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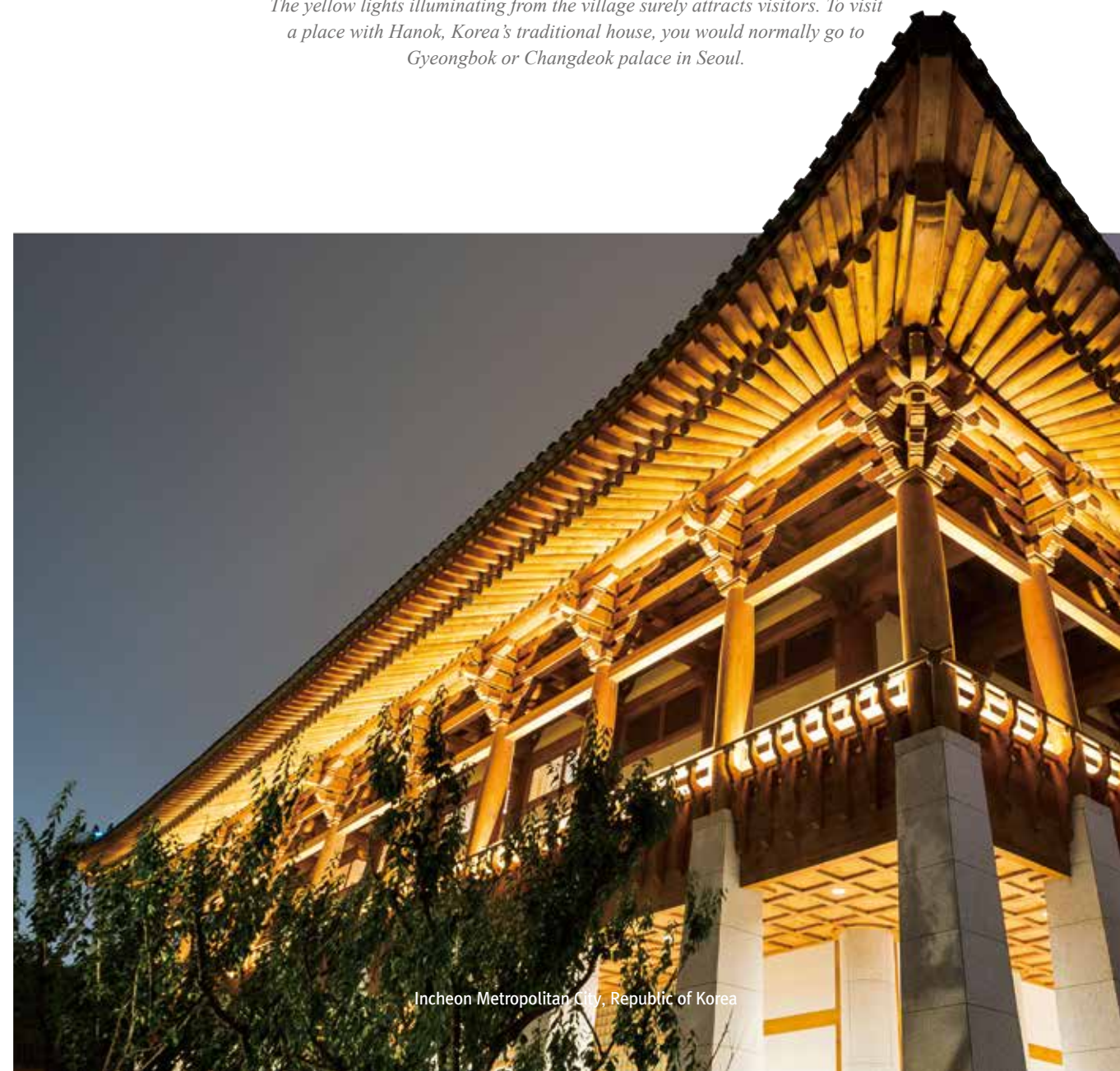
 
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Issue

The World's Alphabets to Gather at Incheon

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The National Museum of World Alphabets will be built in Songdo by 2020. This museum will be a center for exhibitions, experience and research into diverse alphabetic characters from around the world.

The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism announced that it has decided to choose Songdo International Business District as the site of a national museum of world alphabets. It had previously called for a bidding competition among various administrative cities. The museum will be involved in various activities related to world characters, letters and scripts and, therefore, it is expected that the reputation of Songdo as an international city that represents Korea will be enhanced.

Accessibility, potential and business capability are the three essential factors that an international city must possess.

A total of nine cities and districts participated in the site bidding, which was opened to administrative cities. The bidding process was overseen by site selection committee, which consists of experts in different fields. Songdo International Business District won out in the competition, defeating two other finalists - Sejong and Yeosu, Gyeonggi Province. In the first round where documentation was examined, the committee investigated a number of categories, including feasibility, environment, accessibility, possibility of development, and size of the potential market, as well as other factors such as policy and support scope. As a result of this screening process, Seoul, Incheon, Sejong, Gyeonggi and Chungbuk were chosen. In the second round, the committee visited potential sites to check conditions on the ground, and three finalists - Incheon, Sejong and Gyeonggi - were selected as a result of this. Songdo received the highest marks in a number of categories, including feasibility, accessibility and the size of the potential market and possibility of development. It is believed that the presence of international organizations, foreign schools and a convention center in Songdo persuaded committee members that Songdo has the potential to serve as a hub of academic exchanges related to world alphabets and the ability to activate relevant businesses.



A glance at the birth and vision of alphabets

With an investment of KRW 95 billion assigned to the project, the museum will include various facilities, including education centers, research labs, exhibition space, international conference rooms, and experience zone, as well as performance stage. It is expected that a sophisticated culture center will be established where various activities and events related to world alphabets will be held. National Museum of World Alphabets will be designed in a way that will offer people the opportunity to see and study the birth of world alphabets, their development stages and the future of world alphabets by creatively utilizing information communication technology including dimensional exhibition methods and digital alphabets. In particular, the “two-way digital experience education program”, which lets people from different countries interact with each other using a variety of alphabets, is expected to set a new paradigm in hands-on education at museums.

Incheon in harmony with the world

The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, in an effort to successfully establish the museum, will launch a joint committee featuring experts from various fields. The committee will spearhead active international exchanges, including World Alphabet Festival and other global events, and will collaborate with relevant institutions like the National Institute of the Korean Language, the National Hangeul Museum and the King Sejong Institute Foundation. In addition, the committee is planning to ask domestic and multinational companies for sponsorship for alphabet related businesses. Now, with the establishment of the National Museum of World Alphabet, the potential exists for creating the basis for exchanges involving Hangeul, the Korean alphabet, and world alphabets, and this will have greater significance than just creating a revenue stream for Incheon. With this opportunity, we look forward to familiarizing the world with Incheon’s cultural heritage, which has not yet become well known in the world, and Korea’s traditions, while making a leap forward to establish a culturally advanced country.



Sources : Haeinsa

Why it should be Incheon

The history of letters in Incheon rivals that of any other region. In 1234, Sangjeong Gogeu Yemun, the world’s first metal print book, was published. This, in fact, is 143 years before Jikji Simkyung, which is known as the world’s best metal print book. Two years later, Pal-man-dae-jiang-kyong began production in Ganghwa for 16 years, and it is now the the wooden block book with the longest history. In addition, there was Oegyujanggak, a subsidiary library of Gyujanggak, which was established by King Jeong Jo in 1782 as an archive for Royal family related books. However, unfortunately, the library and books were damaged as a result of an invasion carried out by the French in 1866. The archive was rebuilt at the site of Goryeo Palace in Ganghwa in 2003. Also, Songam

Park Du-seong, who is known as the King Sejong of visually impaired people due to his creation of Hunmaengjeongeum(a type of Braille), is said to have been born in Incheon. Songam Park Du-seong was born in Ganghwa in 1888 and created and distributed Hunmaengjeongeum, the Korean Braille, in 1926. With the thought, “The heart, as well as the world, will be closed if nothing can be seen”, he started creating Korean Braille in 1921. Amidst the cruel oppression that existed during Japanese colonial rule, he formed the Joseon Language Braille Research Committee as a repository for his research studies on Braille, establishing himself as one of Incheon’s outstanding historical figures and a national hero. And there is still more. CEO Lee Chan-jin, who developed “Hanguel World Processor 1.0” in 1989, was born in Bupyeong, Incheon. This strongly

points to Incheon’s long and rich relationship with letters. With the introduction of Hangeul Office 96, Lee, the current FORTIS CEO, has been introducing an upgraded version Hangeul World Processor each year, not only improving the Korean alphabet, but also making the excellence of Korean alphabet, Hangeul, known to the world.

In addition to these significant historical events, Incheon is a sufficiently attractive city to house the National Museum of World Alphabets. Firstly, Incheon has the perfect site on which a museum can be built. Central Park, which is an important location in Songdo International City, has abundant land and can accommodate many visitors. With its pre-established basic facilities, including roads, waterworks and drainage system, as well as electricity, there is no need for new work on facilities. Secondly, the population of foreign residents in Incheon is approximately 91,525. This shows that Incheon has now become a place where people from abroad come to learn and work, in contrast to previous times when people from Korea went overseas to study and learn. Thirdly, since Songdo is a home for many international education institutions like SUNY Korea, Chadwick International School, the University of Utah Asia Campus, George Mason University Korea and Ghent University Global Campus, which cannot be found in other cities, the museum will create opportunities for the students at these schools to learn and study. Fourthly, it is easy to access the city thanks to the excellent transportation infrastructure that includes an airport, port, railroad and highway. Especially, Incheon boasts one of the world’s best international airports, which allows for rapid connections to major population centers in Asia and around the world. Songdo is also a city where some of the world’s most reputable companies are gathered together, and is indeed a city that is rising as a Mecca of international exchanges and organizations such as GCF and WB. Accordingly, there are high expectations associated with the opening of this new museum and the business and cultural riches it will bring for present and future generations.



