

# *Thermal Springs and Cold Mineral Springs in Korea*

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## **1. Introduction**

A mineral spring is one whose water contains mineralized matter, gases, radioactive substances, etc. A thermal spring is not always a mineral spring. The name "mineral spring" is given to a spring in which 1 kg of water contains more than 1 g of solid matter; others are called a simple spring. According to this definition, almost none of the thermal springs in Korea may be referred to as mineral springs, but are simple springs.

As to the classification of thermal and cold springs, KOMADA<sup>8)</sup> treated springs less than 20°C in maximum temperature as cold springs, and springs 20°C or higher in maximum temperature as thermal springs. He divided thermal springs into three groups, tepid springs (from 20°C to less than 40°C), warm springs (from 40°C to less than 70°C) and hot springs (over 70°C). According to Tokyo Hygienic Laboratory classification, however, which is widely adopted in Japan, thermal springs are separated from cold springs at 25°C. The author has adopted this classification.

We do not like to bathe in water below human body temperature, however, so from this viewpoint, tepid springs are separated from hot springs. A comfortable temperature for bathing is 40°C–45°C for Japanese. Thus, thermal springs of less than 40°C were dealt with as tepid springs, and those 40°C or higher as hot springs.

In addition, there are many springs, called "Yangsu" (medicine water), "Yöngch'ön" (holy spring), "Naengch'ön" (cold spring), "Kamch'ön" (sweet spring), "Hamch'ön" (salty spring), "Samch'ön" (acid spring), "Ch'usu" (spicy water), etc., all over the peninsula. All are used mainly for drinking purpose. Some of those called "Yangsu", "Naengch'ön" or "Kamch'ön" are not special in quality, and some are mineralized so little that they are sometimes more pure than common groundwater. "Hamch'ön" are commonly found near the sea-shore, so some may contain water intruding from the sea. Some "Yangsu", which are appreciated for their iron oxide content, have their source in pyrite-bearing quartz veins, exposed in abandoned adits. Hence, the total number of cold mineral springs may be reduced if strictly examined. However, all those described as

mineral springs or “Yangsu” in the literature will be treated as cold mineral springs in this paper.

In addition, KOMADA explored the important hot springs in Korea geologically, and even carried out boring at the Tongnae and Haeundae spas. His work contributed very much to the research, enterprise, and management of hot springs in Korea, and the present author owes very much to his work also.

## 2. Geographical Distribution

There are 46 hot springs, with maximum temperatures above 40°C, 13 tepid springs with maximum temperatures above 25°C and below 40°C, and 30 cold mineral springs with maximum temperatures below 25°C. These are not distributed equally over the peninsula.

Hot springs are most numerous in Hwanghae-do, P’yöngan-namdo and Hamgyöng-pukto, while no hot springs are known in Kyönggi-do, Kyöngsang-pukto, Cholla-pukto and Cholla-namdo.

Some tepid springs will be included as hot springs if they might be developed, but tepid springs known at present are most numerous in Kangwön-do, followed by Hamgyöng-pukto. Also, no tepid springs are known in P’yöngan-namdo, Ch’ungch’öng-pukto, Kyöngsang-namdo, Kyöngsang-pukto, Chölla-namdo and Chölla-pukto.

There are many cold mineral springs, named “Yangsu”, all over Korea. However, as far as the literature is concerned, no cold mineral springs are known in Kyönggi-do, Chölla-namdo and Chölla-pukto, but many cold mineral springs are found in Hamgyöng-pukto, P’yöngan-namdo, Kwangwön-do and Kyöngsang-pukto.

In summary, there are many hot springs and cold mineral springs in Hwanghae-do, P’yöngan-namdo, Kangwön-do and Hamgyöng-pukto. There is an abundance of hot springs in the western part of Hwanghae-do, among which many are higher than 70°C in maximum temperature. It is noteworthy that all the above provinces are also active in the mining industry.

On the contrary, there are no hot springs, tepid springs or cold mineral springs in Chölla-pukto and Chölla-namdo. These two provinces rank lowest throughout the peninsula in total number of mines also, and these two provinces are least blessed with underground resources in all of Korea. They are followed by Kyönggi-do and Kyöngsang-pukto, but cold mineral springs are not so few in Kyöngsang-pukto.

Besides, according to Shigetaro KAWASAKI,<sup>2)</sup> there might be more hot springs than are known at present. It may be that some springs were abandoned due to the decay of post-volcanic action itself, some were choked up at their openings and some became cold due to mixing with cold water.

However, it may be interesting to note, from Korean history, that the sources of some springs were blocked artificially. There are many old tales and records

