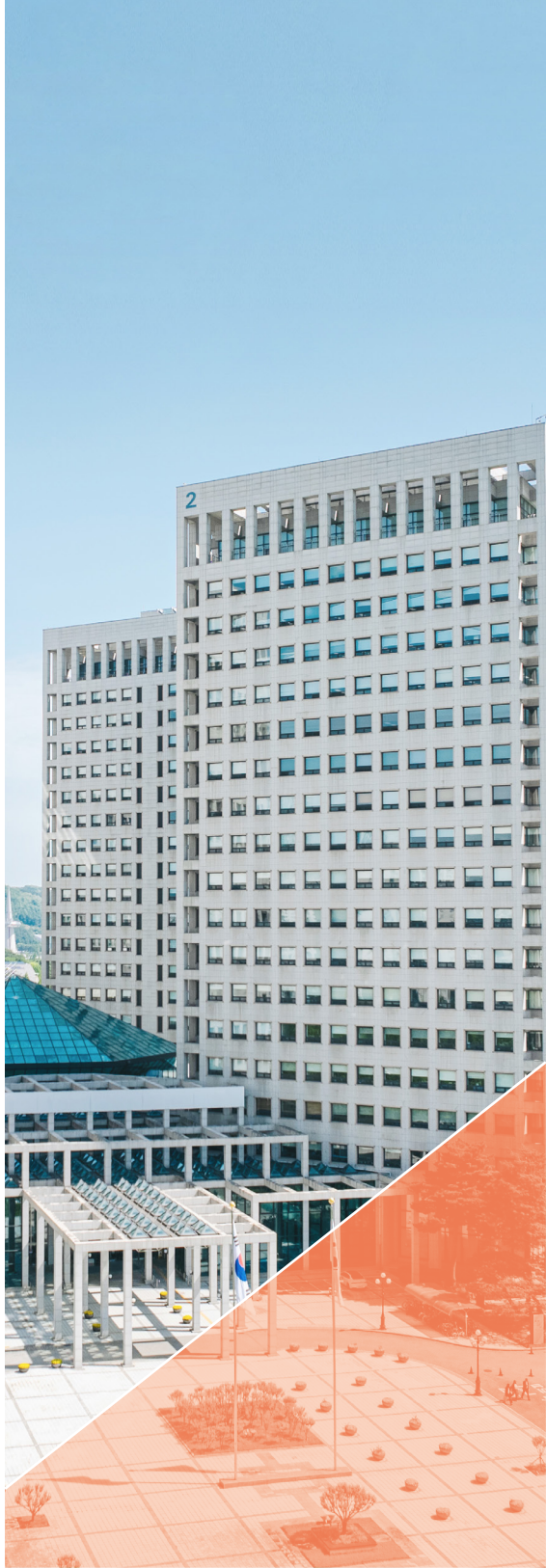
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With the **past** and
present in our arms
and hands,

we open the door
to Korea's future.

The National Archives of Korea is the national agency
responsible for managing archives, collecting, preserving,
and providing access to Korea's valuable documents to
link the past with the present and illuminate the future.

Continuing the Value of Records

We promote transparent government through trustworthy archive management, uphold the value of records, and enhance the lives of the Korean people.

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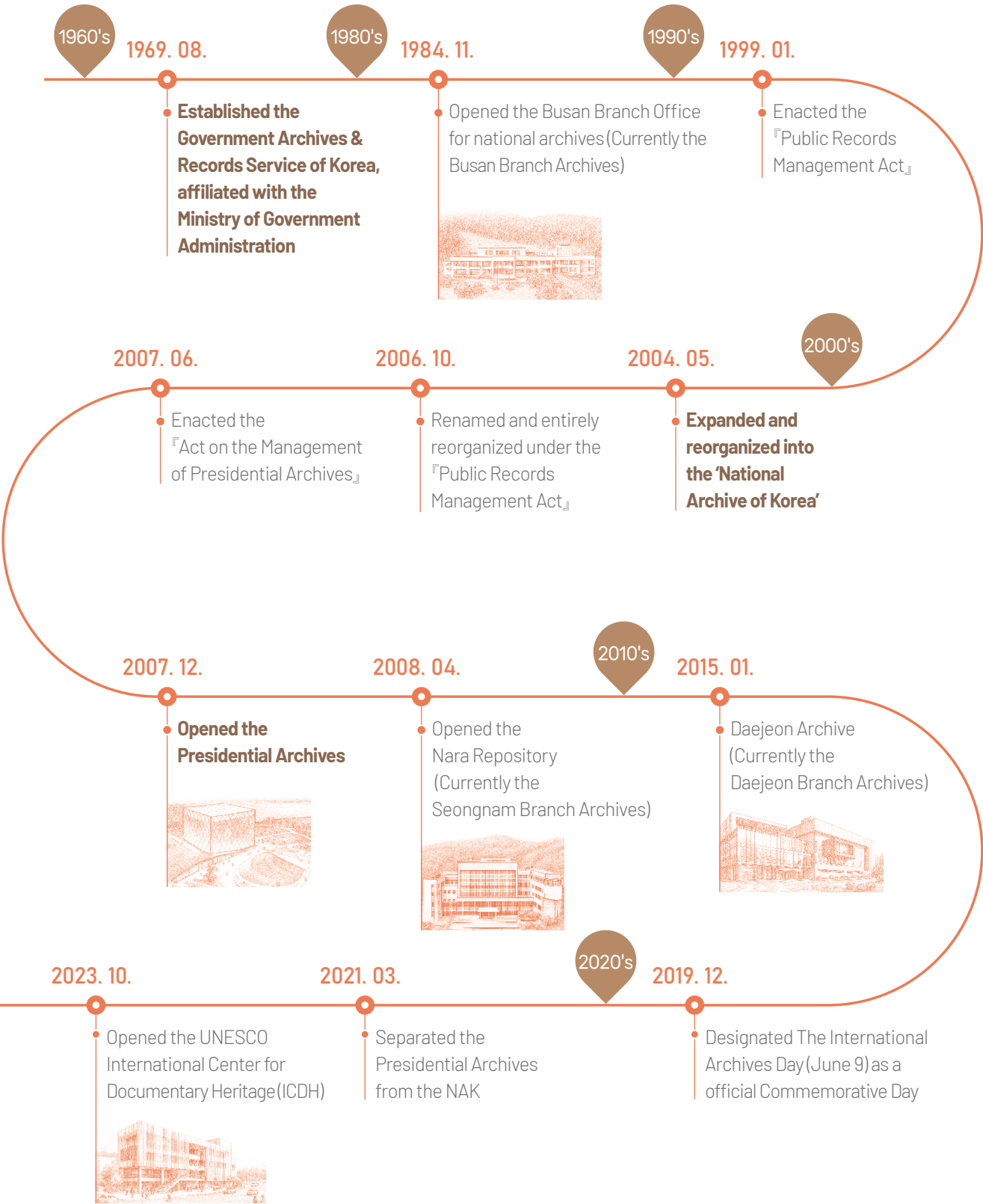
The National Archives of Korea, which began as the ‘Government Archives & Records Service of Korea’ in 1969, has continued its mission of safely preserving records for future generations.

