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Towards equal Education For All (EFA)

A global-scale meeting on education offering a glimpse into the future direction of education took place at Songdo international city between May 19 and 22, 2015. Co-hosted by UNESCO headquarters and the Korean government, the 2015 World Education Forum (WEF) was the largest meeting with regards to education to take place in the world since the 2000 World Education Forum in Dakar, Senegal, 15 years ago. The 2015 WEF examined the past achievements of the 'Education For All (EFA)' initiative and offered an opportunity to discuss new future education issues the international community must channel their efforts into.





Offering a new vision of education

The 2015 WEF discussed in great depth ‘Global Targets for Education 2030’, which is expected to function as the signpost for global education over the next 15 years. Over 1,500 guests including UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, Sheika Moza of Qatar, as well as representatives from various international organizations such as the World Bank and UNICEF, ministers and deputy ministers from more than 100 governments around the world participated in the Forum. The 2015 WEF consisted of four plenary sessions, six thematic debating sessions, and 20 parallel sessions, all of which concluded with the closing ceremony on the 22nd. Key discussions and findings were organized and announced as the Incheon Declaration. The newly announced educational vision stated ‘Towards inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all by 2030’ and the Declaration clarified

the educational roles for sustainable development within the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework. This Declaration set the direction of educational policies of member countries until 2030 and defined the missions for international organizations involved in education.

Preparing the foundation for growth in education

Korea described how it had successfully developed its own education sector at the 2015 WEF. Current issues, areas for improvement, and the vision for future education were thoroughly discussed and the process of setting new international educational agendas was effectively established . In particular, the event was a valuable opportunity to widely promote the Korean experience of educational development, which has received a great deal of attention for achieving astonishing national development in a short period of time.



2015 World Education Forum Outline

Conference title : 2015 World Education Forum
 Duration/venue : May 19~22, / Incheon (Songdo Convensia)
 Objective : Comprehensive evaluation of the 'Education For All (EFA)' movement and 'Millenium Development Goals (MDGs)' since 2000 as well as discussions to develop and implement the vision for future education among the international community
 Forum size : Over 1,500 participants including government representatives of UNESCO member countries, members from international organizations, the public sector, academia





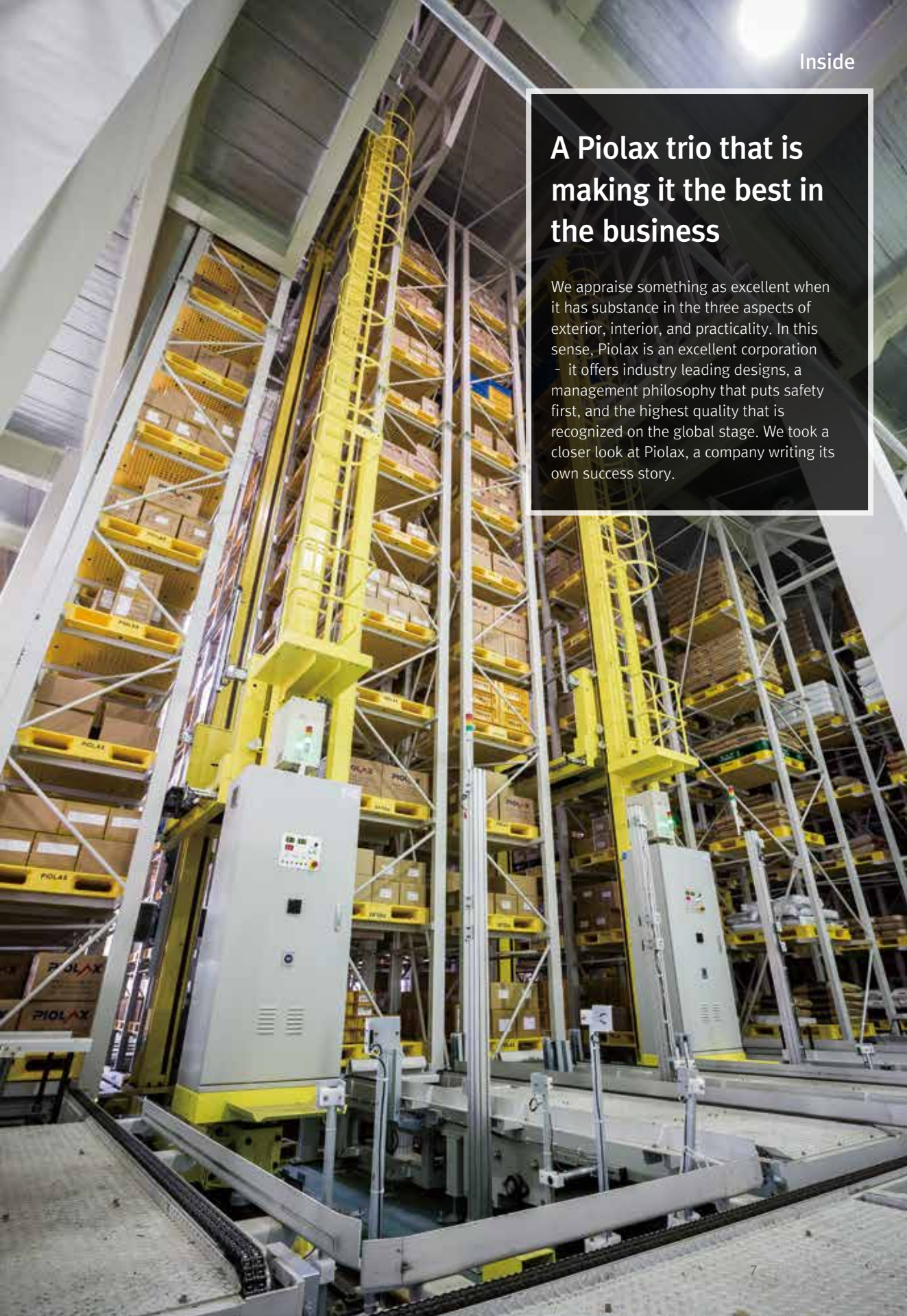
Offering various attractions

Apart from the plenary sessions, this year’s Forum featured a wide range of additional events and outdoor exhibitions. At the standing exhibition hall in Songdo Convensia, 26 booths managed by international organizations, the Ministry of Education, Department of Educations from each city and province, in addition to universities etc. were installed. Also, over 40 exhibition booths were erected in the indoor exhibition hall for the seven co-hosting international organizations as well as member countries and organizations selected through the Korean Policy Exhibition International Competition. In contrast to the plenary session which was open to invited guests from each country only, other participants could easily access the additional events and outdoor exhibitions. As a result, the venue was bustling with teachers, students, parents, and the general public interested in education throughout the duration of WEF.



A Piolax trio that is making it the best in the business

We appraise something as excellent when it has substance in the three aspects of exterior, interior, and practicality. In this sense, Piolax is an excellent corporation – it offers industry leading designs, a management philosophy that puts safety first, and the highest quality that is recognized on the global stage. We took a closer look at Piolax, a company writing its own success story.





Growth without pause

Piolax was jointly-established in June 1996 by Piolax Japan and Samsung Trading of Korea as a foreign investment corporation and has successfully established its position with regards to the production and sales of automobile unit machineries and parts including fuel valves, opening and closing devices. Piolax has eight subsidiaries and seven offices in Japan to go along with nine subsidiaries in countries such as Korea, China, India, Thailand, Indonesia, the United States, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. The company is a solid corporation with KRW 22.6 billion in annual sales in 2014, a 17% year-on-year increase in growth. 98% of all parts produced at Piolax are automobile parts and 2% are medical equipment parts. The company deals with over 40,000 different types of products and its value is even greater because Piolax produces in small quantities only. Parts produced by

Piolax acquired ISO14001 certification in July 2007 based on its cutting-edge technology. The company won the one million dollar export tower award the same year and has achieved continued growth throughout more than two decades. At present, Piolax is acknowledged as the best automobile parts company that deals with major domestic and international corporations that lead the world's automobile industry such as Toyota, Nissan, Honda, Hyundai Motors, Renault Samsung, GM Daewoo, and Ssangyong

Challenging for new markets based on elastic technology

The management philosophy of Piolax is to 'challenge.' The secret to being able to perform consistently in the rapidly changing world market is the willingness to challenge for new markets. A small Tokyo-based company that started with five

employees in 1933 has grown 120 times in just over 30 years to employ 600 people based on its exceptional ability to read market trends. Since then, Piolax's relentless quest towards a larger stage began in 1998 with the establishment of its US subsidiary followed by subsidiaries in the UK, Korea, and Thailand. Korea was a land of opportunities for Piolax. The company's advanced technology was perfect for the Korean market with the presence of world renowned automobile brands such as Hyundai, Kia, and Ssangyong. The establishment of its Korean subsidiary, jointly invested in by Samsung Trading, was a major driving force behind Piolax's unending success story.

