2002 KOREA/JAPAN World Cup

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Every four years, the world turns its attention to the soccer World Cup and people all over the world are eager to be participants in this thrilling and surprising event. However, the 2002 FIFA World Cup was most surprising and this event made Korea stand out. First reason, the world was surprised at the selection of host country. The 2002 World cup was the first-ever FIFA World cup that co-hosted from two countries. Furthermore, it was the first world cup held in Asia. Another reason, the world was surprised at Korea soccer team which made it all the way to the final four. The comparison between Korean team and other countries’ was enormous. In a famous match, Korea VS Portugal, although many people anticipated that Portugal would be a winner, Astonishingly Korea won 1-0. More over Korea team’s triumphs continued: Italy by 2-1, and Spain by 5-4. Final reason, approximately 21.93 million people were cheering on the national team in front of large outdoor screens during its seven matches over the past month. In the first match with Poland, more than 500,000 people gathered in front of outdoor screens to root for the Korea squad and final match 7 million for the Germany match showed up. Moreover, people mostly clad in red color of the “Red Devil” and exclaimed “Dae Han Min Guk”. The Korea soccer team strived to reach the semi-finals. It was an incredible° achievement. Also the energetic soccer games left all the Korea people excited and to recollect the particular events. This event made World think that Korea would continue its challenge without frustration.