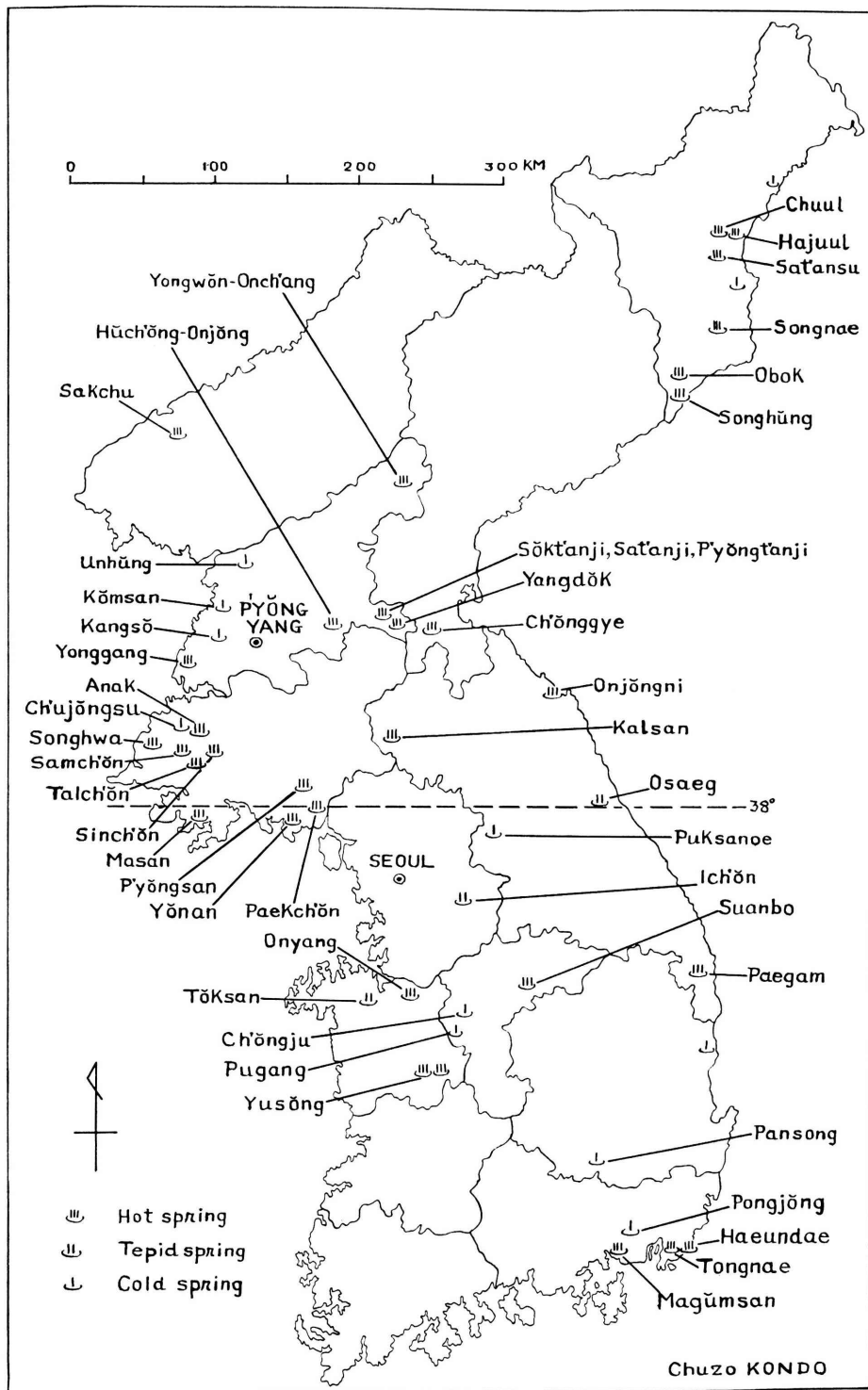


Fig. 1. Distribution of Thermal Springs and Cold Mineral Springs in Korea.

telling of *Yanban*, government officials, who came to the spas too frequently, stole drink and food from inhabitants and pressed young girls into service, so that the complaining inhabitants clogged the sources of the spring. Some records suggest that there might be a hot spring in Pup'yŏng, near Sŏul, which seems to have been clogged by inhabitants because of their complaints against officials.<sup>17)</sup> It is also said that the exploitation of the Haeundae hot springs had been prevented for a long time for similar reasons.

### 3. History of Utilization

It is certain, from old records, that cold mineral springs and thermal springs were used for drinking and bathing. Hot springs of the type called "Onyang" (warm positive), "Onjŏng" (warm well), "Pich'ŏn" (boiling spring), "Tan-jŏng" (hot water well), etc., seem to have been used since primitive times, especially for the treatment of pox.<sup>2)</sup>

It is said that king of the "Shiragi" (Silla) dynasty (A.D. 500-935) often bathed in the Tongnae hot spring of Kyŏngsang-namdo, so the utilization of hot springs in Korea might have begun about 1,000 years ago. There might have been some accomodation about 400 years ago, and a pleasure resort was established about 200 years ago in Tongnae.<sup>6)</sup>

The Onyang spa was already known in the age of "Kudara" (Paekche) (百濟) (A.D. 313-663), and the Korean style bath, preserved until today, is said to have been constructed by order of "T'aejo" (太祖), the founder of the I dynasty (李朝), repaired by Prince Taewŏngun (大院君) and was used occasionally by ITaewang (李大王).<sup>7)</sup>

All famous spas, such as Yusŏng, Sinch'ŏn, Anak, Yonggang, Onjŏngni and Chuul, seem to have begun 400 or 500 years ago. It is said that "T'aechong" (太宗) of the I dynasty (1401-1419) once bathed in the Yusŏng hot spring,<sup>7)</sup> and also the "Sejo" (世祖), King Hyechang (惠莊) once stayed where the Manryukaku hotel is at the present time.

As already stated, Koreans have a long history of using hot springs, but they do not appreciate bathing itself. Also the people could not enjoy the natural gift of hot springs due to misgovernment.