Another value of Piolax is to 'Provide quality that consumers can be satisfied with.' At the heart of this value is the company's 'care' for customers. Consideration about a user's knees by not allowing the glove box to suddenly drop down when opened is a good example. This may seem insignificant but this kind of attention to detail makes for an excellent foundation upon which to produce good products. There are other aspects which Piolax considers important - safety and the environment. Because of frequent natural disasters in its home country, Japan, the company deems safety and the environment as crucial. In fact, Piolax headquarters sends monitoring groups twice a year to all subsidiaries in order to thoroughly inspect production processes. When a facility is determined unsatisfactory in multiple

procedures, the head office orders correction measures without hesitation. 'Absolute safety. Make it possible even if it is impossible!' Such a sense of duty has become the secret behind creating excellent technology.

The 2nd act of its success story began in Songdo international city

Piolax signed an investment contract with IFEZ in July 2013, and began construction in November of that year. After a year or so, it was able to open in construction lot number four in Songdo international city.

A variety of global corporations and international organizations are present in Songdo international city which enables companies to cooperate and proceed together with other organizations in acquiring information necessary for research and to continuously develop.

This year's target sales for Piolax is KRW 24.5 billion. This is roughly KRW 2 billion more than the previous year. From the smiling faces of Piolax' employees saying that the parts industry should be great given the optimistic outlook for the automobile manufacturing industry, you can see that Piolax has a bright future.

Piolax is a tight-knit company with a sense of duty to realize 'customer satisfaction.' We eagerly anticipate another success story at Songdo international city.



Foreigners' favorite places in Songdo

Songdo is held in high regard by many foreigners and this is reflected in the large number of foreign residents staying here. The foreign residents say that there are some places in Songdo where they feel at home. We have captured three spots where they say feel comfortable hanging out.



Giani's Nappoli Pizzeria, a place making traditional Neapolitan stove pizzas

At Giani's Napoli Pizzeria, the pizzas are baked in a black oak firewood stove. The restaurant owner sticks to Italian traditional pizzas, so the pizzas at Giani's are made following the eight standards designated by Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana (AVPN). Giani's Napoli Pizzeria offers traditional Neapolitan pizzas that are tasty without being excessive. There are 12 pizzas according to the topping materials. Quattro Formaggi Pizza has a rich flavor and fragrance with cheese and honey. Diabola pizzas are mostly preferred by foreigners who like simple

Giani's Nappoli

Opening hours: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. on weekdays/ 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. on weekends
Address: Canal Walk D4 87 Art Center Road Yeonsu-gu
Phone: 032-834-1025



but spicy pizzas. Among the pasta menu, Galvanic Crema has an in-depth cream flavor and is enjoyed by both the Korean and foreigner customers. Vapore, which is not one of the main menus, is a bread appetizer that can be easily enjoyed. The warm bread gives one much happiness. The red colored walls, which are the restaurant's special feature, reminds one of a countryside restaurant in Italy, and the rough textured wood tables create a cozy atmosphere. Wine, Italian beer and soda are served at the restaurant. Located on Canal Walk Winter, customers can go shopping after dining at the restaurant. Marinara, Margerita, Gorgonzola and Regina pizzas are sold at discounted prices of around KRW 10 thousand during weekdays until 3 p.m.





J's Recipe

Opening hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m./ address: Fl. 1
The # First World Building H 4-1 Songdo Yeonsu-
gu / Phone: 032-834-5580



“J’s Recipe”, where delicious and healthy bread is offered

J’s Recipe is Songdo’s representative bakery and it is frequently visited by tourists. The bakery provides real European tasting bread. At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., when the newly baked bread comes out, the bakery that features red brick walls is full of the scent of freshly baked bread. The dough is prepared three times at this bakery. This is the reason why the bread is so crispy and fragrant. Since the taste and flavor of the raw material is fully preserved, the bread tastes less sweet. However, the bread tastes great in your mouth as you eat it more and more. The original Italian bread “Chiavata” is mild in taste and is chewy. “Walnut Cranberry Campagne”, the French country bread, is savory. In addition, “Pain Au Chocolat” is so crispy that you can hear a rustling sound when you bite it. The bakery’s representative menu item is the “Squid Ink Cheese Baguette”, which features a little salty but great tasting bread that includes squid ink and cheese ingredients. “Squid Citron Cream Cheese Bread” is a bread that has added citron to the squid ink and cheese, and you can taste the sour and fresh flavors. In addition, the bakery offers “Pain de Mie” and “Baguette” for



Boomily

Opening hours: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
10 a.m. - 10 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
Address: Building B The # Central Park 2 194 Central Road, Yeonsu-gu
Phone: 032-831-1322

foreigners who have bread for their main meals. Mr. Jeon Chan-geuk, the owner of the bakery, learned about cooking in England. He believes that the best service he can offer to customers is to provide them with freshly baked bread. So, when the dough is not good enough, he does not sell bread on that day. In addition, in order to maintain the highest standards of taste, he only uses grain powder, organic whole wheat powder, natural butter and cream instead of chemical additives. Although small in size, the shop also has a coffee roasting machine to offer good coffee to its customers.

Boomily, the right restaurant for families with children

Café Boomily, which is a word coined by combining the words ‘books’ and ‘family’, makes no distinctions between Koreans and foreigners. Anyone can read or study together while drinking a cup of tea. It is also easy to hear story narratives in English and Chinese that are retold for entertainment rather than for study purposes. Once a week, storytellers come to the café, read English and Chinese children books and hold book review sessions with children. In a white colored café, there are four seminar rooms. What is interesting is that there is a room within a room. The café has been created thanks to creativity and efforts of the shop owner who majored in installation art. When you climb up the stairs, you come across a cozy space that looks like an attic. When you move from place to place, you will see different spaces with different views that will arouse your interest and curiosity. On the walls, there are shelves where picture books, English books and Chinese books are displayed.

What is special about this place is that you can see a lot of children reading books as well as couples, office workers who are spending some time alone, and moms who are studying. The reason that foreigners favor this place is that they can interact with children in a familiar and comfortable atmosphere. The café offers fresh fruits, Belgium ice cream waffles and bagels, along with beverages and coffee.

For every five books you donate, you can get one cup of coffee for free. The donated books are sold at the flea market, and all the profits earned are donated, as well.

Reviving the “time” that has gone with the dust

Inarch Grafter Trainee

Kang Sung-chan

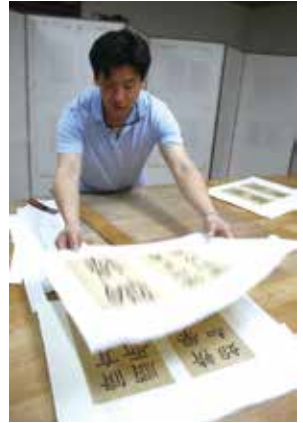
Time makes everything become old. Cultural assets, since they are not an exception, wear out as time goes by. National treasured paintings are worn out. The time has gone with the wind. With inarch grafting, the treasures, which would become worn, can be revived again. The traces of our ancestors, which would age and become dust, are brought back to life again with a touch.

먼지가 된 ‘시간’을 소생 시킨다

배첩장 이수자 **강성찬**

시간은 모든 것을 늙게 한다. 문화재도 예외가 아니어서 시간이 갈수록 낡아진다. 귀한 국보급 서화(書畵)에는 시간이 멈춰져 있다. 시간은 먼지로 그것들을 품으며 숨을 죽였다. 꼬깃꼬깃 접히고 말려서 살점을 내주며 임종을 앞 둔 보물들이 ‘배첩’을 통해 다시 소생한다. 먼지가 될 뻔한 조상들의 흔적은 그의 손끝에서 다시 살아난다.

글·사진 김민영 자유기고가



One and only student of an important intangible cultural heritage inarch grafter

In the world, there is a master in each field. The masters, who are not few in numbers, do not focus on making themselves known but concentrate on developing their skills. Noting that too much is never good, they believe that they will be known one day and plan to reveal themselves at an appropriate time.

Kang Sung-chan is a learned inarch grafter. Inarch grafter refers to a master who put paintings or embroidery into hanging scrolls, frames, folding wall screens and books. He attempts at maximizing the aesthetic value, while promoting practicality and conservation. After I requested an interview with Kang, I received a short reply from him: “Too early”. He means that it is not the time yet. I felt the sense of a master. I finally got him in front of the camera after several calls.

