

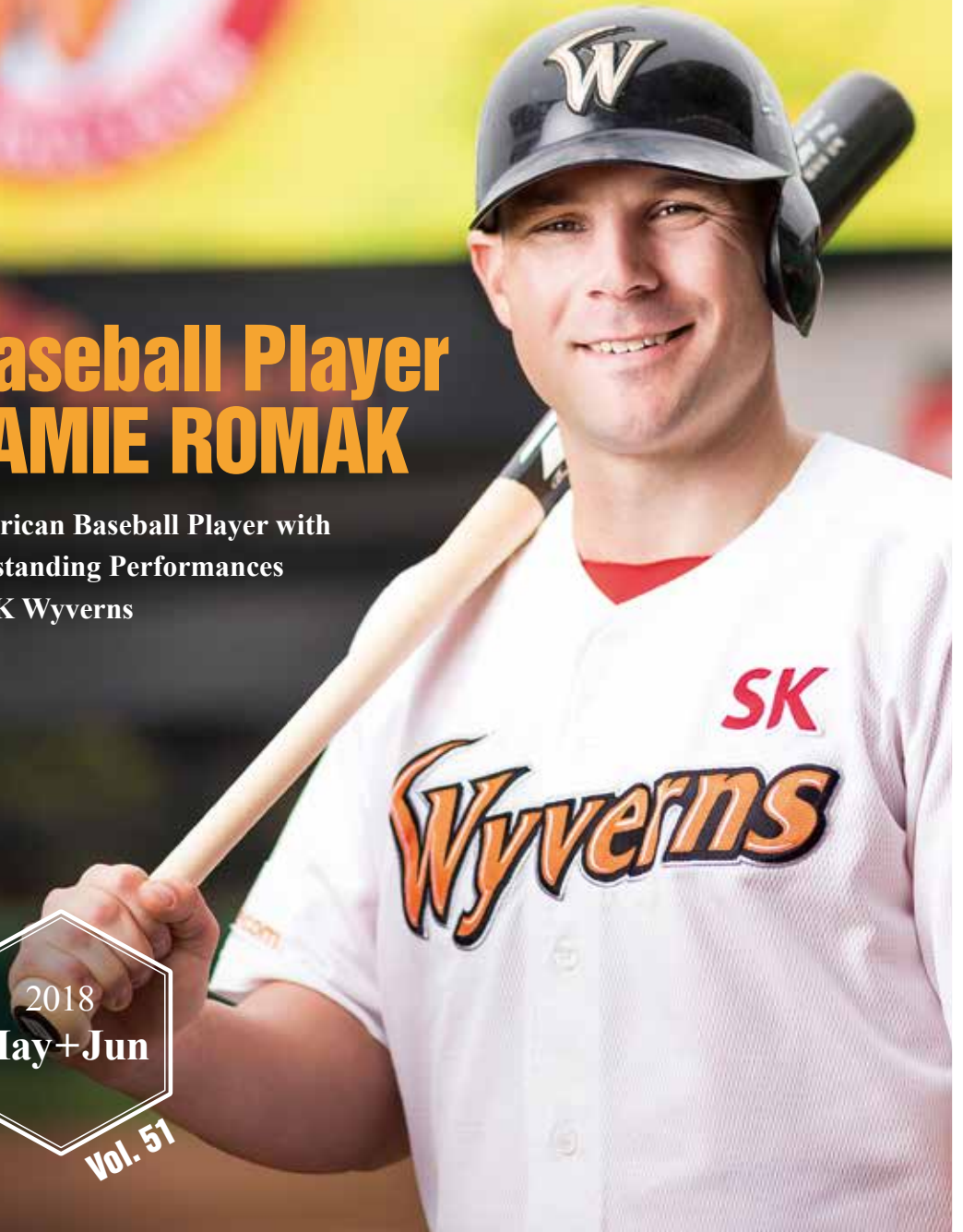
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Baseball Player JAMIE ROMAK

American Baseball Player with
Outstanding Performances
at SK Wyverns

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Burning Passion of Baseball from this SK Wyverns Player

SK Wyverns, with Home Ground at Incheon SK Happy Dream Park

Meet American baseball player Jamie Romak
who hit 31 home-runs in 102 games.

Happy to play baseball with full of joy every day,
Jamie is showing outstanding performances as the key player of the team.
Read about his story of baseball as a SK Wyverns player.

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GLOBAL CORPORATIONS SETTLING IN INCHEON

Global corporations have never stopped visiting the Incheon Free Economic Zone (hereinafter referred to as "IFEZ"), the Korea's first free economic zone designated in 2003. Currently, 11 out of "Fortune Global 500" corporations settled in the IFEZ, and there is also investment in new industry for the era of the fourth industrial revolution, turning IFEZ into the arena of competition for global corporations.

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World's Top Corporations, Settling in IFEZ

For the past 15 years, the IFEZ has become the international city highlighted by the world. It started with only 294 companies in 2003, the IFEZ has 2,353 companies as of 2017. On March 6th, the IFEZ Authority revealed that 11 corporations including Boeing, Cisco, BMW, and others of "Fortune Global 500s" have completed investment in the IFEZ. The "Fortune Global 500" refers to the world's 500 companies with the largest sales announced every year by the American business magazine <Fortune>. Mitsubishi Elevator Korea of Mitsubishi Electric has settled within the industrial cluster of the IFEZ Songdo International Business District. The manufacturing facility and R&D center of Mitsubishi Elevator Korea

are manufacturing and development base not only for the domestic market of Mitsubishi elevator products in Korea but also overseas market. Moreover, this site partially takes roles of R&D and verification center of Inazawa Plant of Japan to have further roles as the global production base.











The world's best science and technological company with 350 years of history, "Merck", from Germany also concluded the contract for cell culture medium manufacturing and supply facilities with the IFEZ. Furthermore, the first Asia-Pacific fast track center for biological processing education and technological service by GE Healthcare was established.

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Fortune Global 500s in IFEZ

	Cisco
	Merck
	BMW
	Boeing
	Johnson & Johnson (Jansen Vaccine)
	Sumitomo Electric (Kyungshin)
	Samsung Electronics (Samsung Biologics)
	United Technologies (Otis)
	GE
	GM
	Mitsubishi Electric

Global Corporations, to IFEZ

Not only corporations in “Fortune Global 500s” but also other various global corporations visit the IFEZ continuously. “Iris Oyama” the Japanese global manufacturer of daily supplies invested more than 50 million USD in the Songdo District to build the manufacturing facilities for small home appliances and daily supplies. Iris Oyama will use excellent IT technology and R&D competence of Korea to develop global products and to expand on-line sales through the investment in Songdo.

Global semiconductor companies also moved in. Especially, the world's second and third semiconductor post-processing corporations Amkor Technology and JCET Stats ChipPAC of China and Singapore Stats ChipPAC settled down in Songdo District and Yeongjong District. Moreover, TOK of Japan to produce semiconductor materials, A-1 Machine of the United States to product semiconductor equipment, and other semiconductor companies moved in to continue their active production activities.

“Veolia Water” the global corporation with the world's best technology in the water industry will build the Asia-Pacific education and training center at the Songdo District. Veolia Water has provided the comprehensive services on water management for 155

years from 1853, and the company has the world's best technology in the water industry covering not only water and sewage but also desalination of seawater.

The 15 international organizations including UN APCICT(Asia-Pacific Training Center for ICT, EAAFP(East Asia-Australasian Flyway Partnership), GCF(Green Climate Fund), and the office of World Bank in Korea have settled in the IFEZ as well.

*From global companies
to international
organizations,
continuous visits to
IFEZ*



Reason to Find IFEZ

Why do many global corporations find the IFEZ? The IFEZ has the world's best infrastructure. The site is 20 minutes away by car from the Incheon International Airport, and you may reach 61 cities with more than one million population within 3 hours of flying time. Moreover, the Incheon International Airport has been recognized as the world's No.1 airport service for 9 consecutive years and the world's No.2 international cargo transport, and it is the “hub airport” of the entire world to reach 89 airlines and 194 cities over the world. Not only the airport but also the Incheon New Port which will become the waypoint of the Pan West Sea region will be open at the front sea of Songdo in 2020. Gyeongin Expressway 1, 2, and 3, Incheondaegyo Bridge, Yeongjongdaegyo Bridge, and others to make the all-directional traffic network are greatly contributing to attract investment in the IFEZ. The IFEZ will also open the 3rd Yeollyukgyo Bridge, GTX-B, and the 2nd beltway of the metropolitan area to make traffic network more convenient.

In Incheon, there are five foreign universities including SUNY Korea and Ghent University and eight domestic universities including Incheon University and Yonsei University Incheon Campus to have full of high-level manpower. Moreover, as 25 million people live in the metropolitan region, there is more than enough manpower.

Upon that, the IFEZ with beautiful urban environment provides shopping, leisure, and tourism for people to enjoy much within residency, leading many companies to find the IFEZ.

The IFEZ is not stopping here. To become the center of business in Northeast Asia, the IFEZ is putting much effort to attract 120 additional global corporations from 8 corporations. Through this process, the IFEZ will become the global economic zone to make economic growth and creation of manpower not only for Incheon but also for Korea.



Excitement to the World, e-Sports

Written by_ Jo, Hyeong-geun (author of 「e-Sports, More Knowledge for Me」)

Photography by_ Kim, Seong-hun

When I was young, grown-ups scolded me that I play games too much. But now, it is different. Games are not just hobbies but are settled as the cultural content called “e-Sports”. From national competitions to international competitions, there are various e-sports contests, and Korea is getting all top-tiers and top ranks in all kinds of competitions. e-sports for the world, let us get into it.