Most famous spas of today did not have good accomodations before the annexation of Korea (1910). NAKAMURA once stated that the Paegam spa in Kangwŏn-do was installed with a comfortable bathroom and has the best accomodation among Korean style spas.<sup>7)</sup> However, Koreans had the custom of drinking the water of thermal springs and cold mineral springs since long ago. For example, the mineral water, "Ch'usu", of Ch'ŏngju in Ch'ungch'ŏng-pukto, the most famous mineral spring in Korea, is drunk and bathed in by many persons, who come a long way, and girls enjoy washing their hair in it. Also, it is said that kings of the I dynasty, such as "Se-jong (世宗)" and "Sejo", visited there.<sup>11)</sup>

Immediately after annexation, the Police Affairs Department of the Govern-

ment-General of Chosen began an investigation of mineral springs all over Korea and published the results twice, in 1914 and 1918.<sup>1)</sup> Many Japanese went to Korea to advance the development of spas to bring the prosperity of today. Therefore, the majority of important spas were exploited by Japanese from the end of Meiji to the middle of the Taisho period. For instance, the Tongnae spa became such as it is today only since 1916.

#### 4. Present State of Utilization

##### (1) Hot springs

Almost all hot springs are being used for bathing, but some are used only by the local inhabitants and do not even have a bath installed. Some are used only for laundry. There are 46 known hot springs in total, but only 30 of these springs are equipped with both bath and lodging houses. However, hot spas such as Tongnae, Haeundae, Yusŏng, Onyang, Sinch'ŏn, Paekch'ŏn, Yonggang, Onjŏngni, Chuul and Hajuul have good accommodations as hot spring resorts and are always crowded with visitors. The Tongnae spa has best accommodations and the Onyang spa follows. Spas, such as those at Onp'ung (Sakchu), Yangdŏk, Anak, Samch'ŏn, Talch'ŏn, Songhwa, P'yŏngsan, Yŏnan, Masan, Ŏbok (Sech'ŏn), Songhŭng, Suanbo and Magŭmsan also have good accommodations and are always crowded with visitors (see Fig. 1).

In Korea, hot springs are used for bathing and drinking almost exclusively, but hot spring waters at Haeundae, Chuul, Sinch'ŏn and Paekch'ŏn are also used for heating purposes and for hot house cultivation and swimming pool facilities at Paekch'ŏn.

For bathing, tubs are usually set in seepage or winze, and framed with well-cribbing, or seepage water is led to bath tubs which are set apart. Usually no artificial means is applied to obtain water, however water is being pumped from drilled wells at Tongnae, Haeundae, Yusŏng, Sinch'ŏn, Onyang and Yonggang.

The first drilling in Korea was attempted by IWANAGA at Haeundae in 1911, and hot water (52°C or so) was found by drilling to a depth of 10 m or so. The first bore in Tongnae was made at about the same time, and at the new Yusŏng spa in 1912, and at Sinch'ŏn in 1921.

Most wells, including drilled wells, vary from 6 to 15 m in depth, and the deepest well in Korea, found at Onyang, is 93.3 m deep. However, most wells in Onyang are only several meters deep. Large scale pumping equipment is found only at Tongnae, Haeundae and Paekch'ŏn.

##### (2) Tepid springs

All tepid springs are used as sources of drinking water, but tepid spring water, except in the hot season, usually requires heating for bathing purposes. Hence, very few tepid springs are used for bathing, they being found only at Ichŏn in Kyŏnggi-do, Tŏksan in Ch'ungch'ŏng-namdo and Osaek in Kangwŏn-do, and

accommodations are poor except at Ichön. Of course, no artificial means are being used to obtain water.

### (3) Cold mineral springs

Almost all cold mineral springs are utilised exclusively for drinking purposes, and some are crowded all day with people of all ages, coming great distances to drink the water in summer. The Ch'öngju-Ch'usu cold mineral spring in Ch'ungch'öng-pukto especially has been exploited by a company since 1919, and bottled water for sale under the commercial name "Crystal" has been gaining public favor since 1921.

Some cold mineral springs are used for bathing. For instance, water from the Pongjöng mineral spring in Kyöngsang-namdo is used for bathing after being heated. Water from the Pansong-Yangsu spring in Kyöngsang-pukto is not only drunk as a cure for diseases of the stomach, but is bathed in as a treatment of skin diseases. Such mineral springs as the "Ch'ujöngsu" in Söha-myön, Anak-kun, Hwanghae-do, the Kömsan-Yangsu in P'yöngan-namdo, the new Kangsö-Yangsu in P'yöngan-namdo, "Yangsu" in Hwangim-myön, Yonggang-gun, P'yöngan-namdo and "Yangsu" in Puksanoe-myön, Ch'unch'ön-gun, Kangwön-do are all used for bathing. None of these, however, have good accommodations and the baths resemble a vapour bath.

In addition, water from the Unhüng-Yangsu spring in Anju-gun, P'yöngan-namdo is used for treating of eye diseases and worms.

## 5. Geology

Hot springs of Korea differ strikingly from those of Japan in geologic features, the majority occurring in alluvial plains, and gushing out from alluvial deposits of sand, gravel and mud. Only springs at Masan, Suanbo, Yangdök and Chuul form exceptions.