Under the vision of **“Transparent government and happy citizens through trustworthy records management,”** it is fulfilling its role both as a ‘permanent records management organization’ and a ‘central records management organization’, establishing national records management policies, collecting, preserving, and managing essential records, providing external cooperation and support, and offering record information services.

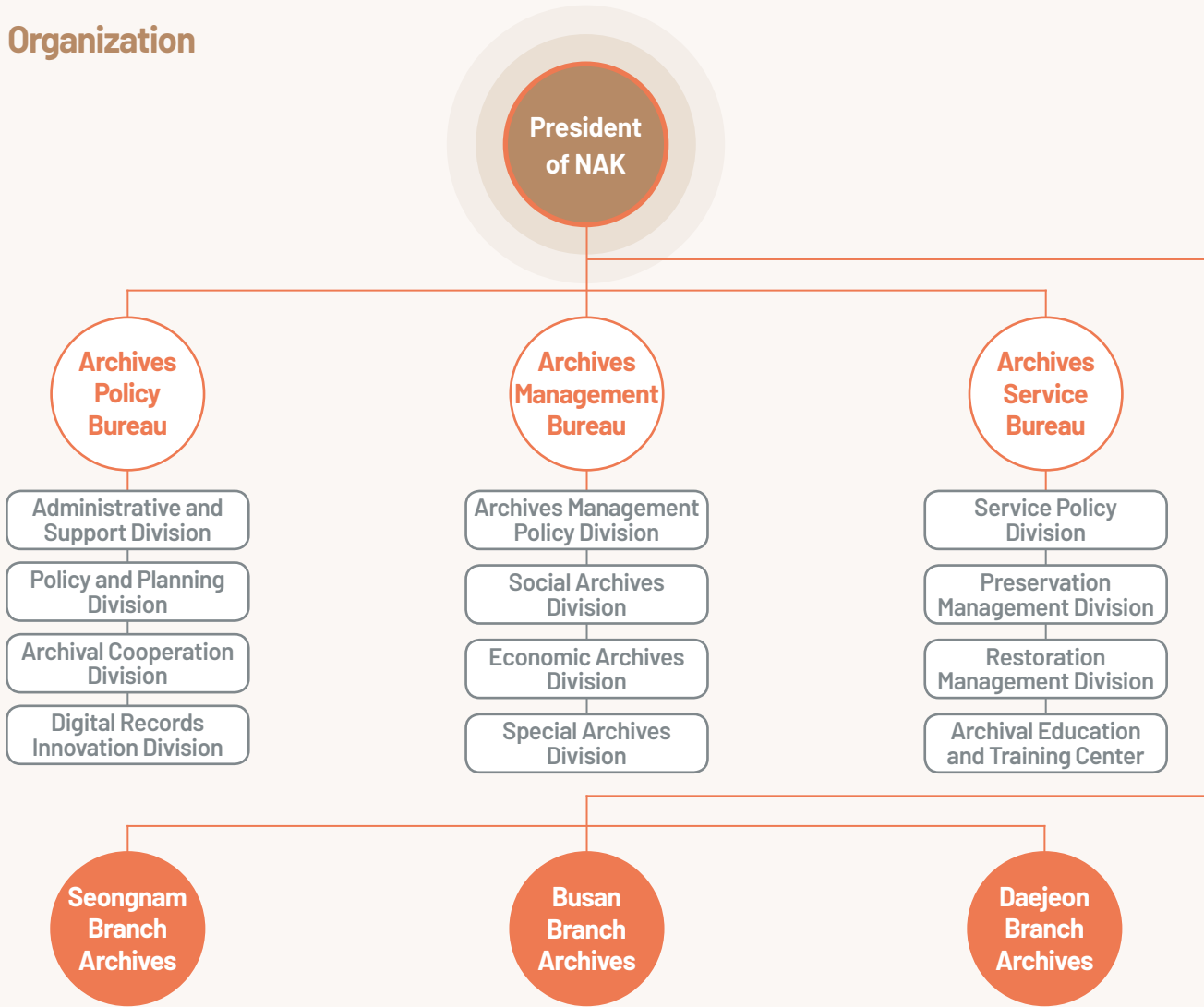
We will continue to establish records management policy that the public can trust and experience through systematic record management and high-quality services.