Songam Park Du-seong Commemoration Center

Songam Park Du-seong Commemoration Center is located in Incheon Welfare Center for the Blind. It was established to commemorate the life and achievements of Songam Park Du-seong, who committed himself to promoting education for the visually impaired by creating Korean Braille. With Incheon city acting as a benevolent sponsor, the center displays Songam’s belongings and research and stands as a testament to the effort to promote the welfare of blind people and all disabled people and serves as a model and inspiration for the generations to come.

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday (10:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.)
Holidays: Every weekend, national holiday
Contact point: 032) 876-3500

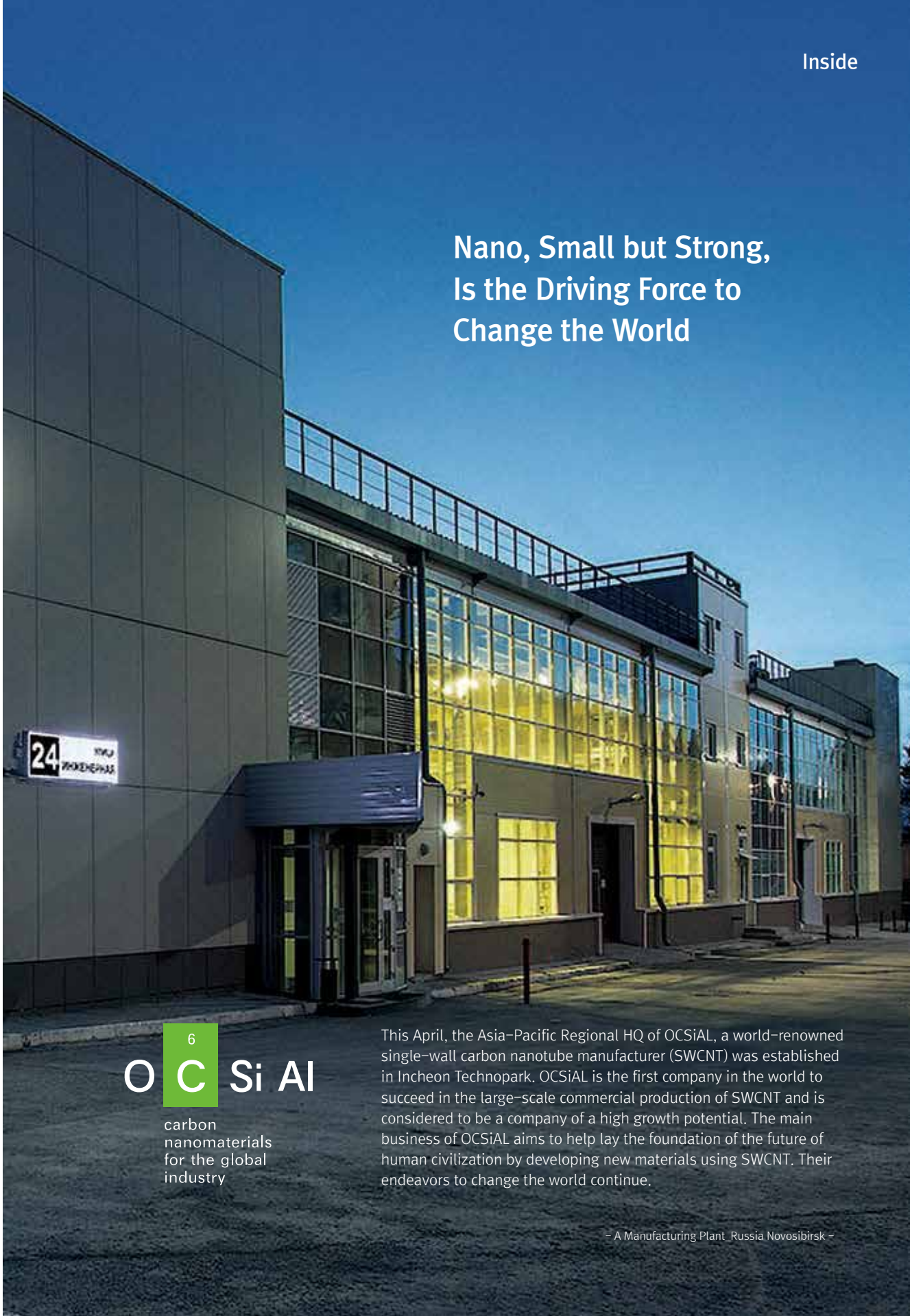


Oegyujanggak in Ganghwa

Ganghwa Oegyujanggak is an archive that was established in Ganghwa-do by King Jeongjo in 1782 to keep Royal family related books. It served as the subsidiary archive for Gyujanggak, which was the Royal Palace archive. Afterwards, it kept total of 1,000 books including protocols that recorded major events in the country. However, with the French army’s attack at Ganghwa-do during an invasion, 297 protocols were sacked and the rest were burnt. After a series of attempts to retrieve and restore materials, during the 2010 G20 Summit, an agreement was made by the two countries’ Presidents to return the royal documents on a five-year renewable loan basis. The protocols finally came back on June 11, 2011 – 145 years after they were taken away.

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Nano, Small but Strong, Is the Driving Force to Change the World



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for the global
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This April, the Asia-Pacific Regional HQ of OCSiAL, a world-renowned single-wall carbon nanotube manufacturer (SWCNT) was established in Incheon Technopark. OCSiAL is the first company in the world to succeed in the large-scale commercial production of SWCNT and is considered to be a company of a high growth potential. The main business of OCSiAL aims to help lay the foundation of the future of human civilization by developing new materials using SWCNT. Their endeavors to change the world continue.

“Find out how we change the world”

The history of OCSiAL begins with a question, which was: “how can we change the world?” The first thing President Victor Kim of the Asia Pacific HQ said when his interview with us began was: “Find out how we change the world.” This is just one of the many examples of how hard OCSiAL is working to realize the core value of the company.

The development of new materials has always led to change in the world. Starting from the Stone Age, materials have characterized the period humankind lived in, such as the Bronze Age, the Iron Age. Later, humans began to create new materials such as steel and aluminum in order to support the exponentially growing population. However, with the human population expected to grow to 9 billion by the year 2050, it is now mandatory that we make a new material. Now, we need a new and superior material, and the challenge we now face is how to commercially produce such materials in large quantities. As OCSiAL has succeeded in the stable commercial-scale mass production of the SWCNT material, the industry expects this achievement to bring about significant change in the world’s advanced material market due to the unique synthesis technology OCSiAL is using. TUBALL, which is the SWCNT product of OCSiAL, is cheaper than competing products by 50 times with 75% SWCNT contents, which is a considerable accomplishment. As a result, the list of customers looking forward to using this material for their businesses is becoming longer and longer. In fact, there are more than 50 companies that are currently developing products utilizing SWCNT materials based on the products of OCSiAL. OCSiAL’s core value of seeking to change e the world for the better is now being fulfilled.



Getting ready for business in the heart of North-Eastern Asia

OCSiAL has its HQ in Brussels, Belgium and regional HQs in Europe, the United States, and Russia, making it a company with global reach. It is not a coincidence that this company chose Incheon, instead of Japan or China, as the home for its Asia-Pacific Regional HQ. In Korea the fields in which new materials can be utilized, such as IT and the automobile industry, are highly invigorated. Koreans realized the importance and necessity of new materials and established nano centers and nano cooperatives to develop new technologies. And this is only a part of the abundant and generous support provided. There are a number of companies which conduct research activities related to CNT materials, and they have plenty of experience with SWCNTs. Also, being located in the very center of North-Eastern Asia will create an ideal site to serves as a bridgehead to the world.

Especially, Incheon is a city with good accessibility, due to its proximity to Incheon International Airport and Incheon Sea Port. Songdo International City, where the regional HQ of OCSiAL is located, is also home to many Korean and international big names in R&D, bio services, manufacturing, and sales, providing a powerful network and excellent infrastructure. The working environment in the city is also superb. President Victor Kim said he fell in love with the city at first glance and quickly decided that the regional HQ was to be established in Korea. Convenient transportation infrastructure,

a comfortable living environment, and beautiful parks of various sizes make working in Songdo very enjoyable, while enhancing work efficiency at the same time.

Creating Synergy to Herald a New Era

The main purpose of the Asia-Pacific Regional HQ is to invigorate cooperative relationships and develop new products with Korean partners while marketing Tuball, which is the SWCNT product of OCSiAL. For OCSiAL, localization of application products in cooperation with local partners is a key element for success due to advantages reaped from the simplified document issuance processes for international freights; shortened logistics lead time, and quality enhancement for the local market. As mentioned earlier, Tuball is sold at a much lower price than similar products produced by competitors, and this opens the door to new opportunity for Korean companies which could not continue their R&D efforts due to high prices. OCSiAL launched the lithium ion battery for the eco-friendly motorcycle, “SUNBIKE”, in cooperation with a Korean partner, “CM Partner”, during the “2015 Nano Korea” exhibition in July this year. It is expected this will mark the beginning of a stream of cooperative partnerships with other companies, research centers, government and other non-profit organizations, etc. OCSiAL is branching out further to the world and making observers wonder what changes it will introduce tomorrow.