There are many springs where the bedrock is unknown. But bedrocks which yield springs are, in general, composed of acidic intrusive rocks such as granite-gneiss, granite, granite-porphry, quartz-porphry, felsophyre, etc.; granite is especially common. For example, the bedrock at the Tongnae spa consists of a batholith of granite crossed by biotite-felsophyre. The Onyang spa is composed of porphyritic biotite-hornblende granite, older than deposits of the Lower Jurassic system. The environs of the new Yusöng spa is composed of gray two-mica granite, intruded in the Okch'ön system and traversed by both quartz-porphry and biotite granite. The hot spring at Yangdök flows out of granite. Most hot springs in the western part of Hwanghae-do gush out from granite or injection-gneiss. Many of the hot springs in Hamgyöng-pukto are in a granite-gneiss region. In the vicinity of the Haeundae spa, both pyroxene porphyrite of the Silla series and hornblende-biotite granite of the Pulgukksa series (which traverses the former) occurs, but thermal water is obtained only from the dike or neck of granite.

As stated above, the majority of hot springs in Korea occur in granitic rocks, but the bedrock is usually traversed by other acidic rocks, as seen at Tongnae and Yusŏng. In the Tongnae spa, the area of high water temperature appears as an ellipse elongated from north to south, and the portion having an especially high temperature is found near the west boundary between granite and felsophyre, intruded in the former, and the shape roughly follows that of the felsophyre core.<sup>6)</sup> The granite in the Onyang spa is traversed by pegmatites, and thermal water gushes out from fissures of both granite and pegmatite. Judging from the underground temperature distribution, the thermal water of the Paekch'ŏn spa is thought to have some relation to pegmatite.<sup>12, 13)</sup>

NAKAMURA once pointed out the close connection between hot springs and the presence of tungsten and molybdenum ore.<sup>16)</sup> Indeed, there are many tungsten and molybdenum mines in Mt. Kŭmgang near the Onjŏng-ni hot spring. The Santoku (Samdŏk) molybdenum mine was located near the Suanbo spa. Tungsten ore deposits are found north of the Ch'ŏnggye hot spring in Hamgyŏng-namdo, and the Pugang cold mineral spring is in a tungsten ore-producing area.

As already stated, the two provinces, Chŏlla-pukto and Chŏlla-namdo, which are least blessed with mineral resources in all Korea, also lack any hot, tepid or cold mineral springs.

Hot springs in Korea are not related to volcanoes, except for one or two in the vicinity of Mt. Paektu. In Hamgyŏng-pukto, younger volcanic rocks such as basalt and trachyte predominate, nevertheless hot springs are rather more numerous in granite regions than in volcanic rock regions. Hence, most hot springs in Korea are related to magmatic intrusions, and are intimately connected with acidic intrusive rocks. The age of formation is thought to be the pre-Tertiary period. As the surface of the earth becomes more deeply eroded, the possibility of discovering new hot springs will increase.

In most hot springs which flow out on alluvial plains, however, both temperatures and yields usually increase with rainfall. Accordingly, it is certain that rain water feeds the alluvial deposits of thermal water.

The majority of cold mineral springs have not yet been investigated geologically, but the mineral spring of Ch'ŏngju in Ch'ungch'ŏng-pukto gushes out from fissures in both biotite granite and quartz-porphry. The Pugang mineral spring in Ch'ungch'ŏng-pukto flows from a dike of biotite granite traversing gneiss. The geology of cold mineral springs seems similar to that of hot springs. Therefore, most cold mineral springs may be cooled hot springs.

Sometimes, however, no igneous rock is found in the vicinity of hot springs. For example, the Masan hot spring district is composed of garnet-bearing altered rocks, mica schists and breccia, and thermal water gushes out from the breccia. The Suanbo spa consists of calcareous clayslate and grayish-white limestone in alternation, dark-brown sandstone and dark-brown sandyslate, all belonging to the Okch'ŏn system; thermal water flows out from fissures in the sandstone.

## 6. Geologic Structure and Horizontal Distribution of Water Temperature

Hot springs are usually related to geologic structures such as faults, fissures, etc., in the district concerned, and hot springs in Korea are generally distributed in the directions, east to west, north to south, or close to these two directions, suggesting their intimate relation to geologic structures. Two predominant tectonic lines are known in the peninsula; one is the Sinian direction, running from ENE to WSW, and the other is the Korean direction, going from NNW to SSE.

First, looking over those in the east-west direction or in a direction close to it, one finds the Yusŏng hot springs and the new Yusŏng hot springs, which run east to west. The isothermal lines of ground water temperature in the new Yusŏng spa extend from east to west, and major fissures predominate in the same direction; the thermal water is thought to gush out from these fissures, or from a dike running east to west. In the Sinch'ŏn spa, thermal water can be obtained by drilling less than 100 m below the surface only within an elliptical area, elongated from ESE to WNW, 360 m in major axis and 75 m in minor axis. The sources of the Chuul spa are located within an area 285 m long from ENE to WSW, and 52 m long from NNW to SSE, and concentrated in the WSW portion. Those of the Suanbo spa are distributed over an area 60 m long from east to west, and 40 m long from north to south.

The other direction, from north to south, on the other hand, is also important. The Tongnae spa is located in a fault valley, running close to the north-south direction, and the isothermal lines of underground temperature at a depth of from 6 to 9 m below the surface form an elliptical shape, elongated from north to south; the area, enclosed by isothermal line of 45°C 118 m in major axis and 94 m in minor axis, is 9,311 m<sup>2</sup>. The Masan hot springs occur in an area 20 m east to west and 60 m north to south. In Hamgyŏng-pukto, there is a big fault running from Kyŏngsŏng-gun to Songjin through Myŏngch'ŏn-gun, north to south, and many springs occur in a zone along this fault.