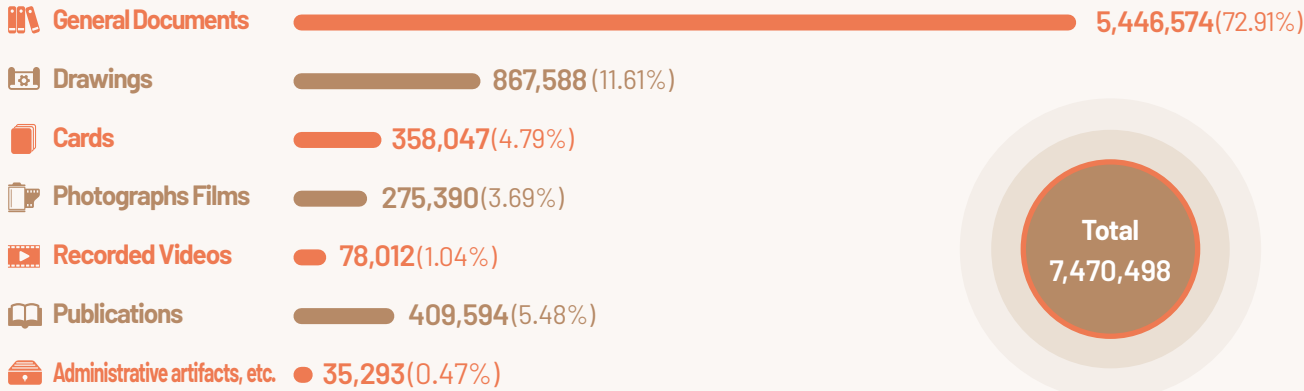
History



Organization



Archive Collection Status | Archive Type



(As of December 2024, Unit : File)



Setting the Standard for National Records Management

We are developing policies and systems for records management that align with the rapidly changing administrative landscape and digital era.

Establishment of the National Archives Management System

In response to the evolving administrative landscape and advancements in digital technology, the National Archives of Korea is developing a national-level archives management policy based on the Public Records Management Act, as well as records management standards and guidelines to ensure that public records are systematically maintained and securely preserved.

We are also evaluating and consulting with records management organizations to ensure these policies are reflected and established in the records management field.

The establishment of the National Archives of Korea is a central task carried out by this organization, serving as a key records management body. It plays a vital role in enhancing the value and accessibility of public records while ensuring that the people's right to know is fulfilled.



Collecting the value of records and cultivating history

We safely and systematically collect, preserve, and manage valuable public and private records to pass on to future generations.

Collection and Management of Records

Collection of Records

• Collection of Public Institutions' Records

- We are gathering records produced by central administrative agencies and other public institutions with a retention period of 30 years or more.
- These are important records that reflect national policies and social changes, and show the process and results of the work of public institutions.

Procedure	Production	Intermediate Preservation	Permanent Preservation	Disclosure and Utilization
Main Agent	Processing agency (Public Institution)	Recording agency (Public Institution)	Permanent records management agency	
Main Function	Creation, registration, organization, and transfer of records	Acquisition, preservation, management, and transfer of records	Acquisition, preservation, management, and servicing of records	

• Collection of Private and Overseas Records

- To preserve diverse perspectives on history and memory, as well as public records, we are collecting and accepting donations of private and international records that hold significant national value and are held by individuals or organizations.