He is the only student of the late Master Kim Pyo-young, who was important intangible cultural heritage No. 102. His fingertips and skills have been honed through his apprenticeship with his teacher. An accomplished inarch grafting trainee and restoration technician, Kang is filling the vacancy left by his teacher who just passed away. He is practicing his teacher’s teachings day and night at his workroom. When I opened the door of his workroom, I entered a cool room that had just the right humidity. On the wall, there were different types of brushes, drills and hammers – as if they were on exhibition. By using various materials and devices scattered around the room, Kang extends the life and even recovers worn out treasures. An inarch

grafter is similar to a doctor.

“When my teacher passed away, I thought that he had not given me much. But looking back, I become aware that he gave me everything.”

His voice trembled as he recalled memories of his teacher. Master Kim was a stern man. The way he handed his long brushes to Kang was not gentle; he gave them as if he were throwing something away that cannot be used anymore. Although they were old, they were well tamed, so Kang got to know how precious they were. Kang, then, collected them one by one, and these became the legacy of his teacher. In that manner, Kang was able to completely acquire his teacher’s legacy.

It was 10 years ago when he first met the late Master Kim. He accidentally came across a person who was holding an object that needed repair. He wanted to learn that technique. After making inquiries here and there, he finally found the teacher – only to be rejected. The reason was that the teacher thought that Kang was too old to learn a new technique. However, Kang was headstrong. He commuted all the way from Incheon to Ilsan where his teacher stayed. Spending years making paste and some years painting, Kang became the only student of important tangible cultural heritage No. 102 inarch grafter Kim Pyo-young.

Inarch grafting is equal to “rejuvenation”

It has been five years since Kang opened his workplace. The paintings, which are equivalent to cultural assets and that require his touch, are placed everywhere in his workroom. The pieces that come to his workplace are the relics of ancestors that

중요무형문화재 배첩장의 유일한 제자

세상에는 각 분야의 ‘고수(高手)’들이 있다. 적지 않은 고수들은 자신을 알리기 보다 실력을 연마해서 내공을 갈고 닦는데 힘쓴다. 물이 차면 잔이 넘치듯, 때가 되면 자연스럽게 알려질 것이고 그러면 그때 나서겠다는 생각을 한다.

강성찬(47) 씨는 배첩장 이수자다. 배첩장(裱貼匠)은 서화(書畵)나 자수(刺繡)를 족자, 액자, 병풍, 서첩 등으로 만들어 주는 장인이다. 그의 손길을 통해 작품의 미적 가치를 돋보이게 하면서 실용성과 보존성 까지 부여한다. 강 이수자에게 인터뷰 요청을 했을 때 짧은 답변이 돌아왔다. “시기상조”. 아직 나설 때가 아니란 것이다. 고수의 품모가 확 느껴졌다. 삼고초려 끝에 그를 카메라 앞에 세웠다.

그는 중요무형문화재 102호 배첩장 고(故) 김표영 선생의 유일한 제자다. 그의 손끝은 스승의 도제식 훈련에 의해 아물었다. 배첩장 이수자와 문화재 복원수리 기능자인 그는 얼마 전 세상을 떠난 스승의 빈자리를 메우고 있다. 밤과 낮을 가리지 않고 스승의 가르침을 공방에서 실행 중이다.

공방 문을 열자 서늘한 기온과 적당한 습도가 잔잔하게 다가온다. 벽에는 다양한 종류의 붓과 송곳, 망치 등이 전시되듯 걸려 있다. 그는 공방 곳곳에 가득한 재료와 도구를 이용해 너털너털해진 ‘보물’들의 생명을 연장시키며 회춘시킨다. 배첩장은 마치 의사와 같다.

“스승님이 돌아가셨을 때 처음엔 제게 주신 것이 별로 없는 줄 알았어요. 그런데 되돌아보니 안주신 것이 없이 다 주셨더라고요.”

스승을 회상하는 그의 목소리가 잠시 흔들린다. 스승은 참으로 모진 사람이었다. 손때 묻은 붓들을 그에게 넘겨주는 과정도 차가웠다. 작업을 하다 획~ 던지며 “너나 가져라”하는 식이었다. 마치 더는 사용할 수 없는 것을 던져버리듯. 그러나 그것은 비록 낡았을지언정 장인의 손에서 잘 길들었고 그래서 귀함을 나중에 알았다. 그렇게 하나 둘 모아두었고 그게 결국은 스승의 유산이 되었다. 그런 방식으로 그는 스승의 시간을 온전히 다 받았다.

스승을 만난 것은 10여 년 전이다. 서울 인사동 거리에서 어떤 물건을 들고 보수할 곳을 찾아 이리저리 다니는 사람을 우연히 보게 된다. 그 기술을 배우고 싶었다. 수소문 끝에 스승을 찾게 되었지만 문전박대 당했다. 기술을 배우기에 너무 나이가 많다는 것이 이유였다.

스승은 그의 고집을 끝내 꺾지 못했다. 어쩌면 스승의 냉대와 멸시는 장인이 되기 위한 첫번째 자질을 시험했는지도 모른다. 인천에서 스승이 계신 일산까지 매일 다녔다. 풀 쭉기 몇 년, 붓질하기 몇 년, 곰팡이 떼내기 몇 년.... 그는 중요무형문화재 102호 배첩장 김표영 선생의 유일한 제자가 되었다.

‘배첩’은 ‘회춘’이다

자신의 공방 문을 연지 5년 째. 그의 손끝이 당기를 기다리는 문화재급 서화(書畵)들이 공방 곳곳에 있다. 그의 손에 들어오는 것들은 박물관 소장품이나 종갓집에서 오랜 시간 잠을 자던 조상들의 유품들이다.

공방 한편에 서있는 하얀 병풍을 자세히 보니 칸마다 책 페이지가 베일 덮인 듯 붙어 있다. 보수한 책의 쪽들을 떼어 말리는 과정이다. 그가 마름과정을 거친 지면을 대나무 갈로 병풍에서 떼어낸다. 순식간에 겉옷이 벗겨진 지면들은 재책되기를 기다린다. 찢기고 때가 탄 책의 과거는 사라지고 새로운 책으로 거듭나는 것이다.



have been kept at museums or Jongajip (the head families).

The columns of white screens standing against the wall were covered and veiled. It is the process of drying the pages of books that have been rejuvenated. After this drying process, the surface will be detached from the screen with a bamboo knife. The surfaces from which the covers have been stripped off are awaiting redevelopment into a book. A book's past - torn and burnt - will be gone; it will become a totally new book.

Kang even showed the cover of an old book. He applies lead evenly at the back of the patterned wood and thickened Korean paper, which will become the cover of the book. Then, he puts the Korean paper on the patterned wood with a stone and starts rubbing. After rubbing for a while, the pattern on the wood was printed clearly. "Shouldn't this be the beginning of book art?", said Kang. The wisdom of our ancestors in applying lead for book cover design to prevent worms was well demonstrated.

The teacher, during his 70 years as an inarch grafter, rejuvenated 70 national treasures, including IlwolOakdo near Geunjeong Palace in Gyeongbok Palace, the portraits of King Gongmin and Princess Nokuk, as well large Buddha statue. The works Kang has done with his teacher have made him a skilled technician. The unforgettable pieces he has worked on include the Buddhist statues in Mountain Cheongnyang and Beopju Temple, as well as Taenghwa in Palsang-do.

It usually takes three to six months to complete the work. Although these objects have been pronounced dead, he believes that there are still precious ties to such objects. When he finishes the rejuvenation process after great effort, the happiness he feels from the achievement cannot be compared to anything.

Worried that traditional inarch grafting will disappear one day, he plans to publish a book on what he has learnt from his teacher. For modern people who are more used to the term "mounting" rather than "inarch grafting", he is giving up his time to train people and allow them to get onsite experience.

The last part of the rejuvenation work is recording the rejuvenation process, which is about writing the time, place and person involved in the rejuvenation process. The record is attached on the back of a painting. The only person that has access to this record is the next person that will rejuvenate the work. The record conveys information for the next person, who may come along in 100 years or 50 years, so that the person can efficiently rejuvenate the piece. This is also a form of interaction and communication between masters, transcending time. "We write our names on the record, but we shall not disclose it to the world."

It is always the original artist that comes first and the rejuvenator is comes at a point in time where we can see some kind of thoughtful consideration. It is surely a virtue of a master.





History of an inarch grafter

The inarch grafter, during the Chosun Dynasty, was in charge of grafting paintings, books and embroideries on clothing. There were two grafters at Gongjo, four at Sangui-won and two at Dohwaseo. The grafting work is divided into three parts: inarching, trimming and rejuvenating. There is frame inarching, paper inarching, silk fabric inarching, paper arching, line attachment on paper and silk fabric inarching on the cover.