The Onyang hot springs are distributed over an area 100 m long from east to west and 80 m north to south, but two major zones are found within this area. One runs nearly north to south and yields thermal water of 43°C, while the other extends from ESE to WNW and yields thermal water of from 42°C to 50°C. These two zones are probably related to either fault lines or dikes. The Onjŏngni hot springs occur at the junction of two valleys, and are thought to gush out at the intersection of two geotectonic lines; springs are distributed linearly NW to SE for 42 m.

Furthermore, looking over the distribution of thermal springs (see Fig. 1), a major zone, extending NNW-SSE from the western portion of Hwanghae-do to the eastern portion of Kyŏngsang-namdo through the eastern part of Ch'ungch'ŏng-namdo, is thought to exist. The zone involves the very hot springs of Hwanghae-do, hot and tepid springs of Ch'ungch'ŏng-namdo, mineral springs



of Ch'ungch'öng-pukto and hot springs of Kyöngsang-namdo. The existence of such a zone is supported by a depression in the sea east of Kyönggi-do

Moreover, two thermal springs zones are thought to exist in a ENE-WSW direction from the southern extremity of Hamgyöng-namdo to the south-western corner of P'yöngan-namdo, and from the southern extremity of Kangwön-do to the northern part of Ch'ungch'öng-namdo.

## 7. Supply

Almost all hot springs in Korea, which gush out from Quaternary deposits, have a constant supply, which is not active usually. The pressure head of thermal water at the Chuul hot spring is 2 m above the surface, and the thermal water at Sinch'ön, Yonggang, etc., flows out above the surface, but most hot springs in Korea are under too low pressure to flow out above ground, so where no pumps are available, baths are usually set 2 to 3 m below the surface.

Supply, therefore, is usually small and the maximum supply is 10,000 koku per day (330 gallons per min) or so at the Chuul hot springs or the Sinch'ön hot spring, where supply is greatest throughout Korea. At the Tongnae hot springs, the maximum yield of one well is only 160 koku per day (5.29 gpm), so the total supply is estimated at 2,500 koku per day (82.7 gpm) or so. At the Onyang spa, some well yields 4,900 koku per day (162 gpm), but the main well yields only 200 koku per day (6.6 gpm). At the Haeundae spa, the supply rarely exceeds 100 koku per day (3.3 gpm) or so, and is usually less than 50 koku per day (1.65 gpm) per well and 320 koku per day (10.6 gpm) in total.

In general, when rainfall is high, yield increases and temperature rises also, and when the atmospheric pressure is low, supply increases. Supply is generally greater in July and August than at other time throughout the year. According to KOMADA, the pressure head changes about 3 cm or so per 10 mm of atmospheric pressure, and the supply increases as the head rises in the Tongnae spa.

## 8. Temperatures of Spring Waters

The temperatures of hot springs and cold mineral springs in Korea range from 5°C (cold springs) to 94°C (hot springs).

The hot springs, with maximum temperatures over 40°C, number 46, among which very hot springs, 70°C or more, number only 10 (Masan (94°C), Paekch'ön (89.5°C), Talch'ön (80°C), Sat'ansu (80°C), Sökt'anji and Sat'anji (80°C), P'yöngt'anji (76°C), Anak (75°C) P'yöngsan (75°C), Yönan (74°C), and Songnae (70°C)). It is noteworthy that most very hot springs are concentrated in the western half of Hwanghae-do. Those 60°–70°C in temperature number only 10 also, and the majority of hot springs run from 40°C to 60°C. The temperatures of hot springs in Korea are generally not too high then, and most springs belong to the warm spring group of KOMADA.

Most tepid springs run from 35°C to 39°C and 8 out of a total of 13 springs are included in this range.

As for cold mineral springs commonly called "Yangsu", there are many whose temperatures are unknown. However, the temperatures of cold mineral springs generally vary from 10°C to 13°C, although some change with the season. According to observations made at Ch'ongju-Ch'usu from 1912 to 1917, the water temperature varies from 10°C to 16°C, and is controlled by rainfall to some degree, but is hardly affected by the season, and commonly varies from 14°C to 15°C and is always higher than the average air temperature in the district.<sup>10)</sup>

