A Note on Romanization of Korean Words and Style

I have used the "New Romanization System," released in July 2000 by the ROK Ministry of Culture and Tourism, in transcribing Korean words. However, in the case of commonly used proper nouns like "Kim", "Park" and "Lee" I have retained the original spelling to make it easy for the readers, instead of spelling them as "Gim", "Bag" or "I" according to the new rule. Similarly, in keeping with international practice I have referred to The Democratic People's Republic of Korea as North Korea and the Republic of Korea as South Korea, in order to avoid confusion arising out of the highly similar official names that the two countries have.