Kim Gwang-ryeol: Diary



Korean Radio & TV Writers Association
- Continuity

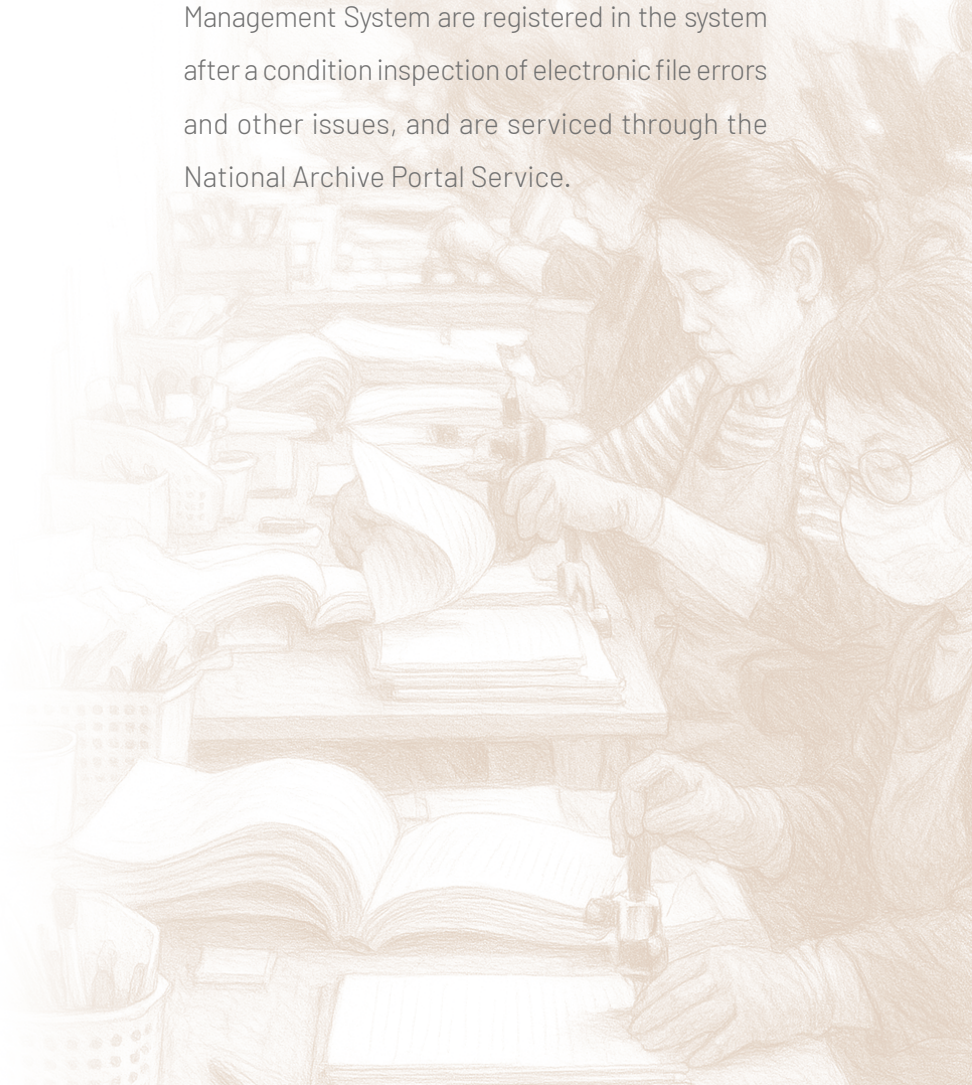
Organization and Registration of Records

• Non-electronic Records

- Non-electronic records are registered in the Central Archives Management System (CAMS) after they have been physically organized and indexed (title, production organization, production year, etc.).
- Records that have been organized and registered are placed in preservation boxes and transferred to specialized stacks for preservation by record type, and are serviced through the National Archives Portal Service.

• Electronic Records

- Electronic records obtained by the Central Archives Management System are registered in the system after a condition inspection of electronic file errors and other issues, and are serviced through the National Archive Portal Service.



Preservation and Management of Records

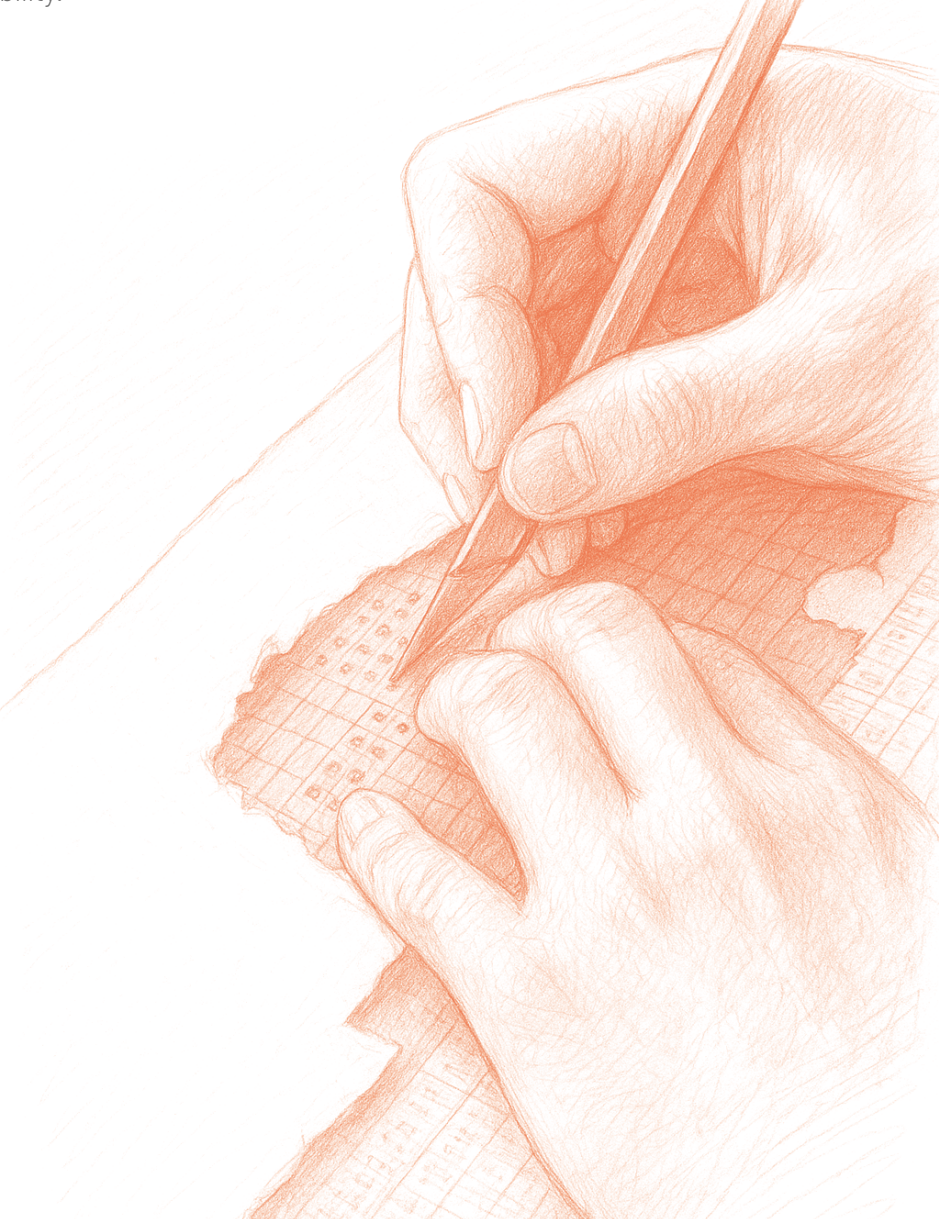
Preservation and Management of Non-electronic Records

• Disinfection / Deoxidation

- We eliminate harmful elements, such as microorganisms and pests, from paper records, neutralize acidified paper, and prepare them for long-term preservation.