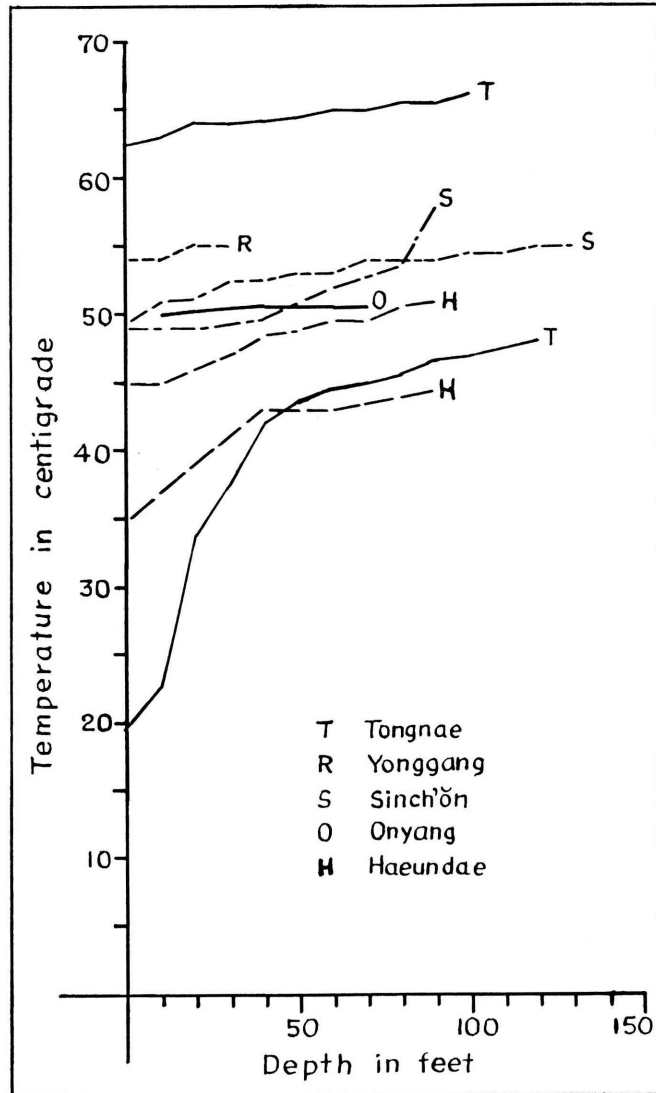


Fig. 2. Geothermal Gradients.

Geothermal gradients in general show no remarkable changes in hot spas in Korea (see Fig. 2). At the Tongnae spa, the underground temperature usually increases from 0.2°C or 0.3°C to several degrees, rarely more than 10°C, at a depth of 3–6 m and rarely 9 m or so below the surface. These depths are equal to the thickness of the Quaternary formation there, which may indicate that the underground temperature is affected by aquifers in the Quaternary formation at these depth. If one bores into the bedrock, the underground temperature increases with depth, but the geothermal gradient is rather small, and even if a bore is sunk very deeply, a remarkable rise in temperature is not expected. This may be due to the fact that the heat source is intrusive material, which are situated far below the surface. Some wells at the Tongnae spa, however, show a decrease in temperature at a depth of from 12 m to 18 m below the surface, and then temperatures decrease with depth. This is due to the fact that the thermal water comes from fissures in the bedrock. There are two groups of hot springs at the Tongnae spa.

The horizontal distribution of underground temperature is as transitive as the vertical distribution is and the change in temperature is generally greater horizontally. In short, hot springs in Korea have the horizontal distribution of temperatures, elliptical or elongated elliptical. However, hot springs sometimes occur in a linear distribution.

At the Tongnae spa, the supply increases and temperature rises with rainfall. At the Onjōngni spa, on the other hand, the temperature decreases with rainfall. Variation in temperature is generally greatest in July and August. This may indicate meteoric water to be one source of thermal water. At the Onyang spa, however, the temperature of thermal water seems to be independent of rainfall.

## 9. Quality of Spring Water

### A. Hot springs

The water of hot springs in Korea is colorless, transparent and odorless, but classified into two according to taste, i.e., salty and tasteless. The former includes the majority of hot springs in Korea, and Tongnae, Haeundae, Anak, Yonggang, Onjōngni and Masan comprise this group; they are neutral at normal temperature but become alkaline if boiled. The latter are weakly alkaline even at normal temperatures, and the alkalinity increases with boiling. This group is comprised of the Yusōng, Sinch'ōn, Onjōngni, Chuul, Hajuul and P'yōngsan springs. The thermal water of the Onyang hot springs is slightly salty, but belongs to the latter group. Among the above, the thermal water of Sinch'ōn is the strongest in alkalinity throughout Korea.

We know very little about the chemical composition of thermal water from Korea, but it is known that the total amount of solute contained in 1 kg of thermal water is generally very small, being more than 1 g at only 4 hot springs (Tongnae, Haeundae, Yonggang and Masan). The greatest concentration (26.3417 g) is at the Yonggang hot springs, but the other springs contain 5 g or less (at Tongnae,

only 1.077 g). Excluding the above, most hot springs contain less than 0.5 g of total solid and are not classed as mineral springs, but as simple springs. All hot mineral springs are included in earth-chloride-bearing common salt springs, and there are only 3 quality classifications for hot spring water in Korea.

(1) Earth-chloride-bearing common salt hot springs

These springs contain over 1,000 mg of solid per 1 kg of water, with  $\text{Cl}^-$  anions and  $\text{Na}^+$  cations as the principal constituents which together form common salt. The content of common salt is greater than 5,000 mg but less than 15,000 mg. The water also contains large amounts of  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  ion which forms  $\text{CaCl}_2$ ,  $\text{MgCl}_2$  and  $\text{KCl}$ . Only Yonggang belongs to this type.

(2) Earth-chloride-bearing weak common salt hot springs

Springs of this type are similar to the preceding ones, and differ only in their content of common salt, which is less than 5,000 mg. Masan, Tongnae and Haeundae belong to this type. However, the thermal water at Masan is richer in  $\text{MgCl}_2$  and poorer in  $\text{CaSO}_4$  than at the Tongnae and Haeundae springs.

(3) Simple hot springs

This type includes those in which the contents of both free carbonic acid and solid are less than 1,000 mg per 1 kg of water, and all remaining springs belong to this group. Simple springs are sub-divided into the following three groups on the basis of their principal ingredients.

**a.** *Alkaline simple hot springs:* The principal ingredients are hydro-carbonic acid anions and  $\text{Na}^+$  cations, which combine to form sodium bicarbonate. The Onyang, Chuul, Onjŏngni, Pyŏngsan, Yusŏng and Suanbo springs belong to this group.