Sweet Whispers from a Summer Midnight

The bright and lively atmosphere on the streets at night often surprise foreigners who visit Korea for the first time. In summer, in particular, a lot of people get out of their home to escape from the long night and sweltering heat. Let's have a closer look at places that will certainly cool you down as well as offer a great time to enjoy yourself.

Beautiful Night View of Songdo Central Park & Hanok Village

Songdo Central Park creates an exotic mood as well as offering a relaxing time. The waterways slowly running across the park, the promenades, and a variety of things to see welcome you to this newly developed green place. With a range of sculptures, a garden where Formosan deers and rabbits live, and the Boat House in which you can enjoy water sports like canoeing, it's quite hard to feel bored. Still, the real beauty of Central Park is unveiled when the sun goes down. The lights, peacefully illuminating the park, remind us of a shy girl. Once you see the night view of Central Park, you will just wish for the night to last. The glittering water and fresh air are so sweet that you just want to linger around a bit more.

The newly constructed Songdo Hanok Village adds a classical mood to the exotic atmosphere. These two places that seem opposite to each other in many respects are, indeed, greatly harmonized, creating a synergy effect. The yellow lights illuminating

from the village surely attracts visitors. To visit a place with Hanok, Korea's traditional house, you would normally go to Gyeongbok or Changdeok palace in Seoul. In Incheon, you can find the breathtaking beauty of this classical style at Central Park. The promenades and a small square in the village provide a relaxing time along with peaceful music. With restaurants and hotels, the place is excellent for those wanting to enjoy a great dining experience and the night view of Songdo.

Songdo Central Park & Hanok Village

Opening Hours: 12:00 ~ 22:00

Address: Songdo Hanok Village, Central Park,
Songdo-dong, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, Korea



Poolside 228 – A Dreamlike Resort in Urban Area

Dining and Swimming at the Same Time
‘Poolside 228’, an Italian restau-pub (restaurant + pub), in Songdo International Business District, is a hot place for dining where you always have to wait in queue to get in. Its chief attraction is its ‘exotic atmosphere.’ At the entrance, friendly servers wearing Hawaiian clothing welcome you. Next to the outdoor tables, there is placed a large pool (operated in summer time only), where colorful lights illuminate the entire area and you would feel as if you’re at Waikiki beach. Many foreign diners make the atmosphere even more exotic. The pool is quite shallow for adults but is enough to cool you down and is great for kids to swim in. With the pre-reservation program, you can save on summer vacation costs. In addition, the safety guards allow parents to focus more on chatting and relaxing. After swimming, you can take a brief shower at a clean shower booth. The second biggest attraction is the delicious dishes served. The restaurant (at daytime) and pub (at night) offer pastas, pizzas baked in forge, and handmade draft beer, etc. Poolside 228 is an ideal place for kids who easily feel bored after eating and parents who want to have a real fun time. Have a short but fantastic vacation time at Poolside 228 this summer!



Poolside 228
Opening Hours: 12:00 ~ 22:00
Address: 157, Haedoji-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, Korea

Melodies echoing at Night – Wolmi Moonlight Music Fountain

Water dancing to music – this is what you can see in Wolmi-do, Jung-gu, Incheon. Water from a fountain shoots up into the air and you can dance to a variety of music. Wolmi Moonlight Music Fountain, a must-visit place for those going on a date, is choreographed to a range of classical, jazz, and pop music. It shoots water up to 35m into the air, which takes vertical, circular, and elliptical shapes, accompanied by colorful lights. After the extravaganza ends, people linger and bask in the after glow. Still, Wolmi Moonlight Music Fountain isn’t all there is in Wolmi-do. In the neighborhood, you can find various things to see, enjoy and eat. Sculptures along the streets turn the mood romantic while the rides at ‘My Land’, an amusement park, attract tourists. In addition, over 110 restaurants in the area boast fresh seafood dishes. The fountain operates from 1PM, 7 times during weekdays and 8 times on weekends, for 20 minutes each, which means you can catch the opportunity to see the beautiful choreograph mostly at any time. A variety of sounds from water, music, and wind are gently harmonized and help you escape from the midnight heat. Come to see Wolmi Moonlight Music Fountain and make great memories with your family and sweetheart.

Operation time
May 1 to October 31 (Regular Maintenance Check on every Monday)
Weekdays: 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm (20 minutes each, 7 times)
Weekends: 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm (20 minutes each, 7 times)
Address: 98-57, Bukseong-dong 1-ga, Jung-gu, Incheon, Korea ☎032-763-8144
※ Not operated on rainy days



In his hands, Joseon comes back to life

Somokjang Yang Seok-jung

Typically, wooden furniture from the Joseon dynasty captures and reproduces nature as it is. How the furniture breathes, how it gets distorted is all taken into account when building a particular piece. Yongmok pattern, a wood grain pattern that develops only in old zelkova trees which have grown abnormally, is a typical example that shows that Joseon furniture is a reflection of nature. The Korea Annual Traditional Handicraft Art Exhibition is a competition for top craftsmen in Korea. A few years ago, a 'late-blooming carpenter' took home the Presidential award at this competition and made headlines. Somokjang Yang Seok-jung is the 'defiant' carpenter of our time who continues the tradition of Joseon furniture.

자연을 그대로, 조선 가구에 담다

소목장 양석중

조선의 목가구는 자연을 그대로 옮겨 놓는 게 특징이다. 가구가 숨을 쉬며 뒤틀림 하는 것 까지 생각해서 만든다. 비정상적으로 자란 늙은 느티나무에서만 볼 수 있는 나무결, 즉 용목무늬는 조선가구가 자연을 담았다는 것을 단적으로 보여준다. 대한민국 전승공예대전은 우리나라에서 내놓으라는 손재주꾼들의 경연장이다. 몇 년 전 '늦깎이 목수'가 대통령상을 거머쥐어 화제가 되었다. 소목장 양석중 씨는 강화 산골에서 조선가구의 전통을 이어가는 이 시대 '반골' 목수이다.

글·사진 김민영 자유기고가

Destiny with wood

I turned my sat-nav on and drove towards my destination. Yangdo-myeon, Ganghwa-gun. Nowadays it's difficult to say Ganghwa is a remote mountain village. Nevertheless turning into the back roads after leaving the main roads was enough to confound my sat-nav. Eventually, I had to get out of my car and ask an elderly gentleman walking down the road. He said, "I don't know if it's a carpentry workshop but there is a house down there with piles of wood outside."

Looking into his face, he gave me the impression of a retired 'classical scholar' living in the countryside. From his horn-rimmed spectacles to his shaggy hair and loose-fitting clothes, he looked as if he had just been reading his books. I may have been projecting my own prejudices but he didn't have the typical looks of a carpenter.

Somokjang (carpenter for furniture) Yang Seok-jung, 52, comes from a so called 'activist' background and majored in anthropology at Seoul National University. He used to be defiant, enough to create a union for white collar employees upon joining Daewoo Motor Company. But one day, while still with the company, he suddenly wanted to 'live away from this world, especially from other people.' "What do I like?" He liked wood. So long as it was about creating something out of wood, he wanted to do it. At first, he became a builder and built houses for about two years. He often had to climb up roofs or the rafters. "I didn't know until then that I was so faint hearted!"

He decided to find work that suited him. Just at that moment, a carpenter position responsible for making doors become vacant so he took that up instead. Making a large door took more than two days. His pay was too modest for the work he did. That's when he laid his eyes on furniture.

Yang became a disciple of 'Important Intangible Cultural Asset' no. 55, Somokjang Park Myeong-bae. "I won't do the teaching. You do the learning." Those harsh words made Yang study relentlessly. He hid his lofty academic background and changed his speech to suit this work. Just six years later, he was able to complete his training.

Three storey wardrobe closet that won a Presidential award

On one side of his workshop, a huge picture hangs on the wall. It is a picture of Yang's work that took home a Presidential award at the 38th Korea Annual Traditional Handicraft Art Exhibition (2013). The actual piece is now owned by the Cultural Heritage Administration so you cannot see it here. The 'Samcheungjang' (three storey wardrobe closet) Yang submitted was a two piece three storey wardrobe closet.

A butterfly pattern highlighting the zelkova's wood grain was placed on the surface of the outer door panel, and an arabesque pattern was carved into its door handles. Silk embroidered with the letters 'Su and Bok' (long life and happiness) was applied to the inner door. One of the judges commented that it "is a good example of the beauty and value of traditional



펜 놓고 대패를 잡다

첫인상은 낙향한 ‘선비’ 같은 인상을 받았다. 뿔테 안경에 약간은 덩수룩한 머리 그리고 편안한 옷차림새 까지. 금방 책을 읽다 나온 듯한 모습이었다. 선입견일 수도 있지만 우리가 알고 있는 목수의 이미지는 아니었다. 소목장 양석중(52) 씨는 서울대에서 인류학을 전공한 이른바 ‘운동권 출신’이다. 대우자동차에 입사해 사무직 노조 만들어 활동할 만큼 반골 기질을 지니고 있었다. 직장을 다니다 문득 ‘세상, 무엇보다 사람과 떨어져’ 살고 싶어졌다. “내가 뭘 좋아하지?” 그는 나무가 좋았다. 나무로 만드는 일이면 뭐든 하고 싶었다. 처음엔 대목(大木) 일을 하게 돼 집 짓는 일을 2년 정도 했다. 자주 지붕이나 서까래에 올라가야 했다. “그때까지 몰랐어요. 내가 그렇게 겁이 많은지!” 자신에게 맞는 일을 찾기로 했다. 마침 문 짜는 목수가 비게 돼 그는 그 일을 대신 맡게 됐다. 큰 문짝 하나 짜는데 이틀 이상 걸렸다. 시간에 비해 품삯이 너무 적었다. 그 때 그의 눈에 가구가 들어왔다. 양씨는 바로, 중요무형문화재 제55호 소목장(小木匠) 박명배 보유자의 제자로 들어갔다. “가르치는 것은 내가 하지 않겠다. 배우는 것은 네가 배워라.” 스승의 이 매물찬 말은 그를 끊임없이 연구하게끔 만들었다. 고학력이라는 이력을 숨기고 말투도 현장 스타일로 바꿨다. 그리고 6년 만에 이수자가 되었다.