배첩장의 역사

배첩장은 조선시대 공조(工曹)에 2인, 상의원(尙衣院)에 4인, 도화서(圖畫署)에 2인이 배정되어 어진(御眞), 서화, 서적의 배첩뿐 아니라 복식류의 자수와 같은 장식품도 담당하였다. 배첩 작업은 배접(裱接)·회장(回裝)·보수(補修)의 3단계로 나눌 수 있다. 배접에는 틀배접, 주지배접, 비단배접, 색지배접, 주지에 윤선불이기, 표지의 비단배접 등이 있다.

내친김에 그는 고서(古書)의 표지 작업을 보여준다. 무늬가 새겨진 능화판과 책 겉표지로 쓰일 두꺼워진 한지 뒷면에 밀납을 고루 바른다. 그리곤 돌로 능화판에 한지를 얹어 문지르기 시작한다. 한참을 문지르니 능화판의 문양이 한지에 선명해진다. “이것이 북아트의 시초가 아니겠어요?” 좀벌레 방지를 위해 밀납을 바르고 책 겉표지를 디자인한 우리 조상들의 지혜가 눈에 펼쳐진다.

스승은 배첩장으로 산 70년간 경복궁 근정전에 있는 일월오악도와 공민왕 노국공주 초상화, 패불(불교 의식에 사용하는 대형 불화) 등 국보급 작품 70여 점을 보수했다. 스승과 했던 작업들은 그를 실력가로 만들었다. 청량산 패불, 법주사 패불과 팔상도 탱화 등이 기억에 남는 작업이다.

“정말 엄두나지 않는 걸레처럼 된 탱화가 오는 경우도 있습니다. 순간 버려야하나 보수해야하나 고민하게 되지만 결국 값을 들고 수술에 들어갑니다.”

작업은 상황에 따라 3~6개월 정도의 시간을 요구한다. 사망 선고 받은 물건들이지만 그것도 귀한 인연이라 생각하고 힘들어 소생시켰을 때 그 성취감은 그 무엇과도 비교될 수 없다.

그는 전통방식의 배첩 과정이 사라질지 모를 우려감 때문에 스승에게 배운 방식을 그대로 책으로 펴낼 계획을 하고 있다. ‘배첩’이라는 단어보다 ‘표구’에 익숙한 현대인들에게 배첩을 체험하게 하고 전수하기 위한 재능 기부와 전수 교육도 틈틈이 하고 있다.

작품 보수의 마지막은 보수기(補修記)를 기록하는 것이다. 몇 년 몇 월 언제부터 언제까지 어디서 누가 어떤 순서로 어떻게 보수했다는 것을 써놓는 것이다. 보수기는 그림 뒤에 붙여 놓는다. 다음 보수할 사람만이 그 보수기를 볼 수 있다. 100년 후든 50년 후든 다시 보수할 때 누가 하더라도 그 보수기를 보면 작품을 효율적으로 보수할 수 있게 하는 배려의 마음이 내포돼 있다. 무엇보다 보수 장인들끼리 시공을 초월해 소통하는 방식이기도 하다.

“보수기에 이름 석자를 적어 놓긴 하지만 만천하에 드러내놓지 않는 것이 원칙입니다.” 원작자가 우선이고 그것을 소생시킨 보수자는 그 다음이라는 숨은 배려에 다시 한번 고수의 풍모가 전해져 온다.



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Similar, but different



Songdo Convensia & Vancouver Convention Centre

What are some of the similarities that Korea and Canada share? There are many differences such as the size of the land area, the language, the appearance of the people and cities and the culture. But, there is one thing definitely similar. To be more accurate, Songdo in Korea and Vancouver in Canada have something in common. That is, they have the biggest convention centers in their respective countries - Vancouver Convention Centre located at the border of the city and sea and Songdo Convensia facing Central Park where the sea water flows. This section describes the features of these two well-known places, which are somewhat similar, but different.



Unique design and environmentally-friendly building

Songdo Convensia, which was inspired by the T'aebaek Mountain range, is unique and sensual in its design and is built in an environmentally-friendly way. Based on efforts to maximize the energy efficiency, Songdo Convensia was the first convention center in Asia to receive LEE-NC, the global environmentally-friendly building grading system award. Built on a 100 thousand m² site, Songdo Convensia is capable of successfully holding international events with its multi-functional conference rooms and facilities including an exhibition room and premium ballrooms. In addition, the infrastructure surrounding Songdo Convensia has been well established and includes hotels, commercial buildings, leisure activities and shopping facilities and features such notable places as Central Park, Northeast Asia Trade Tower, and the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club.

Vancouver Convention Centre was built in 2009 with the goal of providing citizens with convenience and leisure facilities. The Centre has attracted a lot of attention because of its unique exteriors, and it has applied environmentally friendly building methods like Songdo Convensia. The optimized design used for the building establishes a green network in association with the Waterfront Park, and the grass field on top of the building enhances energy efficiency and reduces energy consumption.

With the water flowing, dreams surge further

Aside from the wonderful facilities that both places possess, we must also mention the beautiful scenery found at these two places. Vancouver Convention Centre is located near Coal Harbour, which has a beautiful view. In particular, it is directly connected to Coal Harbour by an enclosed walkway, enabling the visitors to appreciate the scenery and take a rest on benches dotted along the walkway.

There are also many leisure activities near Songdo Convensia. Just a three minute walk from Songdo Convensia, you will see Central Park, the nation's first seawater park; the park is divided according to five conceptual themes - sculpture garden, formal garden, stroll garden, terrace garden and grass garden. The water taxi moves along the water canal, and when you ride in it, you can enjoy dolphin structure, Rabbit Island, deer farm and Manneken Pis structure in a very relaxed atmosphere. And at the East Boathouse there are urban water leisure programs such as canoeing, kayaking, boating and bicycling. Also, family bicycles are available for use.



The peerless texture of soft and juicy Jjooggoomi (webfoot octopus)

‘Keunson Jjooggoomi Maeul’ has a special hot barbecue taste

A particular type of food comes to mind during this time of year. Indeed, that food is ‘Jjooggoomi (webfoot octopus)’ and its texture is delightfully chewy. Not only is Jjooggoomi delicious but it is also good for the body thanks to large quantities of amino acids and taurine that it contains. This makes it effective when recovering from hangovers and preventing adult diseases as it promotes recovery from fatigue as well as detoxifying the liver and lowering blood cholesterol levels. We introduce you to one of the best restaurants that offers great ‘Jjooggoomi’ dishes, a food that is delicious and in season at the moment.

Opening hours: 11:00am~10:00pm
Holidays: Open year-round except Lunar New Year and Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving) holidays
Reservations: 032-555-5819
Directions: 6~7 minutes from Gyesan subway station, 5~6 minutes from Gyodae subway station

Matured for 24 hours, Jjooggoomi full of barbecue taste

'Keunson Jjooggoomi Maeul' on the 2nd floor of the Daeil building, at 144 Gyesan-ro, Gyeyang-gu, Incheon is famous for some delicious Jjooggoomi dishes boasting a smooth yet chewy texture. Opened nine years ago, the secret to its savory Jjooggoomi dishes can be found in its special seasoning sauce made with a combination of fruits and 16 different grains and seeds including rice, sesame seeds, and peanuts. Here, a subtle touch of charcoal barbecue aroma is added to the Jjooggoomi to complete its taste and captivate our taste buds.

The secret of success behind this restaurant's Jjooggoomi dish is to mature the Jjooggomi for more than 24 hours and then quickly stir fry the soft yet juicy Jjooggoomi at high heat to add the taste of charcoal barbecue. This is why people of all ages and genders enjoy this Jjooggoomi dish. The restaurant's main menu is Jjooggoomi bibimbap (Jjooggoomi mixed rice) with five different vegetables including bean sprouts, bracken, zucchini, cooked radish, and fresh radish as well as stir fried Jjooggoomi. It is notable that only small amounts of salt are added to the vegetables to keep them light and fresh which, in turn, brings out the spicy taste of Jjooggoomi. Along with the main dish, the restaurant offers some light Moolkimchi (watery kimchi) seasoned using only Cheongyang red pepper and onion, and also a pot of aromatic Doenjang stew (bean paste stew). For those who don't enjoy spicy food, the stir fried Jjooggoomi is offered in mild, medium, and spicy forms. Finally, you can eat all the rice and vegetables that you want.

Honest taste is our promise to customers

"Although we have established ourselves down now thanks to our reputation being spread by word of mouth, there were countless trials and errors along the way to making 'Keunson Jjooggoomi Maeul' into what it is today" says owner Ham Geum-ok. Ham decided to open a restaurant after an unsuccessful stint in construction. The problem was that Ham had no experience in cooking, only 20 years of experience in hair dressing.