• Restoration

- In the event of damaged records, we extend their life by removing contaminants like dust and mold, reinforcing missing parts, and strengthening paper materials.
- We digitally restore unstable and faded records to prevent content loss and enhance legibility.



• Replication

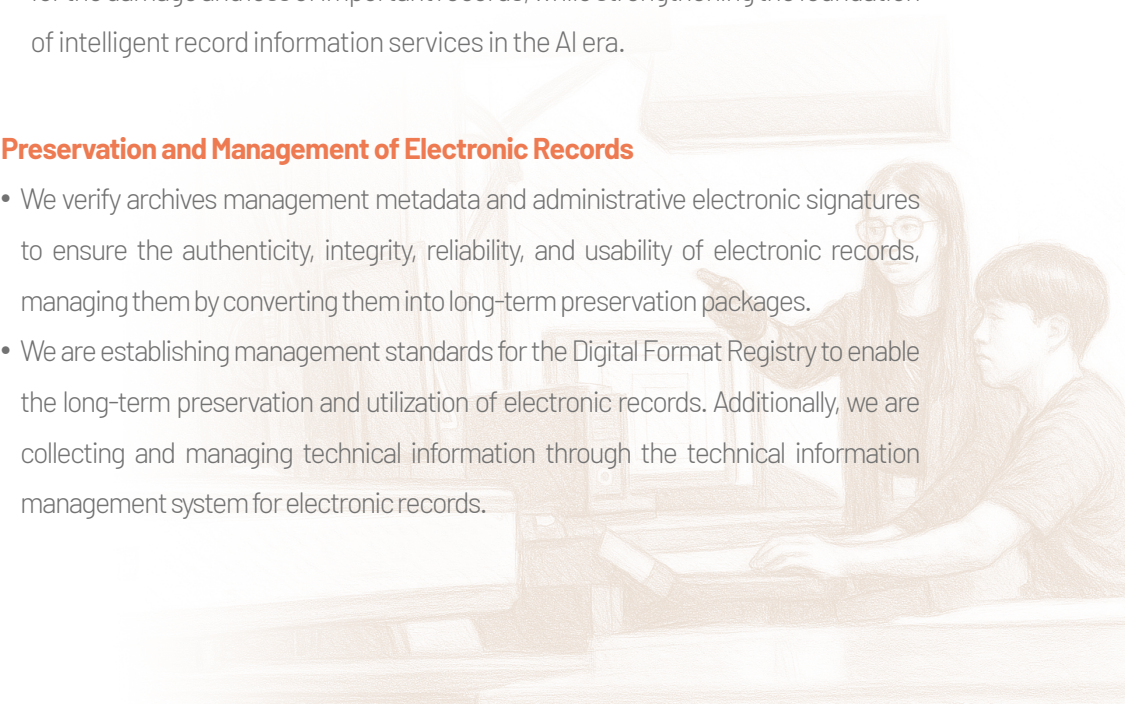
- We are producing copies that closely resemble the originals, including their paper materials and appearance, to prevent damage to important records such as the Annals of the Joseon Dynasty, preserve them in duplicate, and display their replicas.

• Digitalization

- We are promoting digitalization through scanning and other methods to prepare for the damage and loss of important records, while strengthening the foundation of intelligent record information services in the AI era.

Preservation and Management of Electronic Records

- We verify archives management metadata and administrative electronic signatures to ensure the authenticity, integrity, reliability, and usability of electronic records, managing them by converting them into long-term preservation packages.
- We are establishing management standards for the Digital Format Registry to enable the long-term preservation and utilization of electronic records. Additionally, we are collecting and managing technical information through the technical information management system for electronic records.



Communicate with records, share culture

We offer accessible records services and promote a culture of records through various exchanges and educational initiatives.

Public Service

Operation of the National Archive Portal Service



This is an online platform that offers various services, allowing the public to easily and conveniently access records.

You can search and access records while freely exploring digital content organized by topic.

Additionally, you can view policy information and data collections regarding archives management, along with the latest news from the NAK at a glance.

Creation of Digital Content

- Through the National Archive Portal Service, we are simplifying access to the historical and social values found in records about specific events or periods through storytelling.