대통령상 받은 삼층 옷장

그의 작업장(공방) 한 쪽 벽에는 커다란 걸개그림이 걸려 있다. 제 38회 대한민국 전승공예대전(2013년)에서 대통령상을 받은 양 씨의 작품이다. 실물은 문화재청의 보유가 되었기 때문에 여기서는 볼 수가 없다. 양씨가 출품한 ‘삼층장’은 느티나무로 짠 두 벌짜리 삼층 옷장이다. 걸문짝 표면에는 느티나무의 나뭇결을 살려 나비 문양을 배치하고, 문 손잡이에는 당초문을 새겼다. 속문짝에는 ‘수복(壽福)’ 자를 수놓은 비단을 댔다. 심사위원으로부터 “정교한 비레미, 짜임 기법이 섬세해 전통공예의 멋스러움과 가치를 잘 보여준다”는 평을 받았다. 만들 때 가구가 갖고 있는 정신을 같이 답아야 ‘작품’이라고 불릴 수 있는 가구가 된다는 생각으로 도전한 것이 6번. 2회의 특선에 이어, 그는 대통령상 수상을 수상했다. “비로소 ‘작품’ 하나 만든 것 같아요” 그는 겸손하게 말을 전한다. 작업장 위 나무 계단으로 이어진 곳에 작은 전시장이 있다. 사방탁자, 2층 책장, 좌등, 머릿장, 문갑 등 단순하면서도 매혹적인 다양한 모양의 가구들이 놓여 있다. 소목장 양 씨의 작품을 넘어 조선가구의 특징을 한눈에 볼 수 있는 고가구 갤러리 같은 분위기이다. 조선 가구는 가구 주인의 필요에 의해 그 환경에 맞게 주문 제작된 맞춤형가구다. 소목장을 불러 가구를 놓을 자리나 용도를 설명하면 소목장은 가구가 놓일 곳의 환경을 보



handicraft because its proportions are precise and its weaving technique is exquisite.” Yang entered the competition six times believing that a piece of furniture becomes worthy enough to be called an ‘art piece’ only when the spirit of the particular furniture is put into the piece when it is made. After taking a special prize on his 2nd attempt, he was finally able to win a Presidential award. He modestly says, “I finally feel like I’ve made an ‘art piece.’” Climbing up the wooden stairs behind the workshop, there’s a small showroom. Simple yet fascinating furniture in a variety of shapes including an open cupboard, two storey bookshelf, floor lantern, papeterie fill the room. It feels more than just a display of Yang’s work. It feels like an antique furniture gallery where you can see the features of Joseon furniture. Joseon furniture used to be custom made to suit the environment and circumstances depending on the client’s needs. The client would invite a somokjang to show him where the furniture would be placed and explain its purpose. That way the somokjang would consider the environment for the furniture and respect the owner’s character when making the particular item. It was living furniture embodying art and craftsmanship.

Among all the exhibited items, the one that stands out the most is the ‘ganghwabandaji.’ A ‘bandaji’ (cabinet) is a typical piece of Korean traditional furniture which people used to store clothes and blankets in. Different regions had different styles and details. For instance, the height and width scale is different for Pyongyangbandaji, Najubandaji, and Namhansanseongbandaji. Ganghwabandaji used to be an item for common people. Everyone had one at home. But now it is a precious piece of furniture because so few are being made. Traditionally, Ganghwa is famous for ‘hwamunseok’ (figured mat) however it is Yang’s hope that ganghwabandaji can be passed down and transformed into a tourism product.

Emptying his pockets to buy wood

During the summer, Yang is only semi-employed. He tries not to work because it is difficult to control moisture levels in the wood. Although he doesn’t have his tools in his hands, his thoughts are focused on wood. At present, he keeps more than 30 different types of wood. He particularly likes Zelkova, chinaberry tree, and paulownia tree. The wood that Yang loves and cares for ‘breathes’ inside his workshop and inside the storage room



고 주인의 성품을 존중하며 가구를 만든 것이다. 생활 가구가면서도 예술과 장인의 혼이 들어가 있다. 전시돼 있는 것 중 눈에 띄는 것은 강화반닫이다. 반닫이는 옷을 담고 이불을 얹어 놓았던 것으로 우리나라의 대표적인 전통 가구이다. 평양반닫이, 나주반닫이, 남한산성반닫이 등 높이와 폭의 비례가 다를 만큼 지역에 따라 특색이 있다. 강화 반닫이는 집집마다 누구나 갖고 있던 서민적 가구였지만 지금은 시장에 거의 나오지 않아 귀한 대접을 받는다. 예로부터 강화에서는 화문석이 유명하지만 앞으로 강화반닫이를 전승하고 관광 상품화 했으면 하는 게 그의 바람이다.

재산 털어 사모아 둔 나무들

여름철, 그는 반백수이다. 나무의 습도를 잡기가 쉽지 않기에 웬만해선 작업을 하지 않는다. 연장을 잠시 놓고 있지만 온통 관심은 나무에 가 있다. 그는 30여 종류의 나무를 보관하고 있다. 돈이 생기면 틈틈이 사 모은 것들이다. 느티나무, 참죽나무, 오동나무를 특히 좋아한다. 작업장 안과 마당의 창고에는 그가 애지중지하고 있는 나무들이 ‘숨’을 쉬고 있다. 숨을 잘 쉬어야 좋은 가구가 될 수 있다. 밖에서 통나무인 채로 3년 정도 내놓고 진이 빠져나오게 한 다음 판자로 잘라서 다시 쌓아 놓고 2, 3년 건조과정을 거쳐야 한다. 공방 안에 들어 와 있는 것들은 최소 5년 이상 된 것들이다. 목수의 간택을 받아야 비로소 그 나무들은 가구가 된다. 목수

는 나무 자체의 성질을 존중한다. 어디에 무엇으로 쓰일지 고감하며 그 나무를 알아봐줘야 한다. 어거지로 하면 나무도 성질을 부린다. 사람이나 나무나 똑같은 게 그의 생각이다.

나무에 반해 자리 잡은 강화

공방 뒤쪽으로 나지막한 산이 병풍처럼 둘러져 있다. 눈 위로 하얀 백로 한 마리 한가롭게 날갯짓을 한다. 그가 강화에 터를 잡게 된 계기는 단순하다. 회사 동료였던 이가 사직을 하고 자신의 고향 강화에 한옥을 지어 펜션을 운영한다기에 목수로 끼워달라고 한 게 계기가 되었다. 터를 보러 다니다가 길가의 큰 나무를 보고 그냥 결정해 버렸다. 15년 전일이다. 강화에서의 시작은 본격적인 소목장으로 삶의 시작이었다. 이후 줄곧 혼자 출퇴근을 했다. 그리고 7년 전 가족이 모두 다 들어오게 되었다. 살림집은 작업장 앞에 마련했다. “늦은 나이 뒤늦게 시작해서 힘들었습니다. 쓰지 않던 근육과 관절 등을 쓰니 몸이 정말 못 견디겠더라고요.” 처음 대면할 때 풍겼던 학자의 이미지는 취재를 하는 동안 거의 사라졌다. 오히려 언뜻언뜻 보였던 반골 기질은 이제 장인의 ‘고집’으로 변한 듯하다. 취재를 끝내고 헤어지면서 악수를 했다. 그의 손은 이미 목수의 손이었다. 굳은살이 마치 나무의 용이 같았다.

in his yard. The wood must breathe well to become good furniture. After the tree is cut, the log must be left outside for roughly three years so that all the resins seep out. Then, the log is sawn into planks and stacked up for two or three years to dry. The wood inside the workshop is at least five years into this process. Wood only becomes furniture when it is selected by the carpenter. The carpenter respects the attributes of the wood itself. He must communicate where and for what the furniture will be used and seek out the appropriate wood. Doing things half-heartedly makes the wood respond in a nasty way. Yang believes people and wood are the same way.