Having lived in Oido, Ansan in Gyeonggi Province, Ham had plenty of opportunities to try Jjooggoomi dishes at nearby restaurants and, as a result, came up with the idea to open one himself. With a Jjooggoomi restaurant in mind, Ham toured popular Jjooggoomi restaurants around the country to

taste their dishes and do research. All that effort and perseverance paid off in the form of Ham's special seasoning sauce. The recipe for this special seasoning sauce, still a secret to everyone else except Mr. and Mrs. Ham, is their no. 1 asset. Ham says, "Although it was tough and difficult times, customers saying "this is delicious" and the praise we received kept us going to this day" and they close up shop for the day when they run out of ingredients to maintain taste standards. Ham adds, "We will keep this honest taste by putting taste before money."

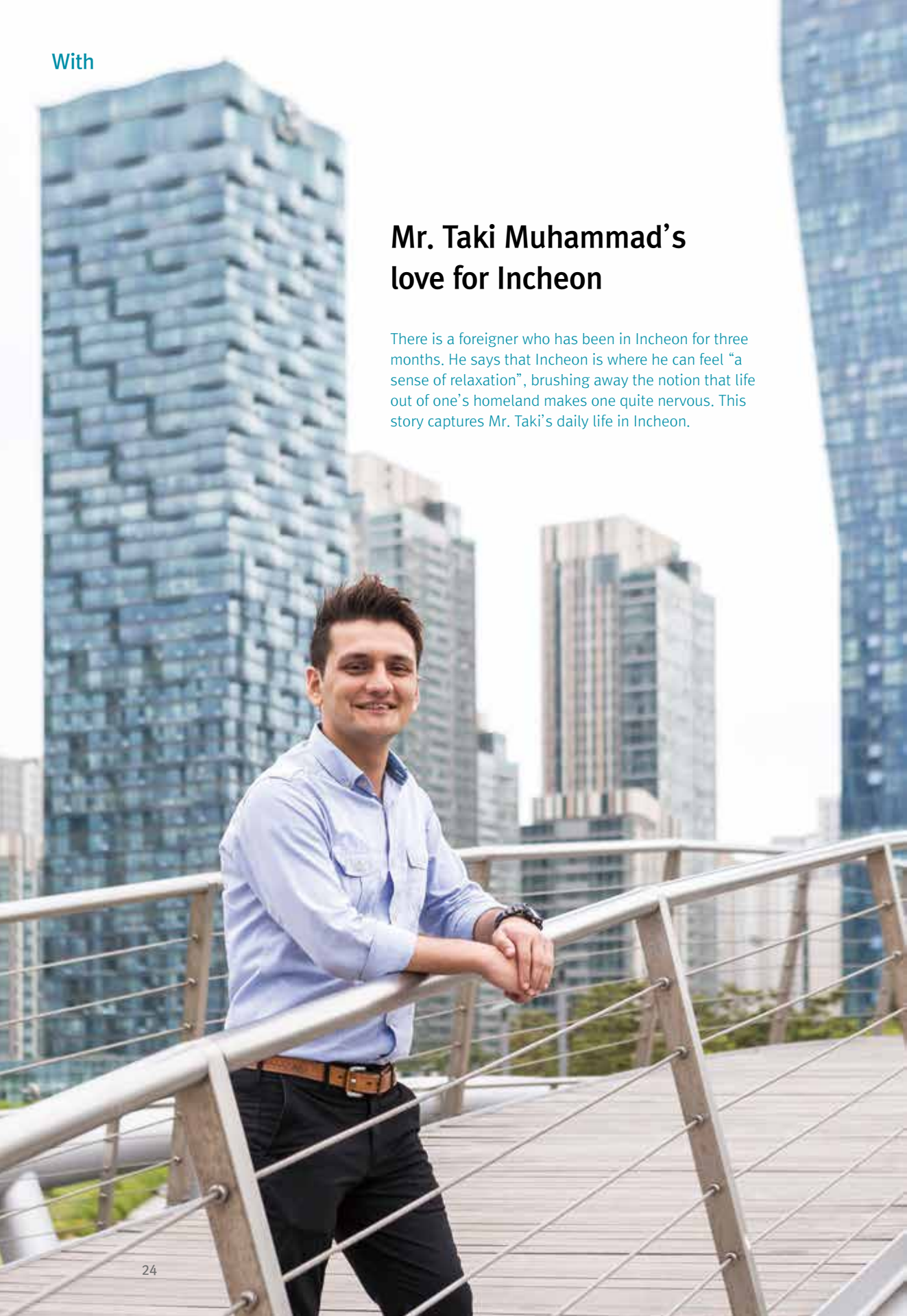
It seems that Ham's principles and promise to customers is what has made Keunson Jjooggoomi Maeul famous. Apart from the original Yeonsu restaurant, Keunson Jjooggoomi Maeul now has plans to open three more chains in Yeongjong, Cheongna, and Ilsan this fall thanks to success achieved through word of mouth.



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Mr. Taki Muhammad's love for Incheon

There is a foreigner who has been in Incheon for three months. He says that Incheon is where he can feel "a sense of relaxation", brushing away the notion that life out of one's homeland makes one quite nervous. This story captures Mr. Taki's daily life in Incheon.



He doesn't feel lonely although Incheon is a totally new city to him, since getting to know about this city has become a great pleasure and enjoyment for him.

Following a friend over to Korea

Mr. Taki Muhammad, who is 25 years old, came to Korea five years ago. After graduating from a highschool in Pakistan, he was hoping to study overseas, so he looked for the right country for overseas studies. Fortunately, his friend, who then was staying in Korea, told him about this country, persuading him to come to Korea. His life in Korea began as he joined a one-year Korean language course at Myongji University. Then, upon entrance into Yonsei University's School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering in 2011, Mr. Taki's genuine Korean life got started. However, even having lived in this country for four years, Mr. Taki still has difficulties in his life in Korea, although he believes that he understands Korean culture quite extensively.

"I went to Korean style sauna several times with my friends. Although the atmosphere is quite friendly, I really couldn't have myself get in there with them. It is a part of a cultural practice one can never imagine in my homeland," said Mr. Taki. Like normal Korean university students, Mr. Taki was worried about his career after graduation.

"Many large companies came to the campus for recruiting purposes. I also submitted an application and got a job interview. But, due to the absence of a Korean resume and qualification certificates, I just didn't get the job."

However, he does not have any regrets. Taki says it would have been good if he got a job related to his

major, but since he was also interested in the trade business, Taki looked for a position in a trading company. Fortunately, he got a job at a trading company that has its counterparts in Southeast Asia including his homeland, Pakistan.

A man who commutes to Songdo every morning

Although Mr. Taki Muhammad lives in Shinchon, his day starts in Songdo, Incheon every morning. Incheon used to be merely a new and unfamiliar city before he came here to work. But, now, Incheon means more to him. "I am so glad that my first workplace is here in Incheon. The life in such a fantastic city will be a memory that I will keep for a longtime."

Taki is exhibiting his full potential at his workplace where he is responsible for both imports and exports related work. During lunchtime, he goes out to nearby restaurants. The restaurants he enjoys going to are bunsik (light meal) restaurants like Kimbapcheonguk, because he likes to eat something light and something that suits his taste. In particular, mixed rice is the menu that he enjoys the most. Also, he likes kimchi stew and bean curd stew. Although he is not fastidious about foods, Taki does not eat pork due to his religious beliefs.

After lunch, he enjoys taking a walk or going window shopping in nearby shops. He doesn't feel lonely although Incheon is a totally new city to him, since getting to know about this city has become a great pleasure and enjoyment for him.

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and thought he found a new feature of Korea.*

Incheon becomes more attractive

What Taki was surprised at when he first came to Incheon was the overwhelming impression this city gave. He felt this city was very exotic, something that he couldn't feel in Seoul, and thought he found a new feature of Korea. Everywhere he went in Songdo was attractive in terms of the landscape. After work, he often spends his time with a friend studying at Incheon National University. They go shopping together, drink tea and sometimes go to Songdo Library of International Organizations to search for data or read a book. The place that attracted him the most is NC Cube Canal Walk.

"NC Cube Canal Walk gave me a totally new experience. Not only is it beautiful in its structure, but it gives a sense of relaxation and leisure as there are many shops to go shopping in and coffee shops for taking a rest. It is even more attractive than Gangnam in Seoul. I really love it."

Not only that, Central Park has also become one of his favorite places due to its scenery, peaceful atmosphere and beauty.