**b.** *Common-salt-bearing alkaline simple hot springs:* A considerable amount of  $\text{Cl}^-$  ion is added to the former. Only Sinch'ŏn belongs to this group.

**c.** *Alkaline common-salt-bearing simple hot springs:* The principal ingredients are  $\text{Cl}^-$  anions and  $\text{Na}^+$  cations, which combine to form common salt, and a remarkable amount of hydrocarbonic acid ion is also contained. Only Anak belongs to this group.

As stated above, highly mineralized hot springs in Korea are included in common salt springs, and dilute hot springs are mostly alkaline simple springs.

In addition the Kalsan hot spring in Kangwŏn-do is said to be a simple alkaline carbonated spring, and there are some hot springs described as sulphuric acid springs or sulphurous springs,<sup>1)</sup> but these are not certain.

## B. Tepid springs

The most mineralized of the tepid springs is the Osaeg-Yangsu spring at Koraegok, Sŏ-myŏn, Yangyang-gun, Kangwŏn-do, but the total solid content is only 2,104.0 g per 1 kg of water. Hence, tepid springs in Korea are dilute, too. These are classified into three groups, weakly alkaline carbonated springs, common salt springs and simple springs. Among these three groups, simple springs predominate. There are additional springs, cited as sulphurous springs, but very little is known among them.

### C. Cold mineral springs

Cold mineral springs have not yet been investigated thoroughly, but as already stated, many of the “Yangsū” should be included as simple springs. Some, however, are described as carbonated springs, iron springs and vitriol or sulphurous springs. Most of the water from these springs is tasteless and odorless, but the mineral water of the Pongjŏng mineral spring in Kyŏngsang-namdo is brownish yellow, like Japanese “Sake”, transparent, strongly acidic and has both an acidic taste and a characteristic stimulating odor. Some are colorless and odorless, but cloudy due to light yellowish-brown colored floating matter. The famous mineral springs, represented by the Ch’ŏngju-Ch’usu spring at Ch’ungch’ŏng-pukto and the Ch’ujŏngsu spring in Sŏha-myŏn, Anak-gun, Hwanghae-do, however, are carbonated springs, and most of them contain iron, and taste bitter to some degree.

The mineralized water of Ch’ŏngju is colorless, transparent and odorless, and its taste is refreshing and stimulating. It is acidic at normal temperatures but becomes alkaline if boiled, and is a simple carbonated spring containing neither iron nor alumina. It is of rare good quality as a refreshing drink.

In addition, the Ch’ongju-Ch’usu spring has a 60 mache Radon content, the greatest throughout Korea. It is followed by the Onjŏngni hot spring, which varies from 40 to 44 mache. These are included as radioactive springs of a low grade, and are followed by the Yusŏng and Haeundae hot springs, which are 28 and 25 mache respectively. Other springs are less than 10 mache in Radon content.

**Table 1.** Table of Hot Springs and Cold Mineral Springs.  
Hot Springs

Names	Location			Quality	Maxim. temperature (°C)	Yield (koku/day)
	Myön or Üp	Gun	Do			
1. Tongnae	Tongnae	Tongnae	Kyöngsang-namdo	Earth-chloride-bearing weak common salt	51-69	2,500
2. Haeundae	Nam	do.	do.	do.	54-66	320
3. Magümsan	Puk	Ch'angwön	do.	Common salt-bearing simple	42.5	
4. Onyang	Onyang	Asan	Ch'ungch'öng-namdo	Alkaline simple	50.5-54	
5. Yusöng	Yusöng	Taejön	do.	do.	50-57	
6. Suanbo	Sangmo	Koesan	Ch'ungch'öng-pukto	do.	45.5-51	
7. Onjöng-ni	Sinpuk	Kosöng	Kangwön-do	do.	45	6,700
8. Sangdötku	Puk	Ulchin	do.	do.	40	
9. Paegan	Onjöng	do.	do.	Alkaline simple	46	1,000
10. Kalsan	Pangjang	Ich'ön	do.	Alkaline simple carbonated	46	
11. Yönan or Kümsöng	Onjöng	Yönbaek	Hwanghae-do	Earth-bearing alkaline	70-74	
12. Paekch'ön	Ünch'öng	do.	do.	Simple sulphurous	89.5	
13. P'yöngsan	Chögam	P'yöngsan	do.	Alkaline simple	55.0	2,300
14. Masan	Masan	Ongjin	do.	Earth-chloride-bearing weak common salt	94.0	
15. Songhwa	Yönjöng	Songhwa	do.	Alkaline simple	46.0	100
16. Yongch'ön	Kunghüng	Sinch'ön	do.	Simple	53	
17. Samch'ön	do.	do.	do.	Simple sulphurous	59-62	40