Part 1

What is e-Sports?

What is e-sports? The term e-sports refers to “electronic sports”. In a broad sense, e-sports is an activity to content for victory by using computers, networks, or other image devices. In a narrower perspective, e-sports has professional game players, official competitions, readers and commentators, and audiences. In general, the latter circumstance is regarded as e-sports. E-Sports began from 1999. The cable TV broadcasting station “Tooniverse” broadcasted the Starcraft game under the name PKO (Professional game player Korea Open) for the first time. Players wore uniforms like cyber warriors, and this broadcasting was highlighted. Thereafter, e-sports rapidly developed and grew in less than 20 years, and there is now a new job called professional

game player. This professional game player is sponsored by a company, practices games in a training camp, and gets annual salaries and prize money, just like athletes playing soccer, baseball, volleyball, etc.

As there are many types of sports, there are many fields in e-sports and professional game players. The most popular fields of e-sports in Korea are “League of legends”, “Overwatch”, “Starcraft”, and “Battle Ground”, and the “League of legends” is running the top now. In other countries, “League of legends”, “Defense of the Ancients”, and “Counter Strike” are popular.

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Part 2

Powerhouse of e-Sports, Korea

Nominally and virtually, Korea is the Powerhouse of e-sports. In most of international competitions, Korean players get the first places, and sometimes the national selection match in Korea for the international competition is almost regarded as the final match for the entire competition, just like archery or short track, the sports events that Korea is strong in the Olympic Games. The fact that Korea is the origin of e-sports and the fact that companies sponsor various competitions and support professional game players led Korea to become the powerhouse of e-sports. As there are many fans watching e-sports and as there are many professional game players practicing for the future, Korea is continuously keeping its crown in e-sports. The companies sponsoring e-sports are also firm. Various large corporations from communication to

airline and restaurant business like SK Telecom, KT, Jin Air, and BBQ operate the professional game teams to pay salaries to players and provide benefits. These companies sponsor e-sports, the critical cultural axis of young generation, and promote the company to consumers, and players may have stable lives in their game teams and concentrate on practicing games. The regular seasons and leagues in Korea also contributed to make Korea to become the powerhouse of e-sports. Fans get to the arena to watch games of players, just like people go to baseball stadiums to watch baseball games. These fans pay for the entrance ticket to the arena, bring their hand-made cheering tools, and cry out loud to raise morale of players. e-sports in Korea grew as much as nowadays as so many people had interests in e-sports and watched these games.

LEAGUE
LEGENDS
PLAYERUNKNOWN'S
BATTLEGROUNDS
The most popular fields
of e-sports in Korea

Part 3

All about e-Sports Competitions

The main competitions of e-sports are "League of legends Champions Korea", "GSL (Global Starcraft 2 League)", "Kartirder League", etc. There are also the international competitions in Korea to accept foreign participants like "WCG (World Cyber Games)" or "IEM (Intel Extreme Masters)", and there are regular competitions for amateur players. The "President's Cup National Amateur e-Sports Competition" is an annual amateur e-sports competition. This competition will be held in Incheon in this year, and players over the country will visit Incheon to win this competition.

Is there any special secret to win in e-sports competitions? To be good at games, you need to have quick thinking and hand techniques. Upon these, you need to have the sights to read others' thoughts, high concentration and desire for winning, and great understanding of games to win over others. If you have confidence to compete with anyone as well, you will have higher probability of winning.

As e-sports has settled as a popular cultural content, winning is important, but it is also important to be considerate of others. Some users abuse hacking programs to win easily or curse or tease others who are not good at games. Because people play games on-line, it is important to consider others and keep etiquette.

● Soso (笑笑, Smiley) e-Sports Competition

For those who love e-sports, the "Soso e-Sports Competition" in Incheon was held for the first time on April 14th. With the competitions in "League of Legends" and "Battle Ground", the Gyesan Play Park was heated up. The youngest team of the "League of legends", Team "Cheonhabuseong" said on the interview, "We got to know this competition via on-line. Though we did not pass the preliminaries, it was really fun". There will be 5 competitions from April to November, and you may join via Incheon Game website Incheon Game (incheongame.com).

※ League of legends School
Tournament: Age of 12 ~ 18 (a team of 5 players)
PUBG Battle Ground Incheon
Tournament: Over 19 in a team of duo (2 players)



Youngest team of the 'League of Legends' players, 'Cheonhabuseong'

Part 4

e-Sports, Enjoy it Healthily

The greatest strength of e-sports is that you may enjoy games whenever and wherever. You may enjoy games at home or go to PC Bang (Internet Cafe). This PC Bang is a space to have multiple computers, and you pay a certain rate to use a computer and play games. This is very common cultural space in Korea. Many people meet up friends here or spend time in PC Bang. e-sports and PC Bang are very closely related. The games that people mainly play in PC Bang are usually the official games of e-sports. The growth of e-sports make people to find PC Bang, and this trend returns back the development of e-sports again.

It is not always positive to enjoy e-sports whenever and wherever. Because one may play games all day long, there is always a risk of overindulgence. It is very important to control oneself not to have any negative effect of games against daily life.

A game is a cultural content and art created by mankind. It is a tool to resolve stress, and it shall be used as a measure to raise more fellowship and relationship with others. Our effort for the above will make healthy e-sports culture and make the perception toward e-sports to be more positive.



*e-Sports, enjoy
wherever, whenever*



Guardian of Migratory Birds at Songdo

East Asia–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)



Inter-tidal mudflats provide many benefits for people including various food resources such as clamudflat ms as well as benefits for the environment including the habitat to rest and find food for many species of animals, especially globally threatened migratory waterbirds. As a result, the Songdo mudflat has been designated as the 19th Wetland of International Importance (Ramsar Site) in the Republic of Korea. In addition, the, Jangbong-do mudflat also has a high environmental value, and so do the mudflats in the southern region of Ganghwa Island, and the Yeongjong-do mudflat of Incheon. The “East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (hereinafter referred to as EAAFP)”, the guardian of migratory waterbirds, established their Secretariat in Songdo of Incheon, a key resting area in the migratory route for thousands of migratory waterbirds along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway.

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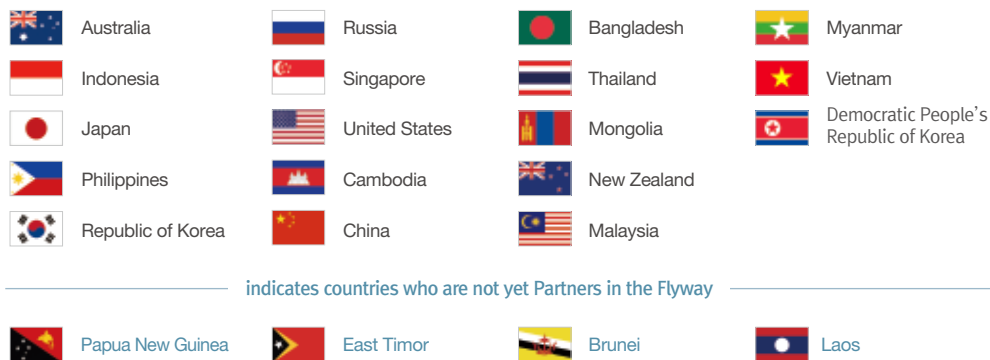
EAAFP, at Songdo

Geographically, the wide mudflats at Songdo Island, Ganghwa Island, and Yeongjong-do (Incheon) is located at the center of the route for thousands of migratory waterbirds along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. Therefore, Incheon provides significant mudflat habitat for many organisms and rare migratory waterbirds along this Flyway. For the long-term conservation of migratory waterbirds, Incheon has attracted the Secretariat office of the EAAFP which is now located at the Songdo G Tower.

The EAAFP is a voluntary and non-formal international partnership approved at the “World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)” in 2002, and it was formally established in November 2006 to conserve the migratory waterbirds and their habitats along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. Currently, the Partnership includes 18 governments such as Australia, Japan, the United States, DPR Korea, Singapore, 6 intergovernmental organizations such as the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (UNEP-CMS), 11 international nongovernment organizations such as Wetlands International and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), and the multinational corporation such as Rio Tinto. As a host city and a special partner, Incheon is taking an important role in the preservation of migratory waterbirds.



The 18 Government Partners



indicates countries who are not yet Partners in the Flyway

Together, by Incheon and EAAFP

For four seasons, more than 60% of the migratory waterbirds in the RO Korea arrive at Incheon. These include internationally threatened species such as the Black-faced Spoonbills, Saunder's Gulls, Chinese Egrets, Red-crowned Cranes, as well as other rare migratory waterbirds. Amongst these birds, the endangered Black-faced Spoonbills is one of the rarest, with only 3,900 of them remaining in the world. These rare waterbirds are using Yeongjong-do and Namdong reservoirs in Incheon as key habitats. Therefore, the Incheon City has registered the Songdo Mudflat Wetland Protected Area as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention. The City also has studied the breeding ecology of Black-faced Spoonbills and conservation of their habitat and has supported the private migratory waterbird networks to continue monitoring of migratory waterbirds. Furthermore, Incheon City is actively participating not only in the activities by the EAAFP but also in the task force (T/F) of ecological regions in Incheon and Gyeonggi-do Province.

From 2018, the EAAFP and the Incheon City have promised to cooperate to conserve the Black-faced Spoonbills. They will work to protect and manage the valuable mudflats in Incheon, and the EAAFP will share their experience for protection of endangered waterbirds and Black-faced Spoonbills that is being carried by the Incheon City. Through this, Incheon will become the environmental eco city, and it is planning to make the city for citizens and tourists to enjoy ecotourism on migratory birds and wetlands anywhere.