Disclosure, Peruse, and Provision of Copies of Archives

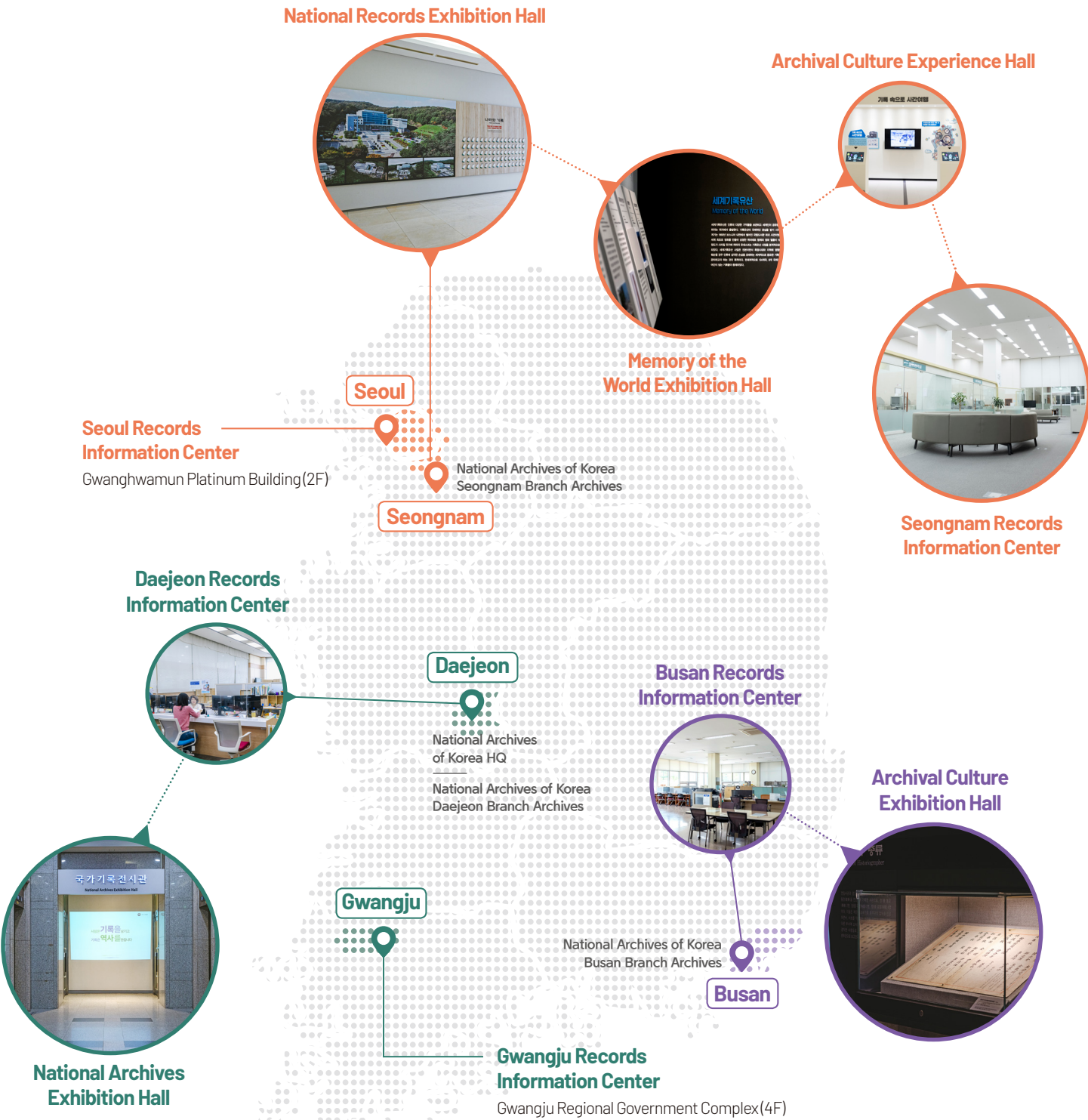
- We offer browsing and copying services to enable users to easily and quickly access the archives maintained by the National Archives of Korea.
- To provide active services, we periodically reassess whether to disclose undisclosed archives in order to effectively respond to the public interest and needs.

Exhibition

- We maintain a permanent exhibition hall, allowing anyone to visit at any time to view the archives directly and experience the excellence of archive culture.
- We organize special exhibitions featuring timely topics and records, helping you appreciate the value of the archives and connect with them more easily.



Operation of Regional Records Information Centers and Exhibition Halls



Record Culture Activities

- To effectively promote the significance of records and help the public gain a deeper understanding of, and interest in, record culture, we organize various activities related to record culture, including The International Archives Day (June 9) ceremony, online supporters' NAK Netti, Love for Archives Contest, and field trips.



- 1 The International Archives Day
- 2 NAK Netti Supporters Launching Ceremony
- 3 Love for Archives Contest Awards Ceremony
- 4 Field Trip to the Busan Branch Archives



Exchange, Cooperation, and Education

Domestic and International Exchanges and Cooperation

- We organize forums on archives management policy and research seminars to discuss significant policies and current issues related to archives management, while also supporting the enhancement of private and local archives management capabilities.
- We are broadening the scope of international cooperation through exchanges with organizations such as the International Council on Archives (ICA), the East Asian Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (EASTICA), the national archives of each country, as well as through the operation of the UNESCO International Centre for Documentary Heritage (ICDH).



- 1 Archives Management Policy Forum
- 2 International Archives Management Forum
- 3 World Council on Records Management
- 4 UNESCO International Centre for Documentary Heritage Opening Ceremony
- 5 Technology Transfer Training for the National Archives of Morocco
- 6 Training Course for the National Archives of Sri Lanka

Archives Management Training

- To enhance the skills of archive management personnel, we offer various types of training tailored to the needs of the users, including group training, e-learning, and on-site training at institutions.

International Archives Management Training

- As part of the ODA project, we conduct an international archives management training course that imparts electronic records management and restoration technologies to countries interested in learning about the expertise and experience of K-records management.



Protecting the Value of Documentary Heritage that Connects Different Times

The invaluable records maintained by the National Archives of Korea represent a rich heritage that reflects Korea's history and links our present to the future.

