

KOOKMIN BANK  
Form 6-K  
March 13, 2006

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## Form 6-K

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of March 2006

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## Kookmin Bank

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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9-1, 2-Ga, Namdaemun-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul, Korea 100-703

(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

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**Clarification on the rumors of Bid for Acquisition of Korea Exchange Bank**

On March 13, 2006, Kookmin Bank submitted a preliminary non-binding bid for the acquisition of Korea Exchange Bank.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Kookmin Bank  
(Registrant)

Date: March 13, 2006

By: /s/ Kap Shin  
(Signature)

Name: Kap Shin  
Title: CFO / Senior EVP

Executive Director