18. Yongch'ön	do.	do.	do.	do.	53	10,000
19. Sinch'ön	Onch'ön	do.	do.	do.	58	100
20. Talch'ön	Ch'ori	do.	do.	do.	53-80	1,000
21. Anak	Ünhong	Anak	do.	do.	72-75	400
22. Yonggang	Haeun	Yonggang	P'yöngan-namdo	do.	55	2,592
23. Yongt'aek	Yöngch'ön	Söngch'ön	do.	do.	46.5	500
24. Yöngwön-Onch'ang	Onhwa	Yöngwön	do.	do.	60	200
25. Sat'anji and Sökt'anji	Onch'ön	Yangdök	do.	do.	80	100
26. P'yönt'anji	do.	do.	do.	do.	76	70
27. Yangdök	Kuryong	do.	do.	do.	53-55	100
28. Sot'anji	do.	do.	do.	do.	45	200
29. Onjöng	Sinp'ung	Hüich'ön	P'yöngan-pukto	do.	43-50	100
30. Onjöng or Ch'umogwön	Üiyon	Ünsan	do.	do.	44-56.5	120
31. Onp'ung or Sakchu	Sakchu	Sakchu	do.	do.	59-61	20
32. Onjungdong	Kunnae	do.	do.	do.	56	72
33. Myöngghwadong or Pohye	Pohye	Kapsan	Hamgyöng-namdo	do.	38-41.5	50
34. Nokkaktöng-ni Hamsu	Puk	Changjin	do.	do.	65	50
35. Ch'önggye	P'ungha	Tögwön	do.	do.	60	72
36. Yangsup'o	Wiing	Anbyön	do.	do.	46	72

37. Chuul	Chuulon	Kyöngsöng	Hamgyöng- pukto	44-56.5	10,000
38. Hajuul or Kaneta	do.	do.	do.	53	300
39. T'angjisu	do.	do.	do.	50	100
40. T'ansu	Chunam	do.	do.	60	720
41. Sat'ansu	do.	do.	do.	80	700
42. T'an	do.	do.	do.	60	
43. Songhüng	Haksang	Söngjin	do.	52	1,173
44. Öbok or Sech'ön	Haksö	do.	do.	68	
45. Songnae	Yöngbuk	Kilchu	do.	70	14
46. Sanggo	Sanggo	Myöngch'ön	do.	Cold water to be added for bathing	150



## Tepid Springs

Name of spring	Location			Quality	Temperature (°C)	Yield (koku/day)
	Myön	Gun	Do			
1. Ich'on	Ŭmmae	Ich'on	Kyönggi-do	Simple	31.5	
2. Töksan	Töksan	Yesan	Ch'ungch'öng-namdo	Common salt-bearing simple	36	
3. Unhang and Songjöng	Pangiyang	Ich'eon	Kangwön-do	—	—	
4. Osaeg-Yangsu	Sö	Yangyang	do.	Common salt and alkaline carbonated	35	
5. Kalsan-Yangsu	do.	do.	do.	Carbonated	35	
6. Chogae-Yangsu	do.	do.	do.	do.	35	
7. Yujöm-sa	do.	Kosöng	do.	—	26	
8.	Sinam	P'yöngsan	Hwanghae-do	—	28	
9. Onjöng or Onhwa	Changdong	Hüich'on	P'yöngan-pukto	Sulphurous	39	20
10. Majang	Inhüng	Yönghüng	Hangyöng-namdo	Weak common salt	38	
11.	Oha	Musan	Hangyöng-pukto	—	35.6	300
12.	Yongsöng	Kyöngsöng	do.	Alkaline	38	50
13.	Changbaek	Kilchu	do.	—	Less than 35	

## Cold Mineral Springs

Name of spring	Location			Quality	Temperature (°C)	Yield (koku/day)
	Myön	Gun	Do			
1. Ponjöng	Punae	Changwön	Kyöngsang-namdo	Vitriol		20
2. Pansong-Yangsu	Okp'o	Talsöng	Kyöngsang-pukto			17
3. Kilch'on-Hwangsu	Kilch'on	Yöngch'ön	do.	Sulphurous		5
4. Wölha-dong Yangsu	Ch'öngsöng	Ch'öngsöng	do.	Alkaline	13	7.8
5. —	Puhae	Yöngdök	do.	Iron		15
6. —	Ch'angsu	do.	do.	do.		5
7. Ch'öngju-Ch'usu	Pugil	Ch'öngju	Ch'ungch'öng-pukto	Carbonated	14-15	
8. Pugang	Puyong	do.	do.	Iron-bearing carbonated		
9. —	Togo	Asan	Ch'ungch'öng-namdo			
10. —	Yöngok	Kangnüng	Kangwön-do		12	0.7
11. —	Puksanoe	Ch'ungch'ön	do.		18	
12. —	Inje	Inje	do.			
13. —	Nae	do.	do.			
14. Kappi	Köp'yöng	Taedong	P'yöngan-namdo	Iron		
15. Kömsan-Yangsu	Kömsan	P'yöngwön	do.	Carbonated		
16. Kangsö new	Tongjin	Kangsö	do.	do.	10	100
17. Kangsö old	Kangsö	do.	do.	do.	5	

18. —	Söngdae	Kangsö	do.	do.	0.2
19. Yonggye-ni Yangsu	Sinanju	Anju	do.	do.	1.5
20. Yongyon	Chunae	do.	do.	do.	100
21. Unhüng	Tong	do.	do.	do.	
22.	Aejön	Maengsan	do.	Simple	20
23.	Hwangim	Yonggang	do.	Common salt	
24. Kungdong iron	Chiun	do.	do.	Vitriol	3
25. Söjong-ni iron	Samhwa	do.	do.	do.	12
26. Ch'ujongsu	Söha	Anak	Hwanghae-do	Carbonated	1
27. Sögwang-sa	Munsan	Anbyön	Hamgyöng- namdo		
28. Okp'ok	Hamusan	Puryöng	Hamgyöng- pukto		24
29.	Samchang	do.	do.		22.8
30.	Pujöm	do.	do.		

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