Getting to know more about Incheon, the baseground for Taki's life

On weekends, Taki spends a great deal of time sleeping and watching movies, but he also comes to Incheon to meet his friend. Like a man who has just started dating a girl, he wants to meet Incheon more often.



"First of all, I would like to ride on the water boat in Central Park, my favorite place. Also, I want to watch a baseball game in Munhak Baseball Stadium where I may feel passion and joy. In Pakistan, many people enjoy cricket, but not many Koreans know about this sports. So, instead, I joined the baseball team, but I have never watched the game on site."

Taki wants to know more about Incheon aside from Songdo International City. His three month experience in Incheon has led him to want to learn more about Incheon in-depth. So, Taki is planning to take a look around the islands, harbors and sea step by step. In addition, he now has a dream of settling here in Incheon to study and work at the same time. "I hope that I can continue my career in the trade business. Also, I want to be either a researcher or professor after getting my master and doctorate degrees. This place will surely offer me the opportunity to study and work."



History that runs proud, walking along Ganghwa Strait

Travelling along Hogukdongdae-gil,
Ganghwa Nadeul-gil (trekking route)
course no. 2





Summer is starting to settle into the landscape that was filled to the brim with the abundance of spring. Summer slowly spreads across Ganghwado Island and colors it white and clear. Sitting an hour away from the city, Ganghwado Island contains both the history and culture of Incheon. We would like to introduce you to Ganghwa Nadeul-gil (trekking route) course no. 2, a route that offers a trip into peaceful nature for an opportunity to meet the radiant summer and a deeply bedded patriotic spirit.



Chojijin

Course information

Distance :6.3km
Time required :1 hour
Course no. 2, Hogukdongdae-gil :
Ganghwa Chojijin fortress → Deokjinjin fortress →
Yongdudondae → Gwangseongbo
Directions : Cross Ganghwa Choji bridge and turn right to
the Chojijin fortress public parking lot

Ganghwa Nadeul-gil is something borrowed temporarily from nature.

Deokjindondae



Gwangseongbo

Chojijin



Chojijin fortress, a living historical monument

Chojijin fortress appears in the distance after crossing the outstretched Choji bridge. Ganghwa Neumnae-gil course no. 2 extends along the coast and offers a chance to come face to face with the patriotic spirit of Ganghwado, an island which raised its banner to defend its country. Located halfway through Ganghwa Neumnae-gil, Chojijin fortress is a small defense facility less than 500m in circumference. Built in 1679 during the reign of King Sukjong of the Joseon Dynasty, the fortress was completely lost through countless battles only to be restored to its current state in 1976. Even after its restoration, the scars of battle still remain. Parts of the fortress wall lost to cannonballs provide more value than just history to its visitors. Battle scars found all over the fortress are a form of living history, one that people feel with their hearts rather than read with their eyes.

Past Chojijin fortress, which is surrounded by a half-moon shaped fortress wall, and walking further along the coastline, the seashore laced with wild flowers and sunshine presents visitors with a modest measure of beauty. The earthy trail that leads onto a gentle slope along the sea is oh-so soft. This forgiving dirt road that absorbs our footsteps gracefully is in stark contrast to asphalt roads that return the shock harshly to our feet. This is one of the reasons why one cannot help but love Neumnae-gil. The trail runs smoothly along the coastline. Walking along the trail past a gentle hill brings people to Deokjindondae inside Deokjijin fortress.



A stronghold for the waterways of Ganghwa, Deokjindondae

Deokjindondae is one of 53 dondaes (fortifications) in Ganghwado Island. Located in the middle of Gwangseongbo and Chojijin fortress, it used to be the most important stronghold for the waterways of Ganghwa. Built in 1679, Deokjindondae was the scene of an intense artillery battle that lasted two days against the American Navy during Shinmiyangyo (US expedition to Korea in the year Shinmi) alongside Namjangpodae and Deokpopodae. The exhibited artillery and artillery openings in the fortress wall paint a vivid picture of the fierce battle. Climbing up layers of battlements, visitors get a clear view of Ganghwado Strait. Small fishing boats floating on the quick currents in the Strait seem like they are cradled by the scars of battle and create a lyrical feeling. The path past Deokjindondae and towards Gwangseongbo features fields and the coastline on each side. The gently sloping Neumnae-gil is perfect for experiencing the Ganghwa that has hardly been touched by man. The fields seem to be soaking wet with seawater but they welcome visitors with their homely atmosphere.

Taking in the full view of Ganghwa Strait, Gwangseongbo

Ganghwa Nadeul-gil is something borrowed temporarily from nature. The path leading to Gwangseongbo is not even and it is steep at times but this allows visitors to step into nature that much deeper. Visitors face the sea and wind, in addition to the earth and sky that spreads along the coastline. Walking itself becomes a healing process and a small part of nature. Gwangseongbo became one of the fiercest battleground when the American Rogers invaded with his fleet, 1,230 sailors strong, demanding trading concessions on April 24, 1871. Today, Gwangseongbo is popular as a historic attraction with its well restored artillery, artillery battery, and fortress. Also, it offers a full view of the sea and an impressive curved-shape design for the dondae.

The world’s top 24 golfers in one place



The President Cup 2015

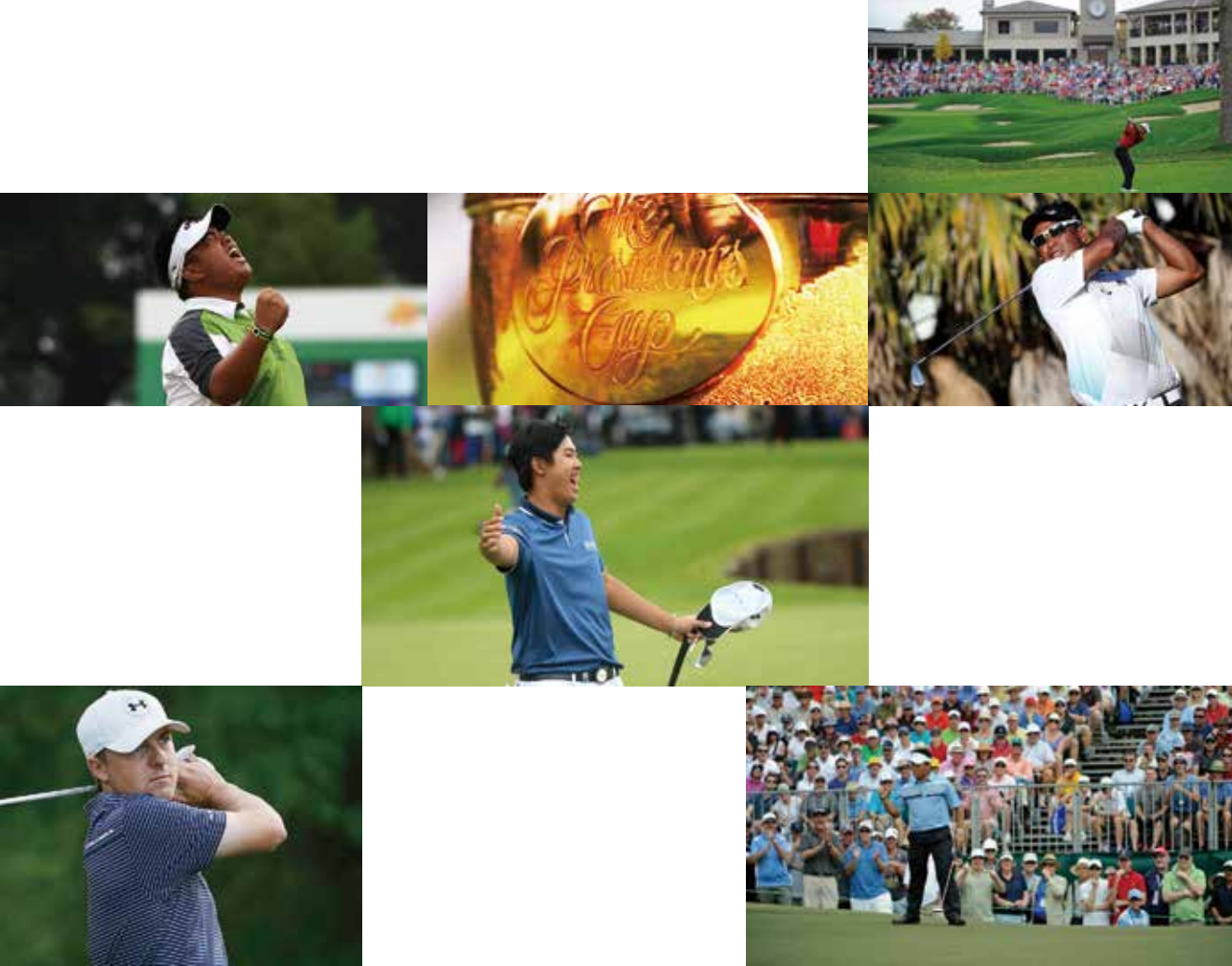
The Presidents Cup 2015, the best golf tournament in the world, gets under way at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea located in the International Business District at Songdo, Incheon between October 6 and 11. The Presidents Cup is expected to raise Incheon’s status as a leader in international sports and establish a foundation upon which the city can build the infrastructure for global sporting events.