Becoming EcoPolis with EAAFP



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(Black-faced Spoonbill breeding area)

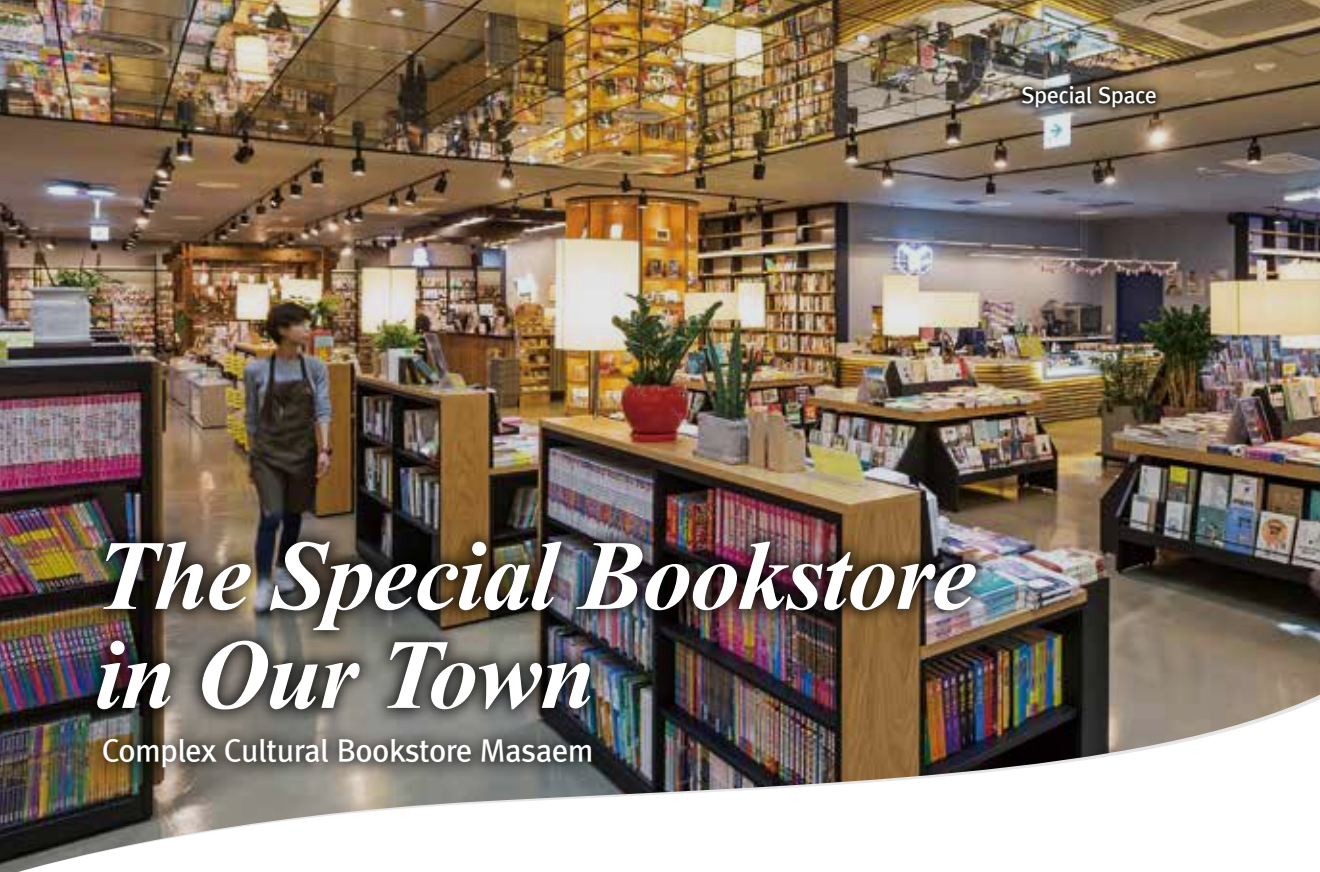
Conservation of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitat

The route that migratory waterbirds take every year is called as "Migration Route", and there are nine major migration routes in the world. The East Asia-Australasian Flyway (EAAF) is one of the major migratory routes and covers 22 countries from the Russian Far East and Alaska (USA), to East Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. This migratory route supports 50 million waterbirds from over 250 species including 32 globally endangered species and 19 threatened species. The EAAFP is putting various efforts to conserve the habitats and migratory waterbirds using the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, and the government partners

are regularly organizing national workshops to conserve the habitats for these migratory waterbirds, especially in regions such as Southeast Asia which provide important non-breeding habitats for many threatened waterbirds such as the Spoon-billed Sandpiper. EAAFP Partners are putting great effort to conserve the waterbirds in these regions. To raise awareness of the significance of waterbirds and habitat to people, the EAAFP has been holding World Migratory Bird Day events in the Republic of Korea on 10 May each year from 2006. During this event, the national government, local governments and the public can join birdwatching and educational activities along the EAAF.



A commemorative event in Songdo for the World Migratory Bird Day 2014



The Special Bookstore in Our Town

Complex Cultural Bookstore Masaem

As people may read books with tablets or computers, the number of people visiting bookstores dropped significantly. How about this special bookstore? You may enjoy not only books but also performances and exhibitions, and you may even have a cup of nice coffee at this complex cultural bookstore “Masaem”.

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Liberal Space of Harmony with Books

Bookshelves are filled with books. People reading books quietly. Just like a bookstore that we can imagine. However, there is a special bookstore in Nonhyeon-dong of Incheon. A complex cultural bookstore “Masaem”. This bookstore was made by the “Cooperative Union Majungmul Culture Plaza”, the cooperative organization found by voluntary participation of citizens to make the plaza of learning, communication, and imagination. Therefore, this bookstore could become the complex cultural bookstore unlike other bookstores.

There is no best-seller section in Masaem, unlike other bookstores. Instead, there is a book curation of Majungmul studied by members of Majungmul, and there are hand-written and sincere reviews by those who read these books. Since these people recommend books that touched their hearts rather than well-known books, once you read their reviews, you may pick up a book



*Read as much
as you want*

naturally. There are many spaces to read books freely at Masaem.

“We opened the place for people to read books freely even without buying one. Hence, there are many parents and children visiting this place. Some books may be ruined, but we decided to take the responsibility and opened the place.”

For children’s minds, the ceiling is made of mirror, and there is a place for children to sit comfortably or lie down to read books. On the interview with Jihee with her elementary school daughter, she satisfactorily said, “This is my first time visiting this place as one of my acquaintance introduced this place to me. You can read books freely, and there are well-prepared contents. I think I will visit here frequently.”



○ Masaem

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Cultural Space along with Music and Exhibition

Masaem is not just about books. There are music, art, and other cultural components. The “Empathy of Florian” is a concert place of Masaem, and there are various performances like classic concert, beverage tasting, and film watching time. In other times, this place is also used as a space for book reading or discussion. You may also try great coffee and organic dessert from the cafe within Masaem. At the small exhibition space “Gallery Future” next to the concert stage, there are small but heart-touching exhibitions of works from local students to experts. You may visit the Masaem website (masambooks.com) to check the schedule of performances and exhibitions in advance.

There are three seminar rooms for meetings and discussions. Each room may contain 12 people, and there are white boards and screens for many people. The seminar rooms are available through reservation, and if 6 or more people order beverages, they may use it without any charge for 2 hours. For additional use, the room fee is 5,000 KRW per hour. Besides, there is a place called “Munbangsau” for you to purchase office supplies and fancy goods, and this adds more fun for you to visit the bookstore.

Masaem, full of entertaining contents for both those who love books and those who do not love books. Why don’t you try this special bookstore today?

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Packed with
Enjoyments*

Sotdae, the Spiritual Message of Our People

Sotdae Areum Artist Kim, Suk-gyeong

Sotdae is an ethnic symbol of Korea. Sotdae is distributed over the country, and it is a cultural heritage to imply various meanings. The word Sotdae means “a pole erected”. Passed down from the Bronze Age, Sotdae is a structure composed of base support, standing pole, and bird. While it looks like just a simple structure, Sotdae has been deep inside people’s life with the nickname called “a messenger of hope”. Fell in love with Sotdae at the first sight, artist Kim Suk-gyeong continues to work on Sotdae to proclaim Sotdae, the cultural feature of Korea, to the world.

Written · Photography by_freelancer writer Cha Ji-eun



○ What is Sotdae?

Sotdae is a part of traditional culture within the Koreans. As a Sotdae was built to wish for prosperity of farming and fishing, it has been known as a part of folk religion, but because a Sotdae has been built also to indicate purposes of events or regional colors, widely a Sotdae itself has a cultural value. History of Sotdae from the Bronze Age was disconnected during the Japanese Colonial Era, but it resumed afterwards.

○ 솟대란?

솟대는 민족 안에서 살아온 전통 문화다. 농경시대 풍농, 풍어를 기원하는 목적으로 세워진 덕에 민간신앙으로 알려졌지만 경사를 알리는 목적, 지역의 색을 나타내는 목적 등으로 세워지기도 해 넓은 의미에서 문화적 가치를 띄고 있다. 청동기시대부터 이어진 솟대역사는 일제강점기 때 맥이 끊기기도 했지만 현대에 이르러 다시금 이어지게 되었다.