Settling down in Ganghwa for the love of a tree

The workshop is surrounded by rolling mountains. Above the rice paddy, a white heron flaps its wings at a leisurely pace. The reason why Yang settled down in Ganghwa is simple. When a colleague said he was quitting his job

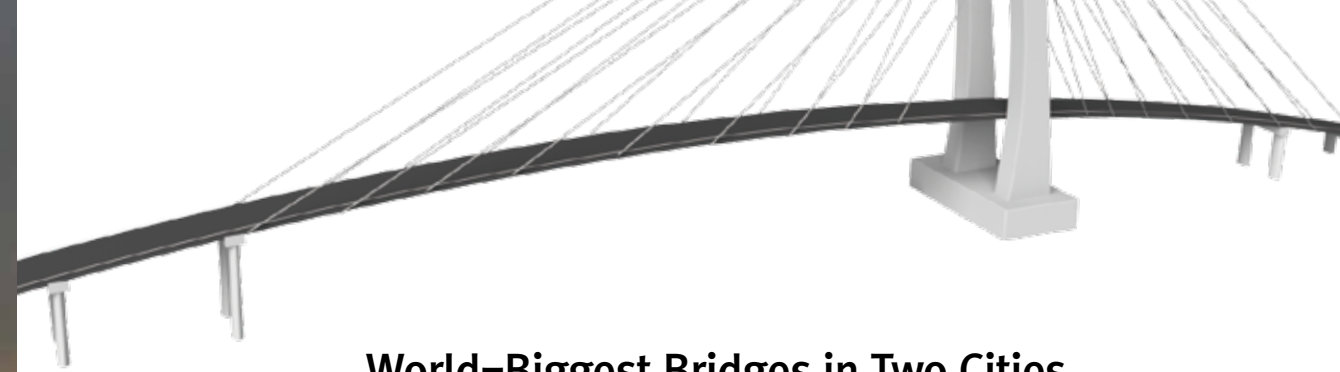
to go back to his home town in Ganghwa and build a hanok (Korean-style building) to start his own pension business, Yang asked for a job as a carpenter. He saw a large tree while searching for a good parcel of land for the house and chose it immediately. That was 15 years ago. Beginning his life in Ganghwa was the beginning of his life in earnest as a somokjang. From that time, he continued to commute to and from Ganghwa alone. Then after seven years, his entire family moved in. He found a residence right in front of his workshop. “Starting again late in life was difficult. Using muscles and joints that I wasn’t accustomed to using made it really unbearable.” The scholarly image he had when I first met him almost entirely disappeared during the interview. In fact, it seems that the flashes of defiance had transformed into the ‘persistence’ of a master craftsman. Upon wrapping up the interview we shook hands. His hands were definitely the hands of a carpenter. The calluses felt like knobs on a tree.



Incheon Bridge

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Normandy



World-Biggest Bridges in Two Cities with Similar Histories

The Incheon Bridge VS Bridge of Normandy(Pont de Normandie)

Bridge of Normandy in France and Incheon Bridge in Korea certainly have something in common. Bridge of Normandy, one of the most beautiful bridges in the world, looks quite similar to Incheon Bridge. And the distances between the two piers on each bridge are also very similar, at 4th and 5th longest in the world. Let's compare and contrast the two landmarks of Korea and France.

There are a lot of cable-stayed bridges in Korea, but the biggest and most popular one is 'Incheon Bridge'. It connects Yeongjong Island and Songdo International Business District and the distance between the two piers is 800m, the longest in Korea. People say that you are surprised by three features of Incheon Bridge. First is the beautiful landscape of the Yellow Sea seen from the bridge and second is the strong wind from the ocean: it is so strong that you must hold the handle tightly. The last one is the gigantic size of the piers. At night, lights illuminating both sides of the bridge creates a great atmosphere and a nice night drive. Meanwhile, Bridge of Normandy is a world-renowned cable-stayed bridge. It became famous as it was the biggest in the world at the time of its opening in 1995. Its total length is 2,143.21 meters with 856 meters between the two piers, which is quite similar to that of Incheon Bridge. Le Havre in Normandy, where the bridge is situated, is the 2nd biggest seaport of France and one of biggest harbor cities in Europe. The city of Incheon, where Incheon Bridge is located, is also Korea's biggest seaport.

As you look down on the way up to Bridge of Normandy, you might get dizzy as it is quite steep. The center part of the bridge takes an arch shape so that vessels can pass through. This is where the similarity with Incheon Bridge again comes in. The purpose of the curve shape of Incheon Bridge is to allow ships to easily come and go from Incheon Harbor. All of these similarities make us wonder whether Incheon Bridge was modeled after Bridge of Normandy.

The City of Incheon and Le Havre in Normandy are quite similar from an historical perspective, too. The Normandy Invasion during the Second World War helped the allied forces win the war and led to the liberation of France. The Incheon Landing Operation led by General MacArthur during the Korean War also helped turn the tide of the war. Indeed, these two cities in Asia and Europe have similar histories and landmarks!

The original Incheon Samgyetang (Ginseng Chicken Soup) maintains its 43 yearlong traditional high standards in taste

Inhyeon Ginseng Chicken Soup

When asked about stamina food for the summer, most people would answer: Samgyetang (Ginseng Chicken Soup). Compared to other meat dishes, Samgyetang is higher in protein and lower in fat and calories with abundant fiber. This is why Samgyetang is enjoyed by a lot of people regardless of age or gender. Samgyetang is especially good when you eat it during Sambok (the midsummer days). Here is a Samgyetang restaurant that represents Incheon.

Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 Holiday: Open all year round (except for Lunar New Year and Chuseok holidays)
 Reservation: 032) 772-8487
 Parking lot: Public parking lot
 Location: Opposite of Dong Incheon Station of Subway Line #1



Inhyeon-Chicken Samgyetang, located in Inhyeon-dong, Jung-gu, Incheon, is so famous that everyone in Incheon knows about the place. With only two menus on the menu list – Samgyetang and grilled chicken, Inhyeon-Chicken Samgyetang has been loved by people for over 40 years.

High quality ingredients, the reason behind its 43 yearlong popularity

Choi Hak-rim (47 years old, Songhyun-dong), who has been working as the manager of the restaurant for over 10 years, says that the secret behind the taste of Samgyetang served in this restaurant is the excellent and high quality ingredients. “We only use fresh and quality local ingredients and we focus on giving the taste of the ingredient itself, which makes the food taste the same over the years,” says Choi. There is a board near the counter and on it is written information about the ingredients that are used on any given day. In addition, the origin and supplier of the ingredients are clearly written on the post inside the restaurant. This demonstrates the restaurant’s confidence in its quality ingredients.

The chicken breed they use is “Woong-choo”, which is raised for about 45 days after birth. This is a bit tougher than “Baeksemi”, a commonly used chicken breed for Samgyetang, but Woong-choo is more chewy. In order to make it more tender, the chicken is filled with ginseng, jujube, ginkgo nuts, ginger, garlic and sticky rice, and gets boiled for more than two hours in a chicken stock that has been boiled with chicken feet and ginger. This is why Samgyetang served in this restaurant is savory even without using other seasonings or condiments. It is also a preferred menu not only for Koreans, but also for foreigners, especially Chinese and other Asians who seek its savory taste.

Grilled chicken is another dish served at this restaurant. Unlike the grilled chicken found in other restaurants where the taste is too strong, Inhyeon Samgyetang uses raw chicken that is not seasoned in salt. They spread a little bit of special seasoning on the stomach of the raw material and grill it for two hours. While grilling, the seasoning starts to be absorbed slowly, making the chicken less greasy and the taste clean. The highlight of the grilling comes when the chicken is fried for five minutes before it is taken out from the oven to give it more crispiness.



This is a menu highly preferred by all customers, including foreigners, regardless of age or gender.

Samgyetang, a perfect match with Ginseng alcohol

When you order Samgyetang, you will be served with a cup of Ginseng alcohol. The Ginseng alcohol, which has been fermented for five to six months, is a perfect match with Samgyetang. Drinking it before eating Samgyetang helps clean your mouth. If you pour it in the soup, it will help remove the smell of the chicken.

Samgyetang is served without being seasoned, so the customers have to season it themselves in accordance with their preference. However, they say that it is the best to eat it without any seasoning – salt or black pepper powder – if you really want to enjoy the original taste of Samgyetang.

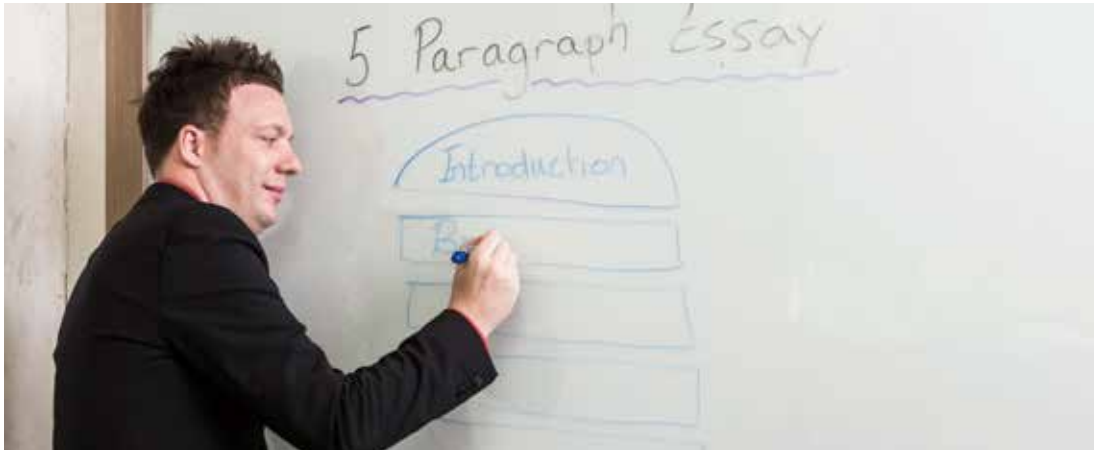
Giving back to the community

Kang Ji-yong (52 years old), the owner of the restaurant that was handed down by his parents, also commits himself to giving back to the community. Having signed an MOU with the Catholic Children & Youth Foundation and Incheon Practical Science High School, he donates scholarships worth hundreds of thousands of won and supports a mentoring business, as well as career training, taking a lead in social responsibility activities and practicing Noblesse Oblige.

