EAS205 -- REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR KOREAN LANGUAGE STUDENTS

I. Chinese Character (hanja) Dictionaries

There are a few useful dictionaries/textbooks for non-native speakers to learn Chinese characters as used in Korean. For most students, the following dictionary—even though it is over thirty years old now—is sufficient:

*A Guide to Korean Characters: Reading and Writing Hangul and Hanja*  
by Bruce K. Grant  

**About this book**  
This invaluable mini-dictionary of characters for modern readers includes the following outstanding features:  
1,800 characters arranged in this format.  
- all the characters required in Korean schools  
- models showing how to write each character  
- 5,000 sample vocabulary words, three per character  
- sample words selected on the basis of frequency of use  
*Hangul-in-a-hurry—a-fast method to learn the indigenous Korean alphabet*  
- hangul-in-a-hurry chart for fast learning  
- models showing how to write each letter  
- models showing how to make syllables  
*Stroke-count, radical and phonetic indices*  
*Charts of surnames, simplified hanja, look-alike characters, others*

A more comprehensive, but more difficult to use and more expensive text is:

*Chinese Characters in Korean*  
by James C. Whitlock Jr.  
size: 24.6x17.5cm 968pages. hardcover. publisher: Ilchokak, 2001.

A "Radical" Approach: Learn 2,300 Chinese Characters Through their 214 Radicals

**Contents**

I. Lists of Radicals  
- Alphabetized by English  
- Alphabetized by Dictionary Entry  
- Alphabetized by Korean

II. Lists of Chinese Characters  
- Alphabetized by First Visible Radical (top/left)
III. Notes to the Characters
   - Chinese Notes

IV. The Vocabulary Lists
   - Alphabetized by Korean
   - Alphabetized by English
   - Alphabetized by First Chinese Character (Hanja)

There are also hanja dictionaries made for native Korean speakers, which are much more comprehensive. It is difficult, however, to buy these in the U.S. unless you go through a store that caters to Korean clientele (see below for “Where does one buy these things?”)

II. Korean-English Dictionaries

The best Korean-English Dictionary available is the Hyondae Korean-English Dictionary. The bibliographic information for it is as follows:

教學社現代韓英辭典  = Kyohaksa's hyondae Korean-English dictionary /
Kyohaksa hyondae Han-Yong sajon  =
Kyohaksa's hyondae Korean-English dictionary /
Author: 감수조성규 ; [編者教學社辭書部]. 조성규.; Cho, Song-gyu.

This dictionary is also sometimes difficult to find for sale from the U.S.

There are many other Korean-English Dictionaries available—check the internet sources below.

Where does one buy these things?

Some books are available from amazon.com and/or other similar large internet booksellers. For specifically Korean texts, see:

http://www.Hollym.com
http://www.hanbooks.com