People

솟대, 우리민족의 정신적 메시지 솟대 아름 김숙경 작가

솟대는 우리 민족의 상징이다. 전국 팔도에 걸쳐 분포해 있고 다양한 의미를 함축적으로 나타내는 문화유산이다. ‘솟아있는 대’라는 뜻에서 솟대라고 불린다. 청동기 시대부터 전해져온 솟대는 받침목, 세움대, 새로 이루어진 조형물이다. 단순해보일 수도 있는 이 조형물은 ‘희망의 전달자’라는 별칭으로 우리 삶에 깊숙이 자리 잡았다. 첫눈에 솟대의 매력에 사로잡혔다는 김숙경 작가는 우리문화인 솟대를 세상에 알리겠다는 일념 하에 솟대작업을 이어가고 있다.

글 · 사진_자유기고가 차지은



“Sotdae” within People is a Life of the Koreans

“There is an energy to lead space in a Sotdae. Back in old times, there was an extraterritorial district called ‘Sodo’. Even in a space designated as Sodo, there was a Sotdae. A Sotdae implies meanings of spaces and characteristics of regions. It is a cultural feature maintained by reflecting our life within the nation.”

A Sotdae is generally erected at the entrance of town, and it is built mainly to wish for prosperity in farming or fishing or as a monument. Depending on regions and purposes, it is called as “Soldae”, “Byeolsindae”, “Hwajudae”, or other names, and it is ingrained within a life of the Koreans. Artist Kim Suk-gyeong (54) met a Sotdae for the first time about 20 years ago, when she was in her mid-thirties.

“I fell in love with a Sotdae from the first sight. It was a snowy day in winter, and I felt a sense of comfort at the first sight of it of that winter. At that time, I didn’t even know the existence of “Sotdae”, and I was attracted by this Sotdae that I met coincidentally. Thereafter, I learned Sotdae from the artist who made that specific Sotdae.” In her hands, a piece of wood becomes a bird. A feature of bird heading toward the sky by raising its head with full of hope varies by a shape of wood. The main ingredient of Sotdae is wood. Though it was told that there was a Sotdae made of rock, most of Sotdaes are made of wood.

“Can you smell this now? This is from zelkova tree. As this smell is very thick, some people may say it is repulsive, but I love all tree smells.” As her father was a landscaper, she grew up with trees when she was young. Because she was familiar with trees, she could fall in love with the sotdae.

“A familiar ingredient, a message within, and simple but elegant features of a Sotdae resemble the Koreans very much. A life of the Koreans is clearly within a Sotdae.” The energy is felt on a tip of her hand trimming a bird.



민족 안에 ‘숫대’는 우리네 삶

“숫대에는 공간을 이끄는 힘이 있어요. 오래전 삼한시대에 ‘소도’라는 치외법권지역이 있었어요. 소도를 나타내는 공간에도 숫대가 있었죠. 숫대는 어떤 공간의 의미, 그 지역의 특성을 모두 함축적으로 표현해요. 민족 안에서 우리네 삶을 담아내며 이어진 문화인거죠.”

숫대는 대체로 마을 어귀에 세워지며 풍농, 풍어를 기원하거나 기념비적인 의미로서 많이 세워진다. 지역과 목적에 따라 ‘솔대’, ‘별신대’, ‘화주대’ 등 다른 이름으로 불리기도 하며 우리네 삶에 자리 잡고 있다. 김숙경 작가(54)가 숫대와 처음 연을 맺은 건 약 20여 년 전, 삼십대 중반의 일이다.

“한눈에 반해버렸어요. 눈이 내리던 겨울이었는데, 첫눈에 편안함을 느꼈던 것 같아요. 당시 ‘숫대’의 존재도 모르던 때였는데 우연히 마주친 숫대에 매료당했죠. 그 자리에서 숫대를 구매해 집으로 갔어요. 그 숫대를 만드셨던 작가님 밑에서 숫대를 배우게 됐어요.”

김 작가의 손에서 나무는 한 마리 새가 된다. 희망을 가득 품은 듯 고개를 들고 하늘을 향하는 새의 형상은 나무의 모양에 따라 달라진다. 숫대의 주재료는 나무. 돌을 깎아 만든 숫대도 있었다고 전해지지만 대부분의 숫대의 재료는 나무다.

“지금 냄새 좀 나죠? 느티나무냄새예요. 느티나무가 향이 진해서 역하다고 하는 사람도 있는데, 전 나무냄새는 다 좋더라고요.” 김 작가는 조경사 아버지 덕에 어려서부터 나무와 함께 자랐다. 나무라는 재료에 익숙했던 것도 그녀가 숫대의 매력에 사로잡힌 이유 중 하나다.

“친숙한 재료, 그 속에 담긴 메시지, 화려하지 않지만 단아하고 담백하게 표현된 모습까지 모두 우리 민족을 꼭 닮았다는 생각이 들어요. 숫대에는 우리 민족의 삶이 고스란히 녹아있어요.” 새를 다듬는 그녀의 손끝에 힘이 실린다.



Sotdae, Obliterated during the Japanese Colonial Era, Reemerging

Sotdae, ingrained culture, disappeared during the Japanese Colonial Era, the dark ages of Korean history. As Japan carried out the policy of obliterating Korean culture, Sotdae disappeared as well.

“It is a spiritual anchor. In various perspectives, Sotdae is a support or hope of a life. This is why people call Sotdae as a ‘messenger of hope’. This is a proof that Sotdae took a significant portion of our life.” Sotdae, indicating a ceremony of hope, sincerity, and congratulation, is called as a “messenger of hope” or an “antenna of hope”. It has not been a long time since this Sotdae was revived in the world.

“Even I got to know Sotdae when I was in thirties, indicating that its awareness was so low. When I say Sotdae, many people ask me what it is. As artists who inherited traditional techniques put their effort, some people now know what Sotdae is.”

While there were many events in her life, artist Kim Suk-gyeong never left Sotdae. When she had a hard time, she grabbed on Sotdae more firmly.

“The Sotdae work was never easy. In learning and practicing, there were many adversities. Even within the moment of frustration, I rose up with Sotdae. I tried more to be better and gave new challenges. I could be what I am now as I love Sotdae so much.”

The journey of Sotdae by artist Kim was just like history of Sotdae.

일제강점기 말살된 숫대, 다시 고개를 들다

뿌리 깊은 문화였던 숫대가 모습을 감춘 것은 대한민국 역사의 암흑기, 일제강점기 때다. 문화말살정책에 의해 숫대 또한 그 자취를 감추게 된 것.

“정신적 지주라고 할까요? 다양한 의미로서 숫대는 삶의 버팀목 혹은 희망이라고 볼 수 있어요. 오죽하면 숫대를 ‘희망의 전달자’라고 할까요. 그런 우리의 문화를 없애려던 것은 숫대가 그만큼 우리 삶에 큰 비중을 차지하고 있었다는 반증이죠.”

희망, 정성, 경축 등의 의식을 나타낼 때 쓰이는 숫대는 ‘희망의 전달자’, ‘희망의 안테나’와 같은 별칭으로 불린다. 이러한 숫대가 다시 세상에 고개를 든 건 그리 오래되지 않았다.

“저만해도 숫대를 삼십대에 돼서야 알게 됐잖아요. 인지도가 그만큼 낮았어요. 숫대라고 하면, 그게 뭐냐고 묻는 사람이 많아요. 전통방식으로 전수받은 작가들과 그들의 노력으로 점차 인지도가 올라가 현재에 이르렀죠.”

그 사이 많은 일들이 있었지만 김숙경 작가는 한 번도 숫대를 놓은 적이 없다. 힘든 와중에도 그녀는 숫대를 더욱 움켜쥐었다.

“단 한 번도 숫대가 쉬웠던 적이 없어요. 배우고 단련하며 작업해나가는 중에 어려운 일도 많았죠. 좌절의 순간에도 전 숫대를 통해 일어났어요. 실력을 더욱 키우려고 하고 새로운 도전을 하면서요. 숫대를 정말 사랑해서 여기까지 올 수 있었어요.”

김 작가의 숫대 여정은 숫대의 역사와도 닮은 듯 보였다.

Sotdae, Transformed into Modern Form

Sotdae within Our Life

A Sotdae has been in the life of Koreans. Within history from the Bronze Age, a Sotdae has held the life of the Koreans, people wished for prosperity and blessings through a Sotdae, a Sotdae has delivered hope, and a Sotdae led people's bases of living. As sotdae was revived from its disappearance, artist Kim Suk-gyeong says that it is now the time to develop a traditional Sotdae for the modern times. She is saying that just simple reproduction of a traditional Sotdae would leave the culture in the past. She actually applies other Korean traditional craft techniques like mother-of-pearl or lacquering into a wooden Sotdae, and she also paints on a Sotdae to develop a new technique of expression. Moreover, she also talks about the use of Sotdae. In case of "Hwajudae", a commemorative Sotdae for the first place in a state examination back in the Joseon Dynasty, it shall be re-evaluated to be made into a gift that could be granted to a test-taker as a symbol of good luck in this modern life, as artist Kim Suk-gyeong states.

"Korean people in both the Joseon Dynasty and the modern era are both the Koreans. While the life style has changed much, types of clothes would not change my identity as Korean. As our life has changed much, our traditional shall develop too. I believe that this spontaneous development will make our culture to be revived because culture is one of the features that should step forward with people."



