

COMPARISON OF BODY LANGUAGE IN KOREA AND KAZAKHSTAN

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In the modern world, everything is so developed that you can even understand what kind of person you are communicating with, by analyzing his gestures. Body language is a very deep science and it is very absorbing to learn it. But how different body language is in different countries. In this paragraph, I will break down the main differences in body language between Korea and Kazakhstan.

The V sign. Everyone knows what the V sign is. However, the meaning of this gesture varies depending on the cultural context. In Korea, the peace sign is commonly used when taking pictures. Also, it can be used to show how proud you are of something. For example, when you're praised by your friend for receiving a full mark for an exam, you can show this peace sign for "victory." This is one of the more common hand gestures in Korean cultures.

In Kazakhstan, this body language means the same thing. We use it when we want to look cute on photos. Or when we support our friends. In this regard, this gesture means the same meaning.

Korean Heart. The heart gesture shows a tiny heart, but if you look at the entire hand, you'll come to realize that it's actually the shape of a human's heart. Your fist is the shape of a heart and your two fingers, which are the index and the thumb, are two main vessels. This Korean heart gesture is used to say "I like/love you" to someone and it's commonly used to show how much you adore someone (e.g. K-Pop idol singers at a concert). You can also use this sign when you want to express how much you like something, such as food, toys, movies, and so on.

There has never been such gesture in Kazakhstan. But with the huge influence of the KPOP and Korea, the young one's often began to use this gesture. We also use it when we want to say that we love someone. Cause It looks like a real heart. Personally, I think this gesture is the cutest of all Korean gestures!

Receiving and Giving Something to Someone. Giving and receiving an object with only one hand is considered rude in Korea. This is one of the common mistakes that foreigners make, since doing this movement with one hand is completely okay in many countries.

In Korea, you need to receive or give something with both hands; this is to show that you're showing respect. You don't necessarily need to do this for your friends, but you'll definitely need to use both hands for elders or people of higher status.

And here, with this gesture, everything fits! Since ancient times, the Kazakhs have respected their elders very much, and we see the same thing in Korea. Get anything from the hands of adults, with two hands! and not one! This is how we show our respect for our elders!

To sum up, we can realize that there are many similar gestures between countries. Being able to understand such cultural differences, will improve our working relationships and potentially make us more successful in an increasingly globalized world.