The Presidents Cup comes to Songdo international city in October

The Presidents Cup 2015 is a great opportunity to promote ‘Incheon Songdo international city’ around the world. Over one billion people across 225 countries and territories will watch the tournament in 30 different languages, and major broadcasting, communication, and media outlets around the world including The Golf Channel on NBC (international), SBS, and SBS Golf (domestic) will simultaneously descend on Songdo international city. It is the first time this event has been hosted in Asia, and this year’s Presidents Cup gathers together the top 24 golfers in the world as they compete for national and team honor. Golfing fans in Korea and around the world are anticipating a once in a lifetime competition at the Presidents Cup 2015.





World’s top golfers in one place

Legendary golfers, David Graham and Arnold Palmer among many, have served as captains in the past and some of the best golfers in the world including Tiger Woods, Ernie Els, David Love III, and Fred Couples have all competed with the honor of their countries on the line. Korean golfers who have participated in the event are Choi Kyung-ju (2003, 2007, 2011), Yang Yong-eun (2009, 2011), and Kim Kyung-tae (2011). For the American team, the top ten players with the most amount of Fedex Cup points earned on the official PGA TOUR between the 2013 BMW Championship and 2015 Deutsche Bank Championship will be selected for the team based on merit. 2015 results will be given double the weight. The final roster for each team, which will include two additional players on each side chosen by the captains, is expected to be announced on September 8, 2015.

A tournament without prize money

Unlike other tournaments, the Presidents Cup is famous for donating all proceeds from the event to charities designated by the players and captains on each team rather than having the players take home any prize money according to match results. The donations since 1994 amount to more than USD 32 million (KRW 32.9 billion). The Presidents Cup trophy is made by Tiffany & Co. and weighs 28 pounds (12 kilograms). It is crafted by spinning five distinctly shaped rings made with sterling silver. A silversmith gathers the five parts together to create a single cup, then adds decorative beads at the bottom of the trophy using a roller die, and etches the Presidents Cup logo on the Cup. It takes a total of 80 hours (spinning, forging and finishing) to produce the trophy. Plated in 24k gold, the original trophy is kept at the World Golf Hall of Fame in Saint Augustine, Florida.

School Transfer Guidelines

The education environment for children is one of the most important considerations that foreigners must take into account when considering moving or emigrating. Incheon, utilizing the catchphrase “Education in Incheon Makes Everyone Happy” to characterize its approach, is implementing various initiatives in relation to education and welfare for those who have come from overseas. Let’s learn more about the transfer system for foreign students who will dream big in Incheon.



1. School transfer candidates

The school transfer is targeted at children or students who are returning from overseas countries. Also, the school transfer is open to those who cannot be admitted or transferred due to the following reasons: no records of living in Korea before entering or transferring to an elementary school and no records of attending a local school in Korea.

2. Returning student classification

1) Special transfer students

Those who have completed more than nine years of a school curriculum overseas or completed a school curriculum corresponding to elementary school and middle school

- Children of scientific technicians or professors who are returning upon the invitation or recommendation of the government
- Foreign students (In the case where one of the parents is a Korean national, the children shall have completed over two years of middle school curriculum in an overseas country.)

2) General returning students

Elementary School & Middle School: Those students who have studied for over six months in an overseas country

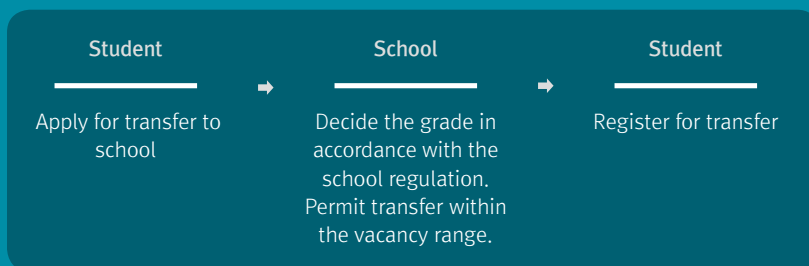
High school: Those who have studied for over six months in an overseas country and are not eligible for special transfers

3. Standards for Overseas School Education Approval

In the case where the educational system is different from Korea's, the overseas' country school curriculum and grades are approved in accordance with the Korean educational system's grading and term time guidelines.

- 1st–6th grade curriculum in overseas country → Elementary School
- 7th–9th grade curriculum in overseas country → Middle School
- 10th–12th curriculum in overseas country → High School

4. Admission process



5. Publishing office for necessary materials

Certificate of fact for immigration

- Immigration office (contact: Foreigners Help Center ☎ 1345)
- Community Service Center
- Minwon 24 site (<http://www.minwon.go.kr>) (Financial authentication certificate necessary)

Certificate of Domestic Residence Report

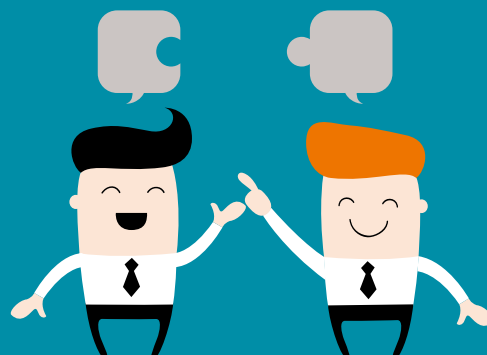
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Registration of Korean nationals residing abroad

- Korean Embassy in the residing country
- Emigration section, Consul Service at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade ☎ 2100-7578

Certificate of Domestic Residence Report

- Immigration office
(contact: Foreigners Help Center ☎ 1345)
- Community Service Center
- Minwon 24 site (<http://www.minwon.go.kr>)
Financial authentication certificate necessary





The Treaty of Amity and Commerce between the United States of America and Korea was reenacted at the Hwadojin Festival held at the Hwadojin Park in Dong-gu, Incheon in the afternoon of May 22. The Treaty was initiated on May 22, 1882 in Hwadojinji, and it was the first treaty of amity and commerce ever concluded with the West.

(Incheon Governor Yoo Jeong-bok is the third person from the left in the picture)

The “Songdo Festival Walk Project: Street Mall” to start building in November

The commercial complex, “Songdo Festival Walk Project: Street Mall”, will begin its first phase in November this year. Going beyond the conventional food and fashion commercial complex concept, the Songdo Festival Walk Project will focus on the main concept of the “Korea’s representative street where everyone wants to walk”, orienting towards family-centric leisure and a cultural complex where leisure activities, cultural entertainment and healing time can be acquired all at once. In addition, the complex aims at establishing a street where various experiences, activities and enjoyment are present. An official at IFEZ said, “With the opening of the street mall, a family-centric commercial and cultural complex, in February 2017, the largest shopping cluster that connects to the nearby shopping centers will be established, vitalizing Songdo International City.” For enquiries contact: IFEZ ☎453-7222



Incheon Transit Corporation enhances facility sterilization and cleaning

The Incheon Transit Corporation is enhancing its efforts into sterilization and cleaning of public transportation means including the metro and call taxis for the disabled in order to minimize the anxiety over MERS spread.



The corporation has established a general team in charge of the control tower and will conduct enhanced sterilization for the stations and metro cabins twice a month, while expanding the range of sterilization to handles within the station, offices and automatic ticket machines. In addition, hand sterilizers will be placed at all stations by July 10th. The corporation will also conduct preventive measure education for onsite employees who are susceptible to exposure, and establish emergency measures to prepare for possible vacancies due to quarantine. Also, in order to prevent possible spread of the virus, the call taxi drivers for the disabled are directed to wear masks all the way to the entry of hospitals, since the disabled people use call taxis to get to hospital for medical treatment. Moreover, in case the crisis alert level is elevated, the masks will be distributed to every single staff.

Traffic Control between Airport Entrance Intersection and Unbuk IC of Incheon International Airport Expressway

From July 1, Incheon International Airport Corporation has been controlling the section of Yeongjong Haeanbuk-ro Unbuk IC that is the right road at the airport entrance intersection of Incheon International Airport Expressway. The control period will continue until 6:00 p.m. of December 31, 2016.