With

Bobby Smith (England) 50 reasons why he lives in Incheon

Bobby Smith (37, Guwol-dong) has been living in Korea ever since he visited the nation for the 2002 World Cup soccer tournament. During the past 13 years, he has married to a Korean woman and made a variety of memories while living in Incheon.



Turning Point of Life

In fact, he came to Korea with no special objective. During the 2002 World Cup soccer tournament, he tried to visit Japan as his best friend landed a job in Japan but he failed for some reason. So he opted for Korea instead. He knew very little about this nation but Korea has now become his second home country.

Sheffield in the United Kingdom is his hometown. It was at the center of industrial activity during the Industrial Revolution and became a renowned city of heavy industry (the steel industry was strong in particular), which is quite similar to Incheon.

Incheon is also where his wife's family lived, so he decided to settle in the city. Still, there are more reasons why he lives in this seaport: cheaper prices in general and nice eateries. This is why he would happily commute to Seoul where his workplace, Kookmin University, is located, for 11 years.

Another factor is his mother. She loves Korea so much that she has visited the nation over 20 times. The proximity to the airport is also one of the reasons why he lives in Incheon as he needs to welcome his mother at the airport quite often!



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Incheon – A Range of Attractions

Bobby, who goes on a family trip every weekend, loves camping. He said he went to Ijak Island last week. There are a slew of islands scattered around Incheon – Baengnyeongdo Island, Yeonpyeongdo Island, Ijakdo Island, Jawoldo Island, Deokjeokdo Island, and Muuido Island. Songdo in Incheon is another one of his favorites. The Canal Walk and Haedoji Park are his frequent hangout places with friends.

Wolmi-do, China Town and the Moraenae Market near his place are also his favorites.

When asked about funny or humorous episodes during his initial years in Korea, he began with a story about dried squid. One day, he was so hungry that he entered a nearby bar and ordered anything because he could not read Korean language. What he got was dried squid. Another story is that he bought what he thought was a tomato but it turned out to be a ripe persimmon.

The most shocking moment was when he witnessed Korean people playing Go, having their hair cut and eating food naked at a Jjimjilbang. However, it has now become his favorite place and he visits with two of his two sons every Sunday night.

Three Brothers' Love of Korea

Bobby is the second oldest son out of three brothers. After he married in Korea, his older brother visited Korea and married to a Korean woman, too. He now has three sons with his wife. Bobby's younger brother, who now studies about Asian Culture at college, is planning to visit Korea after graduation. If his younger brother decides to settle in Korea, all of the three siblings will live in the nation. The love of Korea, which was begun by Bobby, is now shared by his entire family members – his brothers, mother, and father.

Bobby's knowledge about Incheon is sometimes even bigger than that of Incheon natives. He said the tourism industry is too focused on Seoul and that a nice city like Incheon deserves more attention. When his friends visit Korea, he becomes a one-day tour guide and introduces them to hot spots in Incheon. Better tourism systems for cities like Incheon needs to be put in place.

The following is a one-day itinerary recommended by Bobby.

Sorae Port – Fresh seafood (clam, sliced raw octopus, and rockfish)
Guwol Rodeo Street– Makgeolli and Assorted Pancake at 'Guwol Jeonbang' or Cocktail at Rio's BAR
Guwol-dong – Mexican food at 'Taco Cielro' or Irish beer at O'Malley's
Guwol-dong – Seolleongtang at '24 Hr Seolleongtang'



A photo of Bobby's parents' visit to Songdo Central Park.



Bobby's family photo: Bobby's parents, younger brother and nephews.



Waterway where 1,000 yearlong promise flows along

Gyeongin Ara Waterway Tour



Although the temperature these days reaches as high 30 Celsius degrees, it would be a shame to spend weekends at home. Get out if you want to chill by riding a bike on an open space and capture all those shades of green trees. The common coffee you enjoy in front of Ara Waterfalls becomes special. Enjoy a unique, but special vacation at Gyeongin Ara Waterway, a waterway that connects the West Sea and Han River and keeps a 1,000 yearlong promise.

Ara Incheon Ferry Terminal, full of attractions and foods

Gyeongin Ara Water way is a gateway that connects the West Sea and Han River, and it acts as a complex social platform facility that governs logistics, transportation, tourism and leisure. Attempts to quickly connect the West Sea with the Han River via waterway began in the Goryeo Dynasty, which dates back to 800 years ago: however, the construction attempts were discontinued due to the failure to pierce layers of stones and rocks in an area 400m away from the starting point. There were more attempts that ended in failure due to limitations in manpower and technology. More recently efforts were renewed and finally the Gyeongin Ara Waterway was established in 2011.



A ferry terminal that accommodates ferries and cargoes was established at this historical Gyeongin Ara Waterway, making the place a new logistics hub in Northeast Asia. In addition, it keeps attracting tourists as it offers a ferry to West Sea islands and a sightseeing boat is operated on Ara Waterway.

The ferry terminal embodies the cruise that sails across the Five Oceans and the Six Continents. With a coffee shop and a restaurant, the terminal is popular among the tourists that come as families or couples. Next to the terminal is the complex operation center, which looks similar to Jang Bo-go ship, Ararium, the public relations zone within the center, provides information on Ara Waterway's history, culture, tourism, economy and vision. On the top floor, the 6th floor, there is an observatory café, which provides a very romantic night view. In addition, there is a stage opposite the ferry where people can enjoy cultural performances.



Jeongseojin

Course guideline

Distance: 9km
Time required: 1 hour and 30 minutes on foot
Course: Ara Incheon Ferry Terminal → Sicheon Riverside → Ara Waterfalls and Ara Maru → Jeongseojin
Address: Ara Waterway Complex Information Center 41 Jeongseojin1-ro Seo-gu Incheon

Passing by Sicheon Riverside, you will come across Ara Waterfall.



Ara Waterfalls

Sicheon Riverside(Sicheon Garamteo)



Enjoying water sports

10:00 - 12:30 enjoying yacht
Ara Marina, located on Soohyang 7-gyung, offers yachting related services like yacht berthage, ship repairs and a club house. It also provides experience programs so one can easily learn about yachts.

Bike riding

You can rent a bicycle at five spots including Incheon T, Sicheon, Gyeyang(south), Gyeyang (north) and Gimpo T.

Sicheon Riverside(Sicheon Garamteo), full of romance

When you walk down a little bit from the ferry terminal with the sea at your back, you will come across Water Front Sicheon Riverside within the city, which is easily located because it is near Geomam Station on Incheon Subway. There is a huge water fountain, and it can bring relief from the summer heat. At the waterway fountain just in front of the place, there are various events and activities that utilize the waterfalls. On a lucky day, you can even see a vivid rainbow reflected on the water. If you look down from the Sicheon Bridge you will see Sicheon Park. With the brook and fountain that flow along the trail, you can enjoy a stroll, listening to the clear sound of water.

Ara Waterfalls and Ara Maru Cool the Summer Heat

Passing by Sicheon Riverside, you will come across Ara Waterfall. The size of the waterfall is so quite big and people cannot resist taking pictures of the beautiful scene. Ara Waterfalls is the country’s largest artificial waterfall and it takes full advantage of the geographic features of Mt. Gyeyang. The gigantic six waterfalls cover the right side of the path. Visitors tired from the heat and the riders exhausted from pedaling all stop here and cool themselves. If you turn your head a little, you will see Ara Maru, which is as famous as the waterfalls. This is a circular observatory which is located at the highest section of Ara Waterway. The floor of Ara Maru is made of transparent glass, which allows people to take in the view of Ara Waterway all at once. It makes you feel as though you are walking on water, and it may make you feel a bit nervous. The lightings at night add to the beauty of the scenery.

Jeongseojin promises everlasting love

The meaning of Jeongseojin is West and is the opposite in meaning to Jeongdongjin in Gangneung which means East. It refers to a ferry crossing in Jeongseo. Jeongseojin has a beautiful love tale that has been handed down from generation to generation. During the Goryeon Dynasty, a scholar went to a guest house on his way to take an exam and fell in love with the daughter of the guest house owner. Looking at the sunset of the West Sea, they shared their love and spent happy days together. This is why Jeongseojin is known as a place where young couples propose and it also represent the promise of everlasting love for those who are already in love. Jeongseojin’s sunset represents romance, longing and recollection, and it has been appointed as one of three representative sunset spots by Incheon Development and Tourism Corporation. On the last day of each year, a sunset festival is held that attracts many people.

INCHEON PENTAPORT ROCK FESTIVAL 2015

AUG 7-9 @SONGDO PENTAPORT PARK

Pentaport Rock Festival offered Escape from Sweltering Heat

The midsummer heat was strong enough to make us entirely exhausted, so it was the time where music comes in. The electrifying tunes and rapturous cheers from the audience at 2015 Pentaport Rock Festival certainly re-energized you. A star-studded line-up performing electrifying music at Pentaport Rock Festival was about to welcome you.

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Gyung-Min and Lee Hyun-Sub, along with original band members including Kim Se-Hwang (guitarist), Kim Young-Seok (bassist), Lee Soo-Yong (Drummer), and Joo Seong-Min from Schizo as a guest guitarist.

The line-up for the festival featured legendary musicians as headliners to commemorate the 10th anniversary, such as Seo Taiji, Korea's best musician, Scorpions, who have included the Pentaport Rock Festival in their 50th anniversary world tour schedule, and The Prodigy who returned for the first time after their performance at the Triport Festival back in 1999.