우리와 함께 살아가는 솟대

솟대는 우리와 함께 살아왔다. 청동기 시대부터 이어진 역사 속에서 우리네 삶을 담아냈고, 그와 함께 복을 기원하고, 희망을 전달하며, 우리네 터전을 이끌어 왔다. 자취를 감추었던 솟대가 다시금 명맥을 찾은 지금, 김숙경 작가는 이제 전통방식의 솟대를 현대에 맞게 발전시킬 때라고 말한다. 단순히 전통솟대를 재현하는 것에서 그치면 과거에 머물러 있게 된다는 것. 실제로 그녀는 나무 솟대에 나전, 옷칠 등 우리 전통공예를 접목시켜 작업하기도 하고 채화를 해 새로운 표현법을 개발하고 있다. 솟대의 쓰임도 마찬가지로. 장원급제를 기념하며 세운 솟대인 '화주대'의 경우 그 의미를 빌어 수험생에게 선물할 수 있도록 만들어 내는 등 현대생활에 맞게 재해석되어야 한다는 것이 김숙경 작가의 설명이다.

"조선시대 사람도 한국 사람이지만, 현대를 살고 있는 우리도 한국 사람이예요. 그사이에 생활양식이 많이 바뀌었죠. 양장을 입는다고 해서 제가 한국 사람이 아닌 것은 아니니까요. 우리 삶이 바뀐 만큼 전통도 그에 맞게 발전해야 해요. 그렇게 자연스럽게 녹아들어야 우리 문화로 다시금 거듭날 수 있다고 생각해요. 문화는 우리와 함께 앞으로 나아가야 하는 거니까요."



Hope to Proclaim Our Cultural Heritage by Building a Sotdae Museum

A bird raising its head looks like it would soar up to the sky. A Sotdae with wishes and hope is deep-rooted culture that is even in an elementary school textbook rather than a religious belief. To spread this culture, artist Kim has joined various lectures and programs to spread a Sotdae for two years.

"It is the most important to connect tradition and modernity and to lead our culture. I would like to develop contents that may smear into our life." Preparing the thesis of Sotdae at the graduate school of traditional contents in Sungshin Women's University, she would like to show the vision of Sotdae with the contents to connect tradition with modernity.

"Ultimately, it is my dream to build a Sotdae Museum for people to be familiar with a Sotdae and for me to spread the historical meanings of Sotdae."

Artist Kim Suk-gyeong has worked on a Sotdae for 17 years. She has proclaimed a Sotdae to the world and proposed the future of Sotdae, and she has received the Award by the Minister of Gender Equality and Family, the Award by the Mayor of Seoul at the Seoul Woman Craft Center Awards, the Award at the 47th Korea Handicraft Contest, the Award Citation on the Day of Wood, the Award by the Korean Traditional Handmaster, and awards at other numerous contests.

솟대박물관 세워 우리문화유산 알리고 싶다

고개를 치켜든 새가 금방이라도 하늘로 날아오를 듯하다. 소망과 희망을 담은 솟대는 신앙이라기보다는 초등학교 교과서에도 실린 뿌리 깊은 문화다. 이 문화를 전파하기 위해 김 작가는 2년째 다양한 교육 및 체험프로그램에 참여하여 솟대를 알리고 있다.

"전통과 현대를 잇고 우리 문화를 이끌어가는 일이 무엇보다 중요하다고 생각해요. 우리 생활에 녹아들 수 있는 콘텐츠를 개발하고 싶어요." 성신여대 전통콘텐츠 대학원에서 솟대논문을 준비하고 있는 그녀. 전통과 현대를 잇는 콘텐츠로 사람들에게 솟대의 비전을 선보이고 싶다고 말한다.

"궁극적으로는 사람들이 솟대를 쉽게 접할 수 있는 솟대 박물관을 세워 그 역사적 의미를 전파하는 것이 제 꿈이죠." 김숙경 작가는 17년간 솟대에 매진해 온 작가다. 세상에 솟대를 알리고 솟대의 미래를 제시하며 향토문화대전 여성가족부 장관상, 서울시 여성공예소전 서울시장상, 47회 대한민국공예품대전 입상, 2017년 목재의 날 표창장, 대한민국전승자협회 상품공모전 등 다수의 공모전에서 수상한 바 있다.





Together

Hercules Returns, Chapter 2 of Baseball Life Begins in Korea

Jamie Romak of SK Wyverns



*Foreign Player
with Record of
31 Home Runs*

Selected SK Wyverns to Play as much Baseball as Possible

Jamie Romak visited Korea for the first time in May of the last year, just before the game of Doosan Bears in Jamsil. He was recruited as the replacement player of Danny Worth, a batter of SK Wyverns who got a shoulder injury. Jamie was close to Danny as they both were at Reno Aces the Triple A team under Arizona Diamondbacks in 2015.

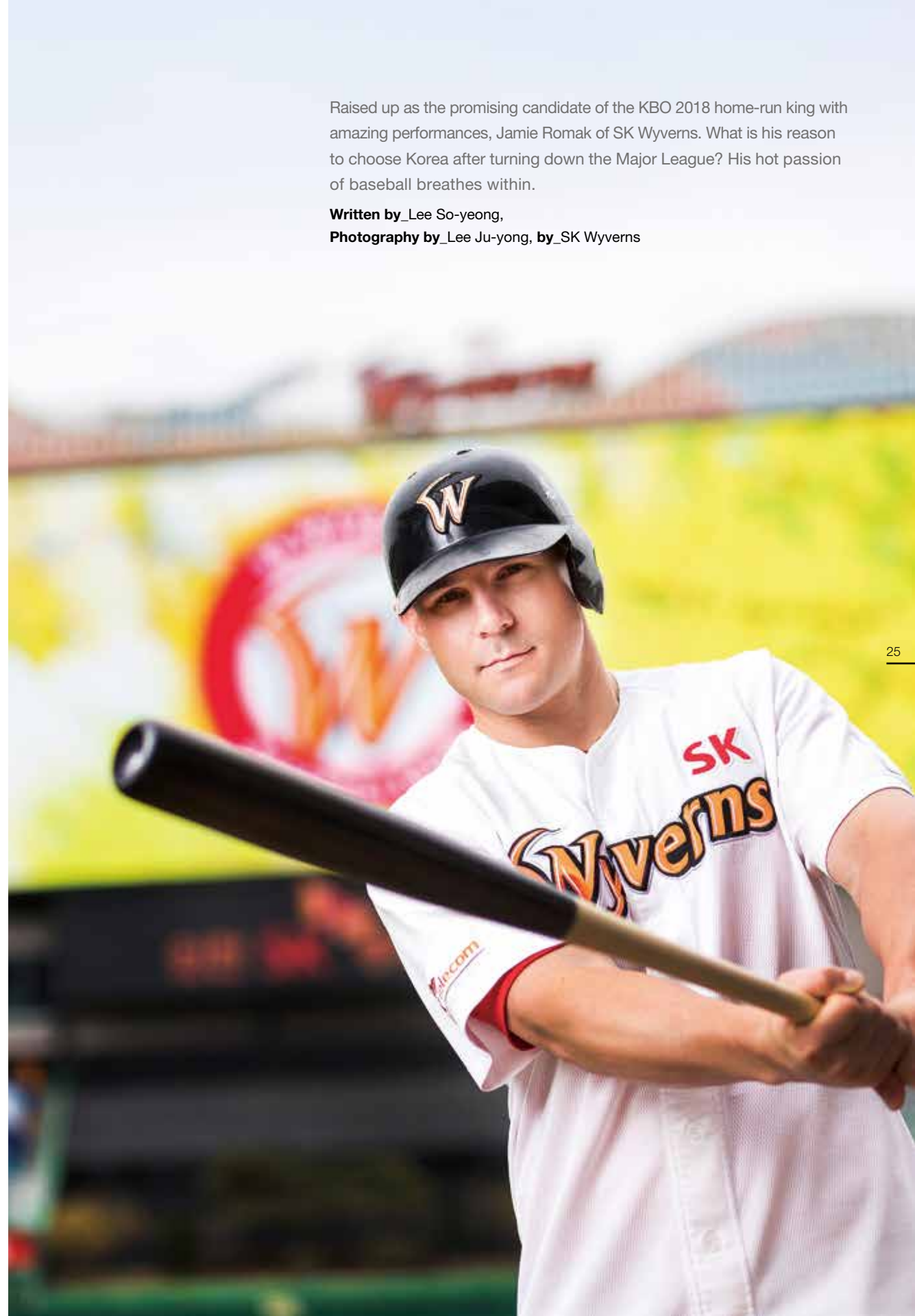
It was not smooth in the beginning as his hitting was not stable. He called help to coaching staffs, and he learned that the strike zone of Korea is wider than the one in the Major League and that he needs to approach with more aggressive batting. Though he was from Triple A Team where batting position is not supervised, he decided to learn any with open minds and soon improved greatly, and he returned back to the first string quickly.

"In the KBO League, I may be a mere baby who is still practicing how to walk. My coaching staffs and analysts are thus helping me to adapt as soon as possible. I believe that a professional player shall be able to modify and make up continuously if required." With such attitude of his, his batting average and on-

Raised up as the promising candidate of the KBO 2018 home-run king with amazing performances, Jamie Romak of SK Wyverns. What is his reason to choose Korea after turning down the Major League? His hot passion of baseball breathes within.

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Photography by _Lee Ju-yong, **by** _SK Wyverns





Romak, spending time with family on his day off

base percentage later on skyrocketed, and he hit 31 home-runs in 102 games. He was the first foreign batter of replacement who hit more than 30 home-runs in KBO League history. Considering that the past record was 23 home-runs by Kit Pellow from Lotte Giants in 2005, his record was overwhelming. Back then, coach Trey Hillman saw the pure passion of Jamie Romak. Although the position of Jamie was already full in SK Wyverns, coach Trey proposed a resign to Jamie. As Jamie had very wide spectrum, the position could be distinguished later on. It was a great chance for Romak. He had a high probability of call-up from the Major League, but he chose to have a stable athletic life because even if one gets into the Major League, if a performance is not satisfactory, one may get down to the Minor League again.