Major Archive Collection

UNESCO Memory of the World

- A total of 20 UNESCO Memory of the World sites have been registered, with the National Archives of Korea owning 9 of them (as of May 2025).



- 1 The Annals of the Joseon Dynasty** (listed on October 1, 1997) Taebaeksan Archive Copy, 848 volumes
Books that document the 470-year history from the founding of the Joseon dynasty to the 25th king, King Cheoljong, were designated as a national treasure in 1973.
- 2 Human Rights Documentary Heritage 1980 Archives for the May 18th Democratic Uprising against Military Regime, in Gwangju, Republic of Korea** (listed on May 25, 2011)
25 volumes, detailing a list of the deceased and the damage related to the May 18 Gwangju Democratization Movement.
Records pertaining to the May 18 Democratization Movement, which was crucial in advancing democratization in Korea and East Asia.
- 3 Archives of Saemaul Undong (New Community Movement)** (listed on June 18, 2013)
14,647 records, including speeches from the National Saemaul Leaders Conference and materials related to fundraising.
Records related to the Saemaul Movement are recognized as a development model for developing countries.
- 4 The Archives of the KBS Special Live Broadcast "Finding Dispersed Families"** (listed on October 9, 2015)
412 records, including 137 documents 264 photos, and films.
Records related to 'Finding Dispersed Families (June 30, 1983–November 14, 1983)' broadcast by KBS



1 State Council Minutes (1949-)

Documents that record the contents of State Council meetings discussing significant national policies

The official government body that collects and publishes information intended for widespread public awareness

2 Official Gazette (1948-)

The official government body that collects and publishes information intended for widespread public awareness

Constitution of the Republic of Korea (1963)

The First Constitution of the Republic of Korea (1948), which is believed to have been lost during the Korean War, was transcribed from the Official Gazette.

4 Independence Movement Written Judgments (1906-1945)

Written judgments concerning the independence movement during the Japanese colonial period

Original Cadastral Maps from the Japanese Colonial Period (1912-1918)

Original cadastral maps from the Japanese colonial period (including North Korea): approximately 780,000 sheets in the collection

6 Meteorological Map (1905-)

Meteorological observation data regarding climate change in Korea. Approximately 253,000 sheets are in stock.

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Audiovisual Archive

Daehan News (1952-1994)

Government news produced for theater screening
by the National Film Production Center

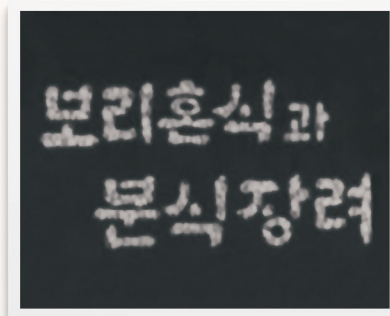


Administrative artifacts



The Second State Seal of the Republic of Korea (1963)

The great seal is an official government seal and a national symbol on
important documents.



Cultural Films (1953-1998)

Government major policy promotional films produced by the
National Film Production Center

Commemorative Stamps



Commemorative
Stamp for the 500th
Anniversary of Hangeul
(1946)

Commemoration
Stamp for the
Promulgation of the
Constitution of the
Republic of Korea
(1948)



24th Seoul Olympic Torch (1988)

Torch used during the Seoul Olympics

Korean War



Gyeongbu Expressway Construction



24th Seoul Olympics



17th Korea/Japan World Cup



Posters



Watch Even Small
Fires as Big Fires
and Recheck
Extinguished Fires
(1977)



We Live in Nature
Protect and Be
Protected
(1980)



Standing in Line and
Making Korea Healthy
(2001)

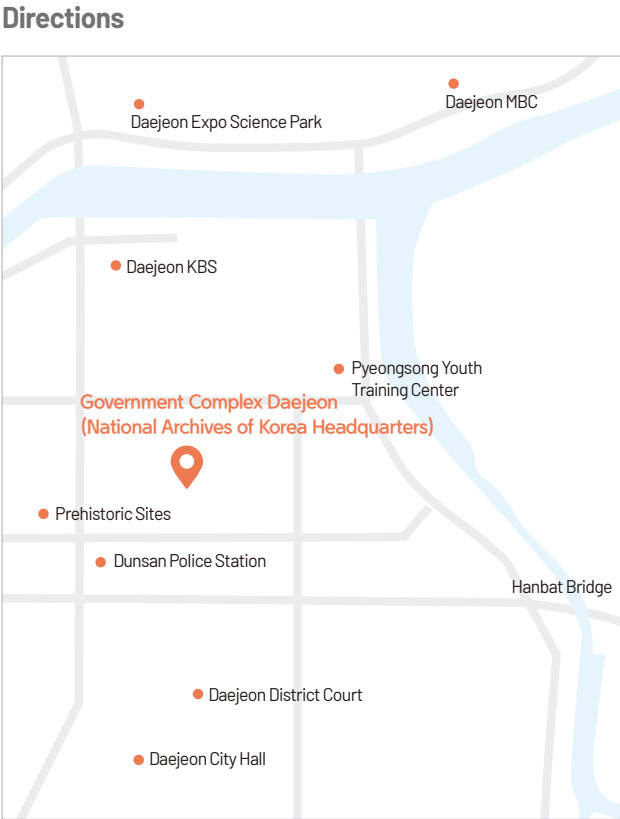
Headquarters and Affiliations



National Archives of Korea Headquarters
(Government Complex Daejeon)

Location
189 Cheongsu-ro, Seo-gu, Daejeon (Government Complex Daejeon B/D 2) **Tel.** 042-481-6300

Main Facilities
National Archives Exhibition Hall, Daejeon Records Information Center, National Archives of Korea Repository, Preservation Repository, etc.