On the first day (Friday), fans were invited to enjoy the music of hard-core rock bands including Scorpions, Kimchangwan Band, The Used, Yellow Monsters, and Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas. The second day featured Seo Taiji, The Kooks, Pia, Ego Wrappin', KimBanJang & Windy City, Soran, and 10cm. And the three-day festival came to its finale as bands including The Prodigy, Mew, Mamas Gun, Thornapple, The Solutions, and Sunwoo Jung-A appeared on stage to mesmerize audience members with stirring performances.



Since 2013, Pentaport Rock Festival has been featuring headline performances from well known acts from both home and abroad. The headline act for 2015 was Seo Taiji, one of the most prominent and influential cultural icons in South Korea. His tremendous record sales have yet to be matched by any other Korean musician. In addition, many divide the history of Korean pop culture into two eras: pre-Seo Taiji and post-Seo Taiji. Therefore, he was the ideal performer to lead the celebrations marking the 10th anniversary of the festival. This year, the festival featured a special performance to honor the memory of Sin Hae-Chul who left us suddenly last year. N.EX.T, a band he belonged to in the past, appeared at the festival in 2006 and 2009. For the festival this year, the band returned to the festival to honor the memory of Sin, who showed great interest in the growth of Korean rock bands and created songs in a variety of genres with his inborn musical talent, by singing his songs together with fans. The performance was a great and fitting way to honor his memory, and the lead singers was Lee Sung-Woo from No Brain, An Heung-Chan from Crash, Hong

Your first step in Korea. What should you do first?

Useful administrative services in real life situations

Susan is far away from her home in the States. She's set foot on this unfamiliar country but she has no idea where to get started. Getting a house is so complicated and she's worried she might get duped. She finally found a place she likes but her worries just keep on coming.

From real estate contracts to 'moving-in reports', there's just so much to find out about.

If you're a foreigner who landed in Korea alone without anyone you know, this is a story you might sympathize with. Here are some tips that could be useful if you're worried about any of the above issues.



What are the available renting options?

Finding a place to live is by no means a simple task, even for Koreans. First, you need to understand the different forms of living in Korea. Simply put, renting in Korea can be divided into leasing, monthly renting, and something called 'ggalse.' Leasing is depositing 30~60% of the property's value to the owner for the duration of the contract rather than paying monthly rent to the owner. The entire deposit will be refunded to you when the contract expires. Next is monthly renting. Monthly renting refers to an agreement where the tenant deposits 1~2 year's worth of rent to the owner and pays monthly rent on a designated day each month. As with leasing, the entire deposited amount will be refunded when the contract expires. Finally, 'ggalse' refers to a form of rent where the tenant pays a year's worth of rent upfront without any deposits.

How do I proceed with the contracting procedure?

Find a real estate agent in the neighborhood you'd like to live in and search for a place that suits your

circumstances. When inspecting the house before you sign the contract, check for any damage to the property. When you find a place you like, you must check a certified copy of the register (check whether the property has been put up as collateral or auction etc.). If there are no issues, sign the contract and make sure to keep the receipt for your down payment. You are responsible for problems that occur upon signing the contract agreement so you must read your contract clauses thoroughly. In addition, you should go over all the details with the owner and include them in the contract before you decide to move in. In particular, you should confirm the facts regarding the deposit, rent payment method, the real estate agent's fee, move-in date, contract duration and conditions, and method for issuing the receipt. Three copies of the contract should be drawn up for the tenant, the owner, and the real estate agent for safe keeping. The reason why you must visit the registry office with your certificate of alien registration as well as the rental contract agreement for a confirmation date is to protect your rights in case of any emergencies.



How do I move?

Typically, there are two ways to move in Korea: 'ilban isa' (loads, transports, and unloads your belongings only) and 'pojang isa' (packs, loads, transports, unloads, and unpacks your belongings). As for the former, you must pack, unpack, and organize your belongings yourself so it's an option if you do not have many possessions and want to save some money. Normally, you rent a truck to move your things, and the cost differs depending on the date, distance, load, and company. If you don't need additional manpower to move your belongings, 'ilban isa' can be a cheaper option.

On the other hand, you have 'pojang isa' where the movers pack, transport, and organize your things. The cost varies significantly depending on your load so you should receive a quote in advance. Also, you should make a reservation at least 30 days before the day you need to move to get the day you want. Although this option is more expensive than 'ilban isa', the movers do clean up the place and it is the most popular moving method in Korea.

What do I need for the 'moving-in notification' (changing place of residence for aliens)?

Just because you've finished moving into your new place doesn't mean the whole ordeal is over. You have the 'moving-in notification' to deal with. You must complete the 'moving-in notification' within 14 days of changing your place of residence. If you fail to do it within 14 days, you will get hit with a fine so you should do it quickly to avoid any unnecessary penalties. There is a slight difference between married immigrants and other aliens when you proceed with your 'moving-in notification.' First, universally required documents include your passport, certificate of alien registration, and Integrated Application Form no. 34.

For married immigrants, you need a copy of your spouse's resident registration issued within three months. For all other migrants, you need a real estate contract under your name. If it isn't under your name, you must get a Confirmation of Residential Provision from the property's owner. You can download a template from (www.hikorea.go.kr). You can register at your nearest Gu office if you register within 14 days of changing your residence; however, you must visit the Immigration Office if you register after 14 days.



Mayor Yoo to attract 220 thousand tourists from China and Taiwan



Mayor Yoo Jeong-bok came back to Korea after successfully completing his four nights and five days long roadshow trip, which he undertook from August 3 to August 7. This trip was a great success, attracting over 200 thousand tourists.

This roadshow, taken just before the MERS is about to be wiped out, was intended as a quick move to attract the Chinese tourists back to Incheon. The Chinese tourists are considered to be the largest portion of the customer base for the nation's tourism industry, and the Mayors of Seoul and Jeju are visiting China for the same reason.

The strengths of Incheon that Mayor Yoo Jeong-bok emphasized during the roadshow were accessibility based on the infrastructure – Incheon International Airport, the 168 beautiful islands and China Town, reputable venues as well as abundant tourism resources.

In particular, Incheon City highlighted that the city is free of MERS, which shocked the Korean society and caused fear and confusion for three months. The roadshow emphasized the fact that



the tourists are safe due to the thorough quarantine that prevents such diseases. Based on this, the roadshow did not only deliver messages but also generated substantial results with comprehensive outcomes.

During his first schedule on August 3, Mayor visited Henan, China, which is the biggest client for Incheon's tourism industry. In his visit to the city, Mayor Yoo met with Henan Anyang Mayor Ma Linqing; he got the commitment from Mayor Ma Linqing that he will send over 150 thousand tourists to Incheon.

JF, a local company, changed their plan and decided to send some of their 15,000 employees that are visiting Korea to Incheon for a tour after Mayor Yoo's visit. In addition, the tourist companies in Henan, after having a dialogue with Mayor Yoo, announced that they will help Incheon attract over 10 thousand tourists by designing Incheon-exclusive tourist package products.

In his second schedule, which was held in Shanghai, China, Mayor Yoo concluded a MOU with Ctrip, an online tourism service provider in China. In the MOU, the two parties agreed to help Incheon attract 30 thousand more of general tourists and Ctrip's 140 thousand on cruise.

Mayor Yoo engaged himself in various events on the East Nanjing Road, which is a major hub in Shanghai; he conducted a PR campaign for Incheon tourism and carried out a quiz event to



position Incheon as a Chinese-friendly city.

In Taiwan, where the last schedule was held, Mayor Yoo formed a MOU with Cola Tour for a co-development of tourism package items and collaboration in marketing activities for attracting more consumers. They agreed to send 20 thousand tourists to Incheon by the end of this year.

In addition to these activities, Mayor Yoo was involved in various talks with Taipei Mayor Ko Wen-je and with Taiwan's Ruling Nationalist Party Chairman Eric Chu, as well as President of the Republic of China Ma Ying-jeou to exchange ideas on ways for international exchanges and cooperation.

Environmental Corporation of Incheon's Facility Capacity for Solar Light Power Generation Exceeds 1MW for the First Time

The Environmental Corporation of Incheon announced that the city's facility capacity for solar light power generation exceeded 1MW (Mega Watt) for the first time.

The corporation said on 11th that it has additionally constructed solar light power generator facilities of 605.1kW in scale at five places including Gajwa Business Center, ending up having 1,700kW(1.007MW) of facility capacity for solar light power generation altogether.

The corporation first established a solar light power generator facility of 62kW in size in Ganghwa Business Center in 2011, and continued expanding the facilities elsewhere including Cheongna, Gongchon and Songdo Business Center. By utilizing the solar light energy, it is expected that the annual electricity cost will be reduced by KRW 154 million and the greenhouse gas consumption decreased by 617 tons.

In the meantime, the corporation will build additional generators that are 120kW in size in Gongchon Business Center and Yeongjong Business Center.

Inquiry: The Environmental Corporation of Incheon ☎ 899-0155

Cheongna to start a water taxi service

Water transportation facilities to enable boat traffic across Cheongna International City in the Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ) will be completed by the end of this year. The city expects to commence a water taxi service next year.

On July 23, IFEZ announced that it jointly inspected water transportation facilities including the waterways and wharf with Cheongna International City's residents group. IFEZ will consolidate issues raised during this joint inspection and opinions collected from the people of Incheon and request improvements to the Korea Land and Housing Corporation which is the primary developer of Cheongna International City. The water transportation facilities, which are scheduled to be completed by the end of this year, will create a waterway stretching 3km (width 10m) east-west and 1.5km (width 5m) north-south from the heart of Cheongna International City. The project also features other facilities including 12 wharfs, drainage, water circulation system, and water purification facilities.