"In other words, I said okay to SK Wyverns just to play baseball every day. I also had high faith in our team. Above all, Danny told me all great things like team system, residential environment, food, and great stories about Korea, and I didn't have to hesitate (haha)."



Beautiful Incheon, Another Healing Space for Me

In the year of 2017, his debut year in the KBO League, though a short-time, he made great memories in Incheon. Therefore, Jamie's wife was also glad to hear his path in Korea.

"Incheon with my family was still lovely. Incheon International Airport and Incheondaegyo Bridge were shining as well. Because the home ground of SK Wyverns is Incheon SK Happy Dream Park, I am staying in Songdo now, and I am very satisfied with it. Maybe because there are many foreigners? I have no problem staying here. For this reason, my family could get along quickly as well."

The Central Park is the resting place that he visits every Monday when he rests. As the park has wide green and cool lake, he says that it is the best place to walk around with his family. The kid's cafes are also well-prepared, and he frequently visits with his 15-month-old son. As he proudly talked about his local communities, we could see his love toward Incheon on his face.

To be Remembered as the Epitome of Passion and Spirit

His selection on swings and batting eyes were evaluated to be surprisingly improved, and now he is performing as the center of the team. Now, there is only one dream for Jamie, the victory in the KBO Series! His goal is to put his team to at least the third place in this year.

"Our team may definitely achieve it. For this, I will set my mindset as "I am a Korean batter" to put the best effort for my team and my teammates. I would not just concentrate on home-runs, and I should be prepared to be in anywhere if needed."

Jamie began to play baseball as he loved to play T-ball with his father when he was four. He never dropped his love toward baseball from then. As he decided to come to Korea to stand on the mound every day, he still thirsts to play. He is still eager.

Being happy and thankful just by playing baseball, Jamie hopes that later on, many parents would say to their children who wish to become baseball players, "If you want to play baseball, take Jamie Romak as your role model!"



SK Wyverns

Founded in 2000, SK Wyverns has stayed with Incheon fans for the longest time among all baseball teams of Incheon history. SK Wyverns won three KBO series and reached to the KBO Series for 4 consecutive years with its outstanding performances. The mascot of SK is "Athena", the goddess of victory in ancient Greek mythology. It is an attractive mascot of wisdom and victory.

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Welcome~ Is this your first time to Ganghwado Island?

Tasigyeo Bus for the Visit Korea Year

On a warm sunny day, Claude Drolet (50) and his family went out for Ganghwado Island picnic. Claude never visited Ganghwado Island before. Claude usually makes a tight and detailed trip plan, but this time, he did not prepare any special trip plan or even a map. He just trusted on "Tasigyeo Bus" and took off for a family trip. This circulatory tour bus "Tasigyeo Bus" immediately relieves all stress from driving and allows you to have a great and compact trip.

Written by _Kim, Youn-gyeong,
Photograph by _Choi, Jun-geun

Convenient Ganghwado Island Trip with "Tasigyeo Bus"

Claude from Canada is teaching science of communication at George Mason University, and he is working at the international cooperation office of the Incheon City. Though he has been in Korea for more than 20 years, it is his first time to travel Ganghwado Island. After he parked his car at wide Gapgotdondae Parking Lot at 10:20 AM, he got on "Tasigyeo Bus" with his wife Park Jin-woo (46) and his son Colby Drolet (9). The word "Tasigyeo" is a dialect of Ganghwado Island, and it means "get on, or hop on". As they got on the bus, the bus driver greeted them by saying, "Eoseo Osigyeo (welcome)~".

Begun operating from March 23rd, "Tasigyeo Bus" is a circulatory tour bus to go around Gapgotdondae Fortification, Pungmul Market, Jungang Market (tour platform), Hwamunseok Cultural Hall, Peace Observatory, and Ganghwa History Museum. There is a bus every 40 minutes, and you may get off at any attraction to look around and get back on another bus. There is no limit in bus ride with an 8,000 KRW daily pass, and if you visit the Ganghwa Tourism Platform, or the Ganghwa-gun Welcome Center, they give you the reimbursement of Ganghwa Love Gift Card worth 5,000 KRW. Moreover, you may get 50% discount for entrance fees on paid attractions by the district. With the ticket, you may transfer to any intra-district bus on the same day, and if it is confirmed that you stay overnight within the district, you may have a free ride of Tasigyeo Bus on the following day.



Ganghwa Tourist Platform
(Jungang Market)



Yongheunggung Palace



Ganghwa Anglican Church

AM 10:33 Get Off at Jungang Market

Ganghwa Tourism Platform

Located on the 3rd floor of Building B at Jungang Market in Ganghwa-eup, "Ganghwa Tourism Platform" is a comprehensive tourism information center to have all information about tour of Ganghwado Island and accommodation and reservation system. You may experience history and culture of Ganghwado Island, media wall, VR, and traditional Ganghwado-style clothes of the Goryeo Dynasty as Ganghwado Island was the capital of the country during the Goryeo Dynasty.



"It is so amazing that I could see all features of Ganghwado Island with VR. As we wear traditional clothes of the Goryeo Dynasty and take family photos, I think the trip we are having today is so worthwhile and a true family trip."

Yongheunggung Palace, Ganghwa Anglican Church

After they came out from the Ganghwa Tour Platform, they headed to Yongheunggung Palace (龍興宮). This is the house where King Cheoljong, the 25th King of the Joseon Dynasty, stayed until he was 19 before he was enthroned. With the gate at the narrow alley and the servants' quarters, Yongheunggung Palace is small and simple but elegant to meet royal authority. Once you go up the stairs behind Yongheunggung Palace, you will see Ganghwa Anglican Church. Built in 1990, this church is the unique space that has a western architectural style restored with a Korean style, and it is one of the most unique cultural heritages of Ganghwado Island.



"The outlook of Ganghwa Anglican Church was just a typical Korean-style structure, but the interior was completely western-style. I was amazed at the harmony between East and West."

Sochang Experience Hall

By the 1970s, over 60 small and big textile factories produced artificial silk, ties, curtain fabric, and special cotton textiles at Ganghwado Island. In the last year, Ganghwa-gun opened the "Sochang Experience Hall" to experience the textile industry of Ganghwa, which was prosperous in the past. In this place, there are photographs of Joyang Textile, the first textile factory built under the domestic capital and photographs of Shimdo Textile with about 1,200 factory workers. Moreover, for tourists, there are various experiential programs like making own Ganghwa



Sochang Experience Hall

Salted Seafood Soup and Galbi
(Jeotguk Galbi)

Peace Observatory



Peace Observatory

Sochang, traditional tea at the Korean traditional house built in 1938, Hwamunseok, and weaving.



"It is fun to put beautiful patterns by stamping on Sochang (fabric). I was happy to make the one-and-only handkerchief in the world."

Salted Seafood Soup and Galbi (Jeotguk Galbi)

Well-known for the home of salted shrimp, Ganghwa Island has food called "Jeotguk Galbi (salted seafood soup and galbi)" made of salted shrimp and pork. This food was originated from food to serve king by gathering precious specialties of Ganghwa Island. Within meat broth made of salted shrimp and pork, various vegetables like water parsley, onion, and pumpkin are put in to be boiled. As there is no seasoning beside salted shrimp, the taste of soup is very simple and fresh. Upon this, Cheongyang red pepper is put in to make the soup to be spicy.



"I am from Incheon, but this is the first 'Jeotguk Galbi (salted seafood soup with galbi)' that I've ever had. I only knew Galbi as just grilled food, and this stew-form Galbi is very new style for me."

PM 1:51 Get off at Peace Observatory

Peace Observatory

Ganghwa Island is the place to see the reality of confrontation between South and North at a very short distance. The Peace Observatory is a short waterway away from the land of North Korea, and since the closest distance to the land of North Korea is only 1.8 km, you may see Songaksan Mountain with bare eyes. He put his eyes on the high-performance tourist telescope installed on the rooftop. The mountains and streams of North Korea are closer to him more vividly.



"It is interesting that this region dividing two countries became a tourist attraction. While it is interesting, it is also very sad to be."

PM 2:49 Get off at Ganghwa History Museum

Ganghwa Dolmen and Ganghwa History Museum

Ganghwa Dolmen is the main northern-style dolmen in the Bronze Age of Korea, and it was listed as the UNESCO World Heritage in December 2000. As it is 1.5-m high, 6.4-m long, and 7.5-ton, it is the largest main dolmen in South Korea. Ganghwa History Museum located in front of the dolmen systematically holds and displays relics excavated from



Ganghwa History Museum



Pungmul Market



Gapgotdondae Fortification

Ganghwa Island to disclose history and culture of Ganghwa Island from the prehistoric era to modern era.



"I only saw pictures of dolmens from books, and it was really wonderful to see them with my bare eyes. When my dad told me that we are traveling Ganghwa Island, I really wanted to see dolmens, and the real dolmen is huge."

PM 4:37 Get off at Bus Terminal (Pungmul Market)

Pungmul Market

The must-be course within Ganghwa Island Trip, Pungmul Market. At Pungmul Market, there are unique food and specialties only from Ganghwa. There is a purple and round turnip cut into pieces to be seasoned. This is the special scenery only of Ganghwa. Moreover, all kinds of seafood, salted large-eyed herring, salted shrimp, and marinated crab are the most popular food in Pungmul Market. The specialty of Ganghwa, Hwamunseok (figured mat), is also available in this market.