According to Incheon International Airport Corporation, in preparation of opening of Passenger Terminal 2 of Incheon International Airport in 2018, the existing four-lane section will be constructed to a six-lane section and traffic will become congested as a result of the work.

During the traffic control period, all vehicles heading for Jangbong-do, Sin-do, Eulwang, Wangsan should use the airport new city intersection.

120 Michuhol Call Center moves to Songdo Michuhol Tower

The 120 Michuhol Call Center has moved from the City Hall IDC Building to Songdo Michuhol Tower. The 120 Michuhol Call Center provides citizen-centric quality administrative service through kind, prompt and accurate consultations on simple and repeated civil requests and appeals on a 24/7 basis.

In order to minimize inconvenience to Incheon citizens, the transfer work was done on weekends, when citizen enquiries decreases in number, over three days from May 22 to May 24. Since its launch in December 2011, the accumulated number of received calls at the Michuhol Call Center was 1,827,482 as of April, with 3,065 calls on average on a weekday and 679 calls on average during weekends.

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Free visit & pick service for recyclable electronic devices

Incheon has expanded the range of the free visit and pick up service for large recyclable electronic devices to 15 items.

The city has been initiating the “large sized recyclable electronic devices free pick up service” since last September in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and 17 municipal governments and the Korea Electronics Recycling Cooperative. This initiative taken is to resolve the citizens’ inconvenience coming from problems in transporting the large sized electronic devices that are no longer in use and to address the burden of waste fee, while promoting recycling.

Previously, the city picked up only items that are over 1 m, which included TV, refrigerators, laundry machines and air conditioners. Now the range has been expanded to 15 items, including microwaves, audio sets, desktop computers, etc. since March. In addition, the small

Incheon, a World Book Capital, becomes the hub of literature and culture

Incheon has finally been selected as the host city for the “Korean Reading Festival 2015”.

Incheon announced that it applied to host the “Korean Reading Festival” organized by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism. Incheon competed against Gumi, Gyeongbuk and Gangreung, Gangwon to host the Festival and became the final winner.

The Korean Reading Festival, which is in its second year, is a pan-national reading fair held by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and sponsored by the Publication Industry Promotion Agency of Korea.

With financial support of KRW 200 million, the Festival will be held for three days in September, the month of reading, across Incheon.

Meanwhile, through the hosting of the Reading Festival right after the UNESCO-appointed Incheon World Book Capital 2015, the city is looking forward to positioning itself as the hub of literature and culture.

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to medium sized electronic devices, which were only permitted in release with the selected large items, can be released separately as long as they are in a bundle of five items regardless of the size.

Meanwhile, Incheon has picked up 2,990 electronic devices – 467 refrigerators, 218 laundry machines, 62 air conditioners and 1,222 TVs – from September to December last year. As of end of May this year, the accumulated number of picked up devices totals 8,473, which shows an increase in the number of users. The initiative is receiving positive responses from the citizens.

In case the recyclable electronic devices need to be released, one can make a reservation via the homepage on recyclable electronic device item release information (www.edtd.co.kr) or call center (1599-0903_ or KakaoTalk (ID: weec). After your reservation is confirmed, the staff will visit your home on the reserved day and pick up the electronic devices.

Implementation of Comprehensive Countermeasures for 'Overcoming MERS'

Our city has been executing various countermeasures to revive the regional economy that was badly affected in the wake of the MERS scare (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome).

Firstly, the city increased the number of holidays for public office restaurants to revitalize local businesses. Accordingly, the city increased the holidays of the city hall restaurant from once a month (last Friday of every month) to once a week (every Friday). It was decided at a regular meeting of county governors and ward heads that 10 Guns and Gus of Incheon would also actively participate in the increased holiday measure for public office restaurants.

Furthermore, the city together with Incheon Business Agency will sell at discount 'Oull' – which is a joint brand of Incheon cosmetics manufacturers. The city will tour 10 Guns and Gus until July 16 selling fundamental and functional cosmetics, and hair products that will be reduced by 30~60% from fixed prices. Oull cosmetics have been mainly sold in 'Hutique' which is the joint shop of Incheon cosmetics manufacturers, and the sales volume declined sharply in June compared to the previous month. The reduction in Hutique's sales was caused by the successive cancellations of tour visits to Incheon by Chinese tourists who account for 90% of all whole customers. Three thousands Chinese tourists who were scheduled to visit Incheon between June and August

have canceled their visits.

Furthermore, the city will make early fund support available for the management safety of small-sized enterprises for the 3rd quarter with 170 billion Won. General manufacturers in Incheon are supported with interest costs 2% maximum within 500 million won, and city designated promising small-sized enterprises, vision·local companies and excellent certified companies are supported at 2% within 0.8 to 2 billion won. The application for the management safety fund for the 3rd quarter is from July 1 in order of application on bizok.incheon.go.kr, the support system for small-sized enterprises.



The Songdo Bridge 4 that connects Songdo's new port and Namdong Industry Zone to open in July

The Songdo Bridge 4, which smoothly connects the Incheon New Port being constructed on Songdo International City Construction Site #10 with the downtown areas, will be opened in July this year.

IFEZ has moved up the opening period of the Songdo Bridge 4 by one month in anticipation of the traffic that is expected to get heavier with the partial opening of the Incheon New Ports both No.1.

The entry road to Songdo International City's construction sites #5 and #7, inclusive of the Songdo Bridge 4, is 5.28km in length and consists of a seven to nine-lane highway. Since the start of construction in 2009, a government and municipal-investment of KRW 193 billion was made into the project.

With the opening of the Songdo Bridge 4, IFEZ is looking forward to less congestion in traffic that connects from Songdo International City locations, including Incheon New Port and LNG basis, to Incheon downtown areas, Namdong IC and Gyeongin Expressway #3.



Start of First Yeongjong-do Firehouse Operation

The Incheon International Airport Firehouse that is the first firehouse of Yeongjong-do started operations on the 22nd of last month.

The Incheon International Airport Firehouse is located at the northern support complex of the airport at Unseo-dong, Jung-gu and has 171 fire-fighting officers and 25 pieces of large equipment including fire engines. The station covers Bukdo-myeon, Ongjin-gun such as Yeongjong-do, Sin-do, Si-do, Mo-do and Jangbong-dong including Incheon International Airport

In the past when an emergency occurred in Yeongjong-do, firefighters were sent from Seobu Firehouse, Jungbu Firehouse and Corporation Firehouse, but a swift response was not easy because distances from the firehouses are 30~33km.

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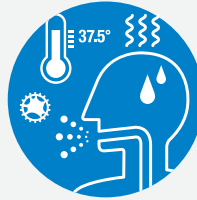
You can prevent MERS-CoV through awareness.

Definition



The Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) is caused by the coronavirus. The first known case was in Saudi Arabia in 2012.

Symptom



Symptoms can include fever, coughing and difficulties breathing. There can also be short breaths as well as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Vector of infection



Symptoms can begin to emerge within 2 to 14 days after infection. The disease is not contagious until the appearance of its symptoms.

Transmission



Patients infected by the syndrome can possibly transfer the virus and cause an infection in others by coughing or sneezing within 2 meters of the person.

Prevention



Wash your hands as often as possible. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and lips with unsanitized hands. When coughing, cover your nose and lips with a disposable tissue. Stay away from people who have a fever or who are coughing.

Self-Quarantine



If you have had a close contact with MERS patients, you should get in touch with your public health care center, even if no symptoms have yet emerged. You may also wish to keep yourself away from your family or coworkers for as long as 14 days.

10 things you must know about MERS

Incheon is centering its efforts into overcoming the current MERS issue and early settlement. The city has established a transfer system for the people who show symptoms similar to that of MERS, based upon the support from MERS-exclusive ambulances that belong to the fire stations under the control of Fire and Safety Management Department. In addition to it, living expense supplements will be offered to those who are in need of emergency living expenses due to quarantine issues. MERS-CoV is a disease that can be prevented and fully recovered from. Incheon will put its utmost efforts into relieving anxiety over the disease.

Medical Consultation



You need to receive medical consultation if you have either had contact with a MERS patient, recently visited the Middle East within the past 14 days or show any of the related symptoms.

Diagnosis



MERS can be diagnosed by RT-PCR, a technique that identifies the gene from saliva or phlegm, or from lavage fluid tested for bronchus.

Remedy



Patients will be given appropriate treatment depending on their symptoms. Those who need intensive care may need an artificial respirator and hemodialysis.

Those with no symptoms and no fever for 48 hours, or those who received negative results from their gene diagnosis twice per day can be discharged from the hospital.

Equipment



A medical team must take care of sanitization and be equipped with disposable gowns, gloves, N95 masks and eye protectors.



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