Inquiries : Incheon Free Economic Zone ☎453-7682

Incheon Creative Economy and Innovation Center opens to develop 'Incheon as a hub for smart logistics'

Incheon, the 'logistics hub of northeast Asia', will be reborn as a hub for smart logistics which integrates cutting-edge technology. Also, a platform to facilitate consulting activities for Korean startups entering the Chinese market along with cooperative exchanges between Korean and Chinese startups will be established in Incheon. On July 22, the city of Incheon held an opening ceremony and began operations in earnest for Incheon Creative Economy and Innovation Center at Michuhol Tower in Songdo International City with guests including President Park Geun-hye, Mayor Yoo Jung-bok, Minister of Science, ICT and Future Planning Choi Yanghee, and Hanjin Group Chairman Cho Yang-ho.

At the ceremony, President Park Geun-hye emphasized that the Incheon Center will use smart logistics to become a forward base for exports by small to medium enterprises as well as venture corporations.

Incheon Creative Economy and Innovation Center covers a total of 2,293㎡ with its head office on the 7th floor of Michuhol Tower (1,316㎡) and branch office in Jemulpo Smart Town (977㎡). The Center combines Incheon's logistics infrastructure with Hanjin's logistics know-how, and focuses its efforts on developing Incheon as a hub for smart logistics.

Inquiries: Incheon Economic Policy Division ☎440-3272



More frequent BRT services between Incheon and Seoul

The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT no. 7700) service between Incheon Cheongna and Seoul Gangseo will increase in frequency and operate at shorter intervals.

Beginning June 13, the Incheon Transport Corporation announced that it will increase the number of BRT services between Incheon and Seoul from 67 to 72 times during weekdays, and 54 to 60 times during weekends and holidays for the convenience of metropolitan passengers.

Service intervals will go from 10~15 minutes to 10 minutes during peak hours, and from 20 minutes to 15 minutes during off-peak hours.

Opened in July 2013, the BRT system services 15 stops along its 23.1km route from Cheongna to Seoul Gangseo. The bus takes approximately 50 minutes for a one-way trip.

Inquiries : Incheon Transport Corporation ☎451-2114

We will ‘text’ you for Illegal parking and stopping

This August, the city of Incheon will start a texting service to notify people about illegal parking and stopping. If a driver parks or stops at a no parking or stopping zone monitored by fixed-type CCTVs, the city will send a text message to inform the driver of their illegal parking or stopping and recommend moving to a different location. The city will offer this texting service to reduce the number of cases where citizens are fined after parking or stopping in areas they had no knowledge where no parking or stopping zones, and also to create a culture that promotes following parking regulations voluntarily. The service will cover the entire city except Jung-gu, Ganghwa-gun, Ongjin-gun, locations monitored by mobile CCTVs, by people, immediate clampdown zones. You must apply at Incheon City’s website (<http://parkingsms.incheon.go.kr>), Traffic Division at the Gu office or the residents center to sign up for the service. The service is limited to one driver per vehicle. Inquiries: Incheon Traffic Management Division ☎440-3906

120 voucher taxis for the disabled to be introduced in 2016

The city of Incheon plans to introduce 120 voucher taxis for the disabled next year in order to increase the mobility of disabled people. At present, a total of 168 taxis are operational in Incheon for the disabled - 140 call taxis for the disabled (special vehicles), and 28 private taxis exclusively for the disabled. The number of passengers has increased each year, reaching 1,164 passengers per day in 2014. To reduce the inconvenience of having to wait long hours for a disabled taxi, Incheon will invest KRW 900 million next year to operate 120 voucher taxis. A voucher taxi refers to a vehicle that services ordinary passengers until it is requested by a disabled person. Similar to existing taxis exclusively for the disabled, voucher taxis receive 20% of its fare from passengers and 80% from the city. Inquiries: Incheon Taxi and Freight Division ☎440-3802

Showing off Incheon’s charm in China

The city of Incheon will invite Liaoning TV from China to co-produce and air a special program focusing on Incheon with Arirang TV to promote Incheon as a brand among the local Chinese population and stimulate the ailing tourism industry. The special program on Incheon was filmed from July 19 to July 26 at popular tourist attractions all over Incheon including Chinatown, Wolmido Island, Gyeongin Ara Waterway, Ganghwado Island, Soraе Port, Eulwang-ri, Bupyeong underground shopping complex and more. This program will air in early September on Liaoning TV for 50 minutes to show the many different sides of Incheon, which remained a MERS-free zone, and induce more Chinese tourists to visit Incheon during two upcoming Chinese holidays, Chinese Thanksgiving and the National Day of the People’s Republic of China. Inquiries: Spokesperson’s Office ☎440-3092

Wolmi Eunha (Galaxy) Rail to open August 2016

Construction works to replace Incheon Wolmi Eunha (Galaxy) Rail with a compact monorail system begins this October. Incheon Transit Corporation announced that it concluded negotiations with Garam Space, the developer for this project, and will soon grant approval to replace Wolmi Eunha Rail with a compact monorail, and commence reinforcement works on October 16. With an unmanned automated drive system, Wolmi Monorail will service a route that covers a total of 6.1km from Incheon Station on the Gyeongin subway line to the outer suburbs of Wolmido Island. The cars will be 3m in length, 1.7m in width, 2.15m in height and accommodate eight passengers. Trains will operate with a maximum of three cars. Inquiries: Incheon Transit Corporation ☎451-2167

Using heat from waste incineration to supply energy for air conditioning in Songdo

The city of Incheon uses heat from incinerating domestic waste at the Songdo Resource and Environment Center to supply energy for local air conditioning. The city has linked the heat supply network of group energy corporations such as Mirae & Energy and Incheon Total Energy Company with the Songdo Resource and Environment Center. It switches heat generated from waste incineration to energy for air conditioning. The city began supplying energy in this manner on June 24. Incheon expects to reduce the electric utility load in summer substantially by cooling the city with heat from waste incineration instead of using electricity. Also, the surplus heat will be sold to group energy providers which could yield a revenue stream of KRW 550 million per year. Inquiries: Incheon Resource Circulation Division ☎440-3582



Let’s share a few secrets to enjoy summer

The summer heat can easily make you tired and leave you feeling lethargic. Your biorhythm can suffer from changes to your physiological functions, and it is easy to be exposed to various diseases caused by flourishing microorganisms because of the humidity and other harmful conditions. More and more people are starting their holidays to leave the exhausting daily grind behind. Here are some tips to make sure you spend your summer in a safe and pleasant manner.

Health - Prevent hypertension

Hypertension torments us regardless of gender when you reach middle age. It’s a terrifying disease known as the ‘silent killer.’ The common perception is that hypertension is more dangerous in winter. However, it requires absolute care in summer as well. In winter, risks occur when blood vessels contract due to cold weather which then leads to increased blood pressure. In summer, however, you must be particularly careful when the temperature difference between night and day or between indoors and outdoors is significant. Refrain from taking cold showers no matter how hot it is, and stay away from beverages such as iced coffee or iced green tea that cause dehydration and subsequently increase blood pressure. Although summer irritates us, stress is dangerous for your blood pressure - so how about curbing your temper by making sure your heart is more relaxed?

Vacation - Enjoy water activities safely

There’s nothing quite as refreshing as dispelling the heat by engaging in fun water activities, something you can’t leave out during your vacation. Thinking about all the activities in the valley, ocean, and water park that you can engage in creates excitement in your heart but there are a few things you must understand in order to enjoy such activities safely. First, I understand the urge to dive right into the water but it’s essential to warm up before you jump in. Second, avoid putting too much stress on your heart - start by splashing water on the extremities and then move closer to your heart: legs-arms-face-chest. Third, avoid water activities within 30 minutes of your meal because your stomach suffer cramp if you enter the water right after you eat. Fourth, do not jump into the water recklessly when an accident occurs. A rash rescue attempt by someone without rescue experience can lead to more human casualties. If you remember these tips, you shouldn’t have a problem enjoying your vacation safely.

Food - Keep items fresh

One thing you must remember when defrosting food you’ve kept frozen is that you should not refreeze it once the food has thawed. A single bacteria multiplies to more than 60 in an hour and becomes 100 in four hours. Therefore eating food that has been left at room temperature for more than four hours is akin to eating a chunk of bacteria. When keeping meat or fish in the freezer, you should cut the portion you want to eat at a given time and be careful not to refreeze food that has been thawed. Also, it is easy to think that food covered with frost is well frozen but, in fact, frost occurs when moisture freezes as the refrigerator doors are opened and closed. It contains various bacteria. Minimize the unnecessary opening and closing of refrigerator doors and avoid frost covered food to make sure you don’t suffer from food poisoning!

Living - Enjoy a pleasant rainy season

During the rainy season, during which the heaviest amount of rainfall occurs among all four seasons, it isn’t easy to do your laundry. That’s because of the smell of damp laundry. The smell itself is indeed a problem but you must also be careful because bacteria can breed and cause harmful effects to your health. When doing your laundry with a normal laundry machine, putting half a bottle of vinegar in warm water for the wash helps stop bacteria from multiplying and remove odors. Also, placing a dehumidifier or fan next to the drying rack can dry your laundry even faster without any smell. Apart from this, putting fabric conditioners or natural baking soda is very effective in removing odors. Please note that you should use these in liquid form dissolved in water not in powder form!