"Craftworks made of Hwamunseok are so beautiful. I would love to buy all these for gifts to my friends in Canada. I think Koreans are very skillful."

PM 5:25 Get off at Gapgotdondae Fortification

Gapgotdondae Fortification, War Museum

The first thing to see after Ganghwadaegyo Bridge, Gapgotdondae Fortification, is one of 53 dondaes (fortifications) completed in May of 1679 (King Sukjong). Located within Gapgotdondae Fortification, the War Museum has various war monuments holding the spirit of patriotism of Ganghwa that defended foreign invasion during every crisis in history.



"American history is about 200 years old, but many relics and heritages in Ganghwa Island are a few thousand years old. I was impressed by history and cultural heritages of Ganghwa Island. If I have one wish, I wish the signs and instructions for foreigners were more detailed because I would like to introduce Ganghwa Island to my friends too."

+ With the nickname "Open-top Museum", Ganghwa Island itself is history and tradition. Even with outstanding natural sceneries. If you wonder where to begin, just hop on "Tasigyeo Bus".
"If you are sick of driving, sick of GPS voice, worrying about parking, or dreaming about romantic trip on a bus, hop on before it is full~!"



Festival

Culture

Grand Festival of Dong-gu with History

2018 Hwadojin Festival

Written by _Seol, Sae-rom

o 2018 Hwadojin Festival

Period May 18th (Fri) ~ 19th (Sat)
Location Northern plaza of Dongincheon Station and Hwadojin Park

Major Event

- Marine General Parade to Fortress: 4PM on May 18th (Fri), Dong-gu Office ~ Hwadojin Park
- Reenactment of Signature Ceremony of the Treaty of Peace, Commerce, and Navigation between Korea and the U.S.: 6PM on May 18th (Fri), Hwadojin Park
- Namsadangnori Performance: 3PM on May 18th (Fri), Northern Plaza of Dongincheon Station

Contact 032-770-6922 / icdonggu.go.kr

Enjoying History and Present at the Same Time

For two days from May 18th to May 19th, the “2018 Hwadojin Festival” will be held at Hwadojin Park and the northern plaza of Dongincheon Station. Dong-gu has held the festival about Hwadojin every year from 1990, and this is the 29th festival in this year. Hwadojin was installed by King Gojong. King Gojong dispatched the marine general Shin Jeong-hee on August 27th 1878 to fight against Japan which forcibly requested to open the port after the Japan-Korea Treaty of 1876. Thereafter, Shin Heon the ambassador plenipotentiary of King Gojong and admiral Shufeldt concluded the Treaty of Peace, Commerce, and Navigation between Korea and the U.S. Nowadays, it is Hwadojin Park, and you may take a walk by feeling the sense of past.

At the Hwadojin Festival, you may take a look at the past of Hwadojin and the present of Dong-gu. The marine general parade to fortress to reenact Hwadojin of the past begins from the front of Dong-gu Office and passes Seorim Elementary School, Baedari Three-way Intersection, Northern Plaza of Dongincheon Station, and Hwasu Market, and arrives at Hwadojin Park: total 2.5 km. In this parade, there will be bestowing of royal edict, sword dance performance, and demonstration of cannon to provide various attractions. If you would like to peruse the present day Dong-gu, you may take a “Dong-gu Tour along with a Trolley Bus”. From this trip, you may enjoy play experience hall and feeling contents experience hall at the Sudoguksan Museum of Housing and Living at the Northern Plaza of Dongincheon Station and old features and major attractions of Dong-gu.



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Event

1. Cheongna Good Market

June 23rd /
 Cheongna Lake Park

Cheongna Good Market, the “beautiful event” that not only protects environment through recycling left-off items at home but also donates a part of profit, will be held at Cheongna Lake Park on June 23rd. If you would like to sell any item, you may register in advance, and you have to be selected as a seller. There is a seller fee of 10,000 KRW, and all participation fee will be used for donation. The market sales will be held from 11AM to 5PM, and there will also be much food and entertaining contents.

☎ 032-453-7093

Concert

2. Musical “Goddess is Watching You”

May 4th ~ 5th /
 Incheon Culture & Arts Center

In the Korean War, the captain of South Korean Army Han Yeong-beom was assigned to complete the special mission of transferring four North Korean soldiers to the prison camp, and he got on the ship along with his subordinate Shin Seok-gu. Yet, these war prisoners of North Korea started a riot on the ship, and the ship met inclement weather, causing these six soldiers to be shipwrecked on an uninhabited island. The only North Korean soldier who could fix the ship lost his mind due to the post traumatic syndrome after the war, and for this soldier, the mission of “Goddess is Watching You” begins. Let us take a look at lives and thoughts of these ordinary people that were forgotten from history of the Korean War.

☎ 1566-6551

Concert

3. Magic “2018 THE Choi Hyun Woo <ASK? & answer!>”

May 26th ~ 27th /
 Incheon Culture & Arts Center

Walked the path of magician for 20 years, Choi Hyun Woo. The magic concert clustering all of his expertise will be held. The performance set as large as 5 11-ton trucks and the image map using the entire frontal section of the stage will make the blockbuster show to touch your heart. Choi Hyun Woo, the leader of the paradigm of magic with new trials at every performance, will bring the show of mental magic “The Brain” and the magical “The Sherlock: Gravity 503”. Moreover, you may see some of his first trial of new magic and some of his highlighted and popular magic from this performance. Let us visit the best of all performances by the world-renowned magician Choi Hyun Woo.

☎ 1566-6551

Concert

4. Concert “2018 Brunch Concert, Sweet Classic with Yang Huikyeong”

May 31st, June 28th /
 Bupyeong Art Center

11AM, just between morning and afternoon. How about some classical music to warm your heart? At the Bupyeong Art Center, there will be the “2018 Brunch Concert, Sweet Classic with Yang Huikyeong” in every month from April to June. The concert in May will have the exciting theme “youth”, and the concert in June will have the theme “trip”, implying a trip of music along from ideas by music. Along with the harmony of beautiful voice, strings, and guitars, tango and ballet will make the performance to be richer.

☎ 032-500-2000

INCHEON NOW

News Brief

01

“Daebul Hotel”, Korea’s First Hotel, Remodeled into Exhibition Hall

Daebul Hotel, the Korea’s first hotel, has been remodeled into the exhibition hall to be opened on April 6th.

The exhibition hall is composed of the Hall 1, or the Daebul Hotel Exhibition Hall, and the Hall 2, the exhibition hall of life history in 1960~1970, and images and archives about transition of Daebul Hotel and features of early modern life are displayed. The exhibition hall is open from 9AM to 6PM.

By the way, Daebul Hotel was built by a Japanese entrepreneur, and during its prosperous phase, it was newly built into a three-story brick building in 1888. The hotel was designed as a western-style hotel to take foreign guests.

Contact: Incheon History Archive Hall ☎ 440-8382, 8383



02

High-tech Transportation Bimodal Tram Korea’s First Operation at Cheongna

The Incheon Transit Corporation introduced the bimodal tram, a new guided rapid transit (GRT) to the Cheongna International City, for the first time in Korea and began operation from April 21st.

Besides 14 No. 701 and No. 702 GRT low floor buses under operation between Cheongna International City Station~Gajeong Station, 4 additional bimodal trams will be introduced. The number of daily services will increase from 79 to 99, and the last service will be adjusted from 0:25AM to 0:30AM.

Just like the rate of Green Bus, the rate with regular card is 950 KRW and 1,000 KRW with cash, which is lower than a regular intra-city bus. The transfer discount will be applied as well.

Contact: Incheon Transit Corporation ☎ 569-6044



03

Operating 50-passenger Water Taxi at Cheongna Lake Park

From April 15th, the “50-passenger Water Taxi” began its operation at Cheongna Lake Park. This water taxi “Vugera” runs in between 9AM~9PM by November 30th. Once passengers get on the taxi from the Cheongpa Dock, the taxi goes around the entire park and comes back to the Cheongpa Dock, and this course (3km) takes about 30 minutes. The rate is 6,000 KRW for an adult and 3,000 KRW for a child.

Contact: Cheongpa Dock Ticket Office ☎ 565-4609



04

Formation of Historic Park at Tomb of Lee Seung-hun, the First Baptized of Catholicism in Korea

The full-scale project making the tomb site of Lee Seung-hun(1756~1801), known as the first baptized of Catholicism in Korea, into the historic park of Catholicism will begin.

The Incheon City has concluded the MOU to quickly pursue the project of forming “Lee Seung-hun Historic Park” with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Incheon Management Foundation on April 19th. The City will form 45,831㎡ of lot of San 135 of Jangsu-dong, Namdong-gu where the tomb site of Lee Seung-hun into the “Lee Seung-hun Historic Park” and will establish the history and culture experience hall of Korean Catholic Church. Lee Seung-hun was baptized by a missionary in Beijing of China in 1784 to become the first baptized of Catholicism in Korea. After he returned back to Korea, he baptized many people and was martyred in 1801 from the Catholic Persecution of 1801.

Contact: Cultural Heritage Division of Incheon City ☎ 440-4482



05

KPGA Genesis Championship for 3 years in Incheon

The Incheon City, Hyundai Motors, and Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea had the business agreement for success of the KPGA Genesis Championship at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club of Songdo on April 10th.

