

# Bill Gates again world's richest man

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NEW YORK (AFP) — Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates once again topped the Forbes magazine list of the world's more than 2,000 billionaires, while U.S. President Donald Trump slipped more than 200 spots, the magazine said Monday.

Gates, whose wealth is estimated at \$86 billion, led the list for the fourth straight year, and has been ranked as the richest person in the world for 18 of the past 23 years.

Among the top 10 billionaires, a group heavily dominated by Americans, many from the technology sector, Gates was followed by Berkshire Hathaway chief Warren Buffett, with wealth estimated at \$75.6 billion, a \$14.8 billion jump from the 2016 list, despite his pledge to give away 99 percent of his wealth.

Others in the top 10 included Amazon founder Jeff Bezos who moved up to number three with the biggest gain of any person on the planet, a \$27.6 billion increase to his fortune of \$72.8 billion.

Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg was number five and Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison was number seven.

There are 183 tech billionaires in all with a combined \$1 trillion in wealth, Forbes said. The global population of billionaires jumped 13 percent from last year to a record 2,043, the biggest annual increase in the 31 years since the magazine began compiling the list, Forbes said.

The U.S. had the most billionaires with 565, a product of the swelling value of the American stock market since Trump's November 2016 election.

China was second with 319 billionaires, and Germany was third with 114.

### Partial Trump slump

Trump slipped 220 spots on the list to 544 with an estimated \$3.5 billion, a decline of \$1 billion from last year. Forbes attributed Trump's drop to

sluggishness in Manhattan real estate, responsible for a large amount of his wealth.

"Forty percent of his fortune is tied up in real estate, and eight buildings of it," Forbes said. "His neighborhood has been relatively speaking."

Forbes also said Trump was hit by \$6 billion in spending on a legal campaign to settle litigation with offshoots of the

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Courtesy of KT&G

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↳ **Kim Dabin** It isn't desirable when we see the rich Korean.

↳ **Kim Haeun** I wonder the secret of their success.

↳ **Kang Jimin** I wonder how the rich donate and what people was donated.

↳ **Chee Sebin** I will investigate the rich Korean.

• **my opinion** I recently heard Bill Gates will donate 95% of his property. I want the rich are beneficent to the poor, especially in Korea. And I want Korea is a well-off country for everyone.

• **word**

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