



Encyclopaedia of Korea – ANU Digital Collections – Yang Hi Choe-Wall

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The idea for an Encyclopaedia of Korea in English germinated from many general and specific enquiries being addressed to the ANU about Korea, which were increasingly referred to me for reply. It was apparent that a wide assembly of interest from academics, broadcasters, journalists, politicians, students, teachers and the general public needed to know more about Korea in the English language.

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