The KPGA Genesis Championship will be held in Incheon for three years from this year. After the previous competition in the last year, the 2nd competition will be held at Jack Nicklaus Club of Songdo on 24~27th of the following month. The total prize is 1.5 billion KRW (champion’s prize money to be 300 million KRW), and over 40,000 galleries are expected, and the championship will bring much invigoration to local economy.

Contact: Meeting, Incentives, Convention, and Exhibition Division of Incheon City ☎ 440-1523

When You are Starving at Night!

Late-night Food and Delivery Culture

Until late night, neon signs are glowing in the downtown, and motorcycles delivering food are running on roads, for those who want late-night food. Chicken, black bean sauce noodles, shaved ice flakes, and even ice cream are available at late night. Why don't you try?

Written by_Seol Sae-rom

Korean Table, even by the Late Night

11 PM, it is pretty late, but there are still many people in restaurants of downtowns. Koreans love late night food, and at least 5 out of 10 Koreans eat late night food once a week. Well, why do they eat late night food? I guess they would like to relieve their stress of busy daily life with late night food. For them, night is not just for sleeping but also for eating food to blow their stress away.

As the late-night food culture is very common in Korea,

there are many restaurants running 24/7. Moreover, there are food delivery services to get food to your place at anytime. From chicken to pizza, black bean sauce noodles, pork cutlet, and sushi, all you need is just one phone call. Nowadays, it has been developed further, and you may check menus and reviews with food delivery applications and may even order any food with some clicks. Some restaurants even offer coupons for every food order, and you may collect and exchange later with free food.

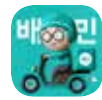
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What is the most favorite late-night delivery food?

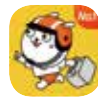


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| 1 st | chicken |
| 2 nd | Korean-style/flour-based food |
| 3 rd | Chinese-style |
| 4 th | Pizza |
| 5 th | Pig's feet/bossam
(boiled pork with sauce and greens) |
| 6 th | Pork cutlet/raw fish/Japanese-style |

Order with just a few touches!
"Apps for Food Delivery"



Nation of Deliverers



Delivery Box



Here It Is

Not only menus and reviews but also all available food delivery restaurants near you through the position of your mobile phone through these various food delivery applications.

As you may order and pay through these applications, they are even convenient for foreigners. Here are ways to order some food through food delivery applications.

- 1 Get one of the applications and turn it on.
- 2 Set the location of your location or just search the address with "dong name".
- 3 Select the category of food you want to get and pick the restaurant you would like to try.
- 4 Add food menus and press the order button.
- 5 Once you select your address, phone number, and payment method, your order is done.

- Payment method: spot payment (credit card or cash), payment via application (credit card, mobile phone payment, or bank transaction)



Please Tell Us about Your Opinions on "INCHEON NOW."

The newsletter of Incheon in English, "INCHEON NOW," is a press to inform the charm of Incheon to the world. It holds various news about history, culture, and tour in Incheon. "INCHEON NOW" would like to listen to your voices to deliver more meaningful and worthwhile news to the world. Please tell us about your opinions for better "INCHEON NOW."

Please mark your gender, age, and nationality.

Gender : M / F Age : Nationality :

Q1 How did you get to know the newsletter of Incheon in English, "INCHEON NOW"? Please select all routes.

- ☐ Mail Delivery
☐ Tourist Information Center, Hotel
☐ Airport
☐ Public Institution, etc.
☐ Others ()

Q2 What type of media is "INCHEON NOW" for you?

- ☐ PR Magazine to connect Incheon with the world
☐ Newsletter of city administration to inform various news of Incheon
☐ Medium to provide information about culture, tourism, and life of Incheon

Q3 How much are you satisfied with the contents of "INCHEON NOW"?

- ☐ Very satisfied
☐ Mostly satisfied
☐ Not bad
☐ Not satisfied
☐ Highly not satisfied

Q4 What feature is satisfactory for you?

- ☐ It holds contents about Incheon.
☐ I may get to know policies of the Incheon City.
☐ I like design and photographs of the newsletter.
☐ Others ()

Q5 Was "INCHEON NOW" helpful for you to know and understand Incheon?

- ☐ Very Helpful
☐ Helpful
☐ Not Much
☐ Became Worse
☐ No Change

Q6 If you want anything from the newsletter in English "INCHEON NOW," please feel free to write it here.

※ After the survey, please send it via mail or e-mail at goodvoice@korea.kr (attach a photo by taking it with your cellphone or write the survey). We will randomly select a few and send a small mobile gift. Please write down your contact information as well.

※ Address: Brand Manager Office at Incheon City Hall, 29 Jeonggak-ro, Namdong-gu, Incheon (☎ 032-440-8304)



Information about INCHEON

WEATHER

Located at the midpoint of the Korean peninsula, Incheon has both continental and oceanic climates due to its closeness to West Sea. The coldest day in Incheon was recorded at -21.0°C (-5.8°F), and the hottest day on record was 38.9°C (102.02°F). The average temperature is 12.1°C (53.78°F), which is 0.7°C lower than the Seoul's temperature.

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Average temperature	-2.1°C	-0.3°C	5.1°C	11.3°C	16.4°C	20.9°C
Average rainfall	20.6mm	20.8mm	40.5mm	57.5mm	100.3mm	112.0mm
Average rainy days	3.8 rainy days	3.1 rainy days	4.5 rainy days	5.7 rainy days	6.5 rainy days	6.8 rainy days

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Average temperature	24.0°C	25.2°C	21.1°C	15.0°C	7.6°C	0.9°C
Average rainfall	319.6mm	285.8mm	153.5mm	53.4mm	51.0mm	19.3mm
Average rainy days	11.8 rainy days	10.4 rainy days	6.2 rainy days	4.7 rainy days	6.1 rainy days	3.8 rainy days

Life and BUSINESS

Incheon Metropolitan City is made up of two guns (Ganghwa-gun and Ungjin-gun) and eight gus (Jung-gu, Dong-gu, Nam-gu, Yeonsu-gu, Namdong-gu, Bupyeong-gu, Gyeyang-gu and Seo-gu). It has a housing supply ratio of 101 percent and an economically active population of 1.58 million, of which the female participation rate is growing steadily (from 44.4 percent in 1990 to 53 percent in 2015).



No. of houses 1.05 million
Housing supply ratio 101%



Industrial complexes 11
No. of resident companies 9,769



Elementary, middle, and high schools 517
Universities 8



Cargo volume 146 million tons
Vessel entry/departure 34,107 ships
Container volume 2.42 million TEU



Park/green areas 57.95%



Air service 339,000 flights
Air cargo 2.71 million tons
No. of air passengers 57.77 million



Economically active population 1.58 million
Economic activity rate 63.5%

LOCATION

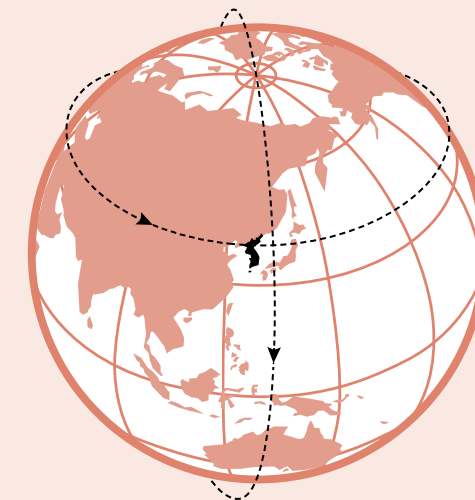
Incheon is located at a latitude of $\text{N}37^{\circ} 28'$, and a longitude of $\text{E}126^{\circ} 37'$. Can you guess, Which other cities in the world are located on the same latitude and longitude?

Cities on the same latitude:

San Francisco, California in the USA, and Madrid in Spain

Cities on the same longitude:

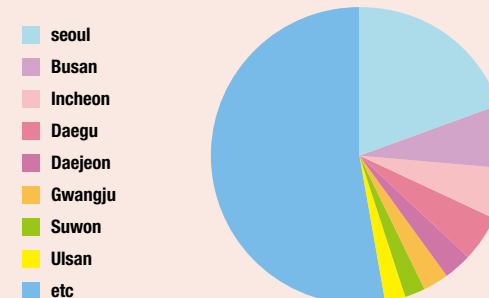
Darwin in Australia, and Manila in the Philippines



Latitude $\text{N}37^{\circ} 28'$
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POPULATION

As of December 31, 2016, the population of Incheon Metropolitan City is 3,002,172, making it the third most populous city in Korea, after Seoul and Busan. Currently, there are 59,103 foreigners living in Incheon(as of December 2016).



If the total population of Korea was 51 people, then three of them would live in Incheon.

TOTAL AREA

On November 10, 2016, Incheon became the largest of Korea's eight metropolitan cities in terms of land area. With the completion of the land registration process for land created through coastal land reclamation projects, the city has extended in size by 7.7 square kilometers since 2015. The total area of Incheon Metropolitan City is now 1,062.1 square kilometers, making it larger than Ulsan Metropolitan City, which was once the largest city in Korea(1,061 square kilometers). After Incheon and Ulsan, the largest cities in Korea in terms of land area are Daegu(883.6 square kilometers), Busan(769.8 square kilometers), and Seoul(605.3 square kilometers).

Land Area 1062.1km²
168 Islands
(40 inhabited, 128 uninhabited islands)

"Cute and pretty youngsters"

Here are cuties of Incheon.

Deungdaery, the descendant of Palmido Lighthouse

Three spotted seal brothers Bumy, Ainy, and Comy

New characters of the Incheon City,

"Spotted Seal Friends Who Love Lighthouse"