National Archives of Korea
Seongnam Branch Archives

Location

30 Daewangpangyo-ro 851beon-gil, Sujeong-gu,
Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do Tel. 031-750-2000~1

Main Facilities

National Records Exhibition Hall, Memory of the World
Exhibition Hall, Archival Culture Experience Center, Seongnam
Records Information Center, Acquisition Center, Restoration
and Reproduction Center, Audiovisual Center, Disinfection
and Deoxidation Center, Scanning Center, Archive
Management Training Center, Preservation Repository, etc.

Main Archive Collection

State Council minutes and State Council agenda, State Seal
of the Republic of Korea, Official Gazette, Daehan News, etc.

Directions



Seoul Records Information Center

#201, 28 Saemunan-ro 5ga-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul
(Gwanghwamun Platinum Building)
Tel. 02-720-2721





National Archives of Korea
Busan Branch Archives

Location

28 Gyeonggijang-ro, Yeonje-gu, Busan

Tel. 051-550-8000

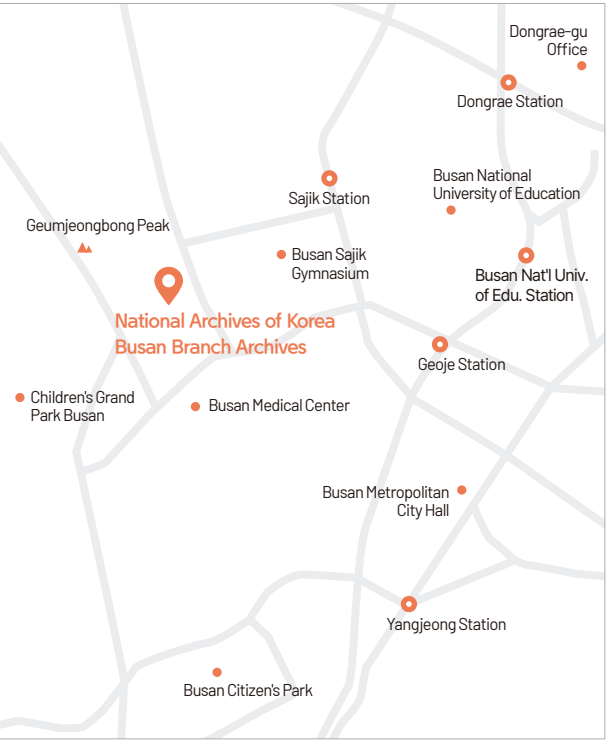
Main Facilities

Archival Culture Exhibition Hall, Busan Records Information Center, Restoration Center, Scanning Center, Preservation Repository, etc.

Main Archive Collection

The Annals of the Joseon Dynasty, Original Cadastral Maps from the Japanese Colonial Period, Architectural Drawings of the Government-General of Korea, etc.

Directions



National Archives of Korea
Daejeon Branch Archives

Location

189 Cheongsang-ro, Seo-gu, Daejeon Tel. 042-481-1700

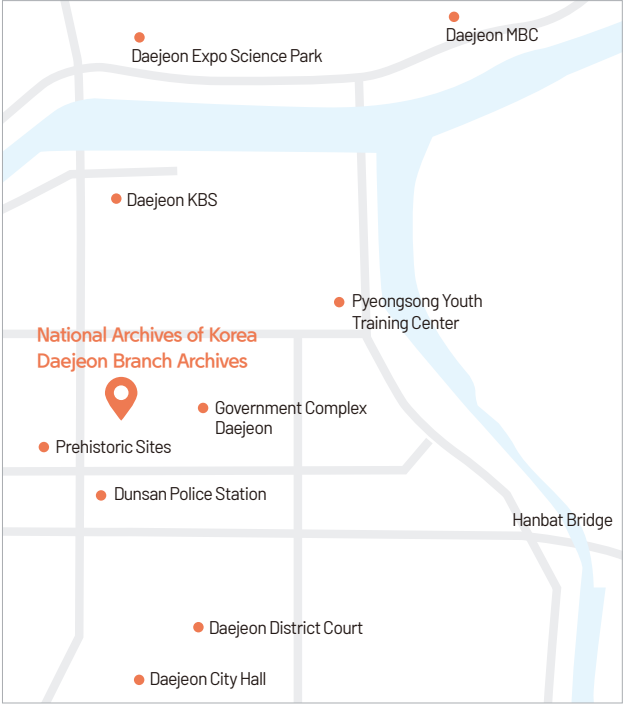
Main Facilities

Acquisition Center, Restoration Center, Scanning Center,
Disinfection/Deoxidation Center, Preservation Repository, etc.

Main Archive Collection

Correctional records(inmate identification certificates,
verdicts, criminal case files), records of the special committee
on Investigation of Forced Mobilization during the Japanese
Colonial Period and Support for Overseas Victims, etc.

Directions



Gwangju Records Information Center

#406, 43 Cheomdangwagi-ro 208-gil, Buk-gu, Gwangju (Gwangju
Regional Government Complex)
Tel. 062-975-5792



Communication Channels

National Archive Portal Service



www.archives.go.kr

NAK Social Media



YouTube : 'NAK Archives ON'

www.youtube.com/@NAK.archiveson



Instagram : '@archives_kr'

www.instagram.com/archives_kr



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www.facebook.com/NationalArchivesofKorea

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