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INCHEON NOW Quiz



I've prepared it like a gift for you. INCHEON NOW, 66, how was it? Readers, all of you, have a lot of memories of the past and new. I hope you met the meaning. Thank you for joining us in room 66. Another thing I'm giving you. Event and quiz. What's the answer to the blank? If you know the answer, please send your e-mail by December 23, 2020. Please send it (required to fill in the contact number) We will send you a small gift through a lottery among the correct answers.

Quiz

Where can you take a glimpse of China in Incheon?

Hint

- 1 It has China Gate, Korean-Chinese Cultural Center, and Jjajangmyeon-Museum.
- 2 It is located in Jung-gu. You can enjoy various Chinese dishes and street food.

Answer to Last Edition's Quiz

G Tower
Winners: Anderson, Choi Jin-ho



INCHEON NOW. READERS' LETTERS

Search

David (Songdo Mirae-ro)

I realized the place I live in, Songdo International City, has many charms after reading this magazine. I will certainly tell others in Korea and my hometown about Incheon with pride.

Jo Min-ji (Meonugeum-ro)

I study English with <Incheon Now>. It was very helpful due to great articles and phrases. I hope this magazine is distributed to many places so that others can also make use of it.

Jason (Hambakmoe-ro)

I visited Sorae Port after reading the <Special Space> section. There were a lot of seafood. I had sliced raw fish and jumbo shrimps. They were so delicious!

These are comments from our readers about the last edition. <INCHEON NOW> is waiting to hear what you have to say. Share your thoughts about this edition with us by sending your comments to <goodvoice@korea.kr>. We will randomly select people who sent comments and suggestions for gifts.

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IT'S EMOTIONAL

Incheon is filled with various attractions across the city.
 There are a few hot places that you must visit if you are traveling in Incheon!
 In this edition, we introduced special places where you can enjoy various contents from history to scenery, experience, and food.
 Travel across Jung-gu and Dong-gu in Incheon and find various treasures.

JUNG-GU

OPEN PORT AREA

BACK TO THE MODERN TIMES

Incheon developed the modern streets of the open port area with the opening of the Jemulpo Port in 1883. The area carries a certain historical value as it gives a chance to take a look at the unique Japanese style buildings including trading companies and hotels from 130 years ago. Today, the area is frequented by many tourists coming to the museums, exhibition halls, hotels, and streets lined with unique cafes to understand and feel how it was back then.



INCHEON ART PLATFORM

This was a warehouse that stored goods that were unloaded at Incheon Port since the port was opened. It was remodeled into a cultural and art complex. The building that keeps the traces of the time and various works of resident artists capture the eyes of travelers.

- 📍 3, Jemulryang-ro 218beon-gil, Jung-gu
- 🌐 www.inartplatform.kr
- ☎ 032-760-1000

INCHEON OPEN PORT MUSEUM

The moment you take a step into the museum, you can feel the scent of the building that has silently layered up through the times. The former Japanese First Bank building was remodeled into a museum. It exhibits modern relics that were introduced to Incheon or made when the port opened.

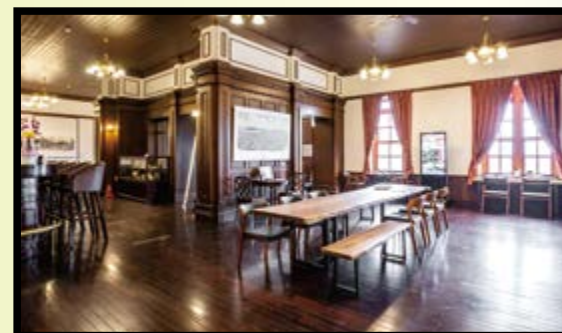
- 📍 89, Sinpo-ro 23beon-gil, Jung-gu
- 🌐 www.icjgss.or.kr/open_port
- ☎ 032-760-7508



DAEBUL HOTEL, JUNG-GU LIFE CENTER

Daebul Hotel Museum and Jung-gu Life Center are connected to each other as if they are the same building. Daebul Hotel Museum introduces the history of Daebul Hotel, which is Korea's first western style hotel. It exhibits tea cups, tableware, gramophone, bed, etc. Jung-gu Life Center reproduced the scenes from Jung-gu, Incheon from the 1960s-1970s. Terms used in the past such as jeonpasa (electric shop), donasu (doughnuts), byeonso (toilet), etc. pop up inside the mind.

- 📍 101, Sinpo-ro 23beon-gil, Jung-gu
- 🌐 jlhm.icjgss.or.kr (Jung-gu Life Center)
- ☎ 032-766-2202 (Jung-gu Life Center)



JEMULPO CLUB

This was a place where people from various countries, including the USA, Germany, and Russia socialized. It is a 'storytelling museum' that plays a video on the port opening and modern history. It holds a variety of interactive events every month. Check out the homepage.

- 📍 25, Jayugongwonnam-ro, Jung-gu (inside Jayu Park)
- 🌐 jemulpoclub.com
- ☎ 032-765-0261



INCHEON OPEN PORT MODERN ARCHITECTURE MUSEUM

This museum collects every model of modern architecture at the time of port opening. You can take a look at the exterior as well as the interior through the elaborately built miniatures. This is a space of modern history and culture that has captured the historical traces over 130 years since the opening of Incheon port in 1883, offering the chance to experience the view of Incheon during the port opening period and the modern architecture that still exist or has been lost.

- 📍 77, Sinpo-ro 23beon-gil, Jung-gu
- 🌐 www.icjgss.or.kr/architecture
- ☎ 032-760-7549

TIME CAPTURED VINTAGE STORE

There is a 130-year-old building in the elaborate alleys around the open port area. While many buildings became modernized, there are a few places that still cling on to the antiquated ambience. There are many sensuously decorated cafes, and some of them have developed into restaurants that continue the legacies of the taste of Korea. All of them are time-honored vintage stores that continuously attract travelers.



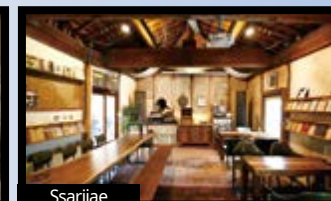
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IK Light House



Brown Hands



Ssarijae

CHINATOWN

TRIP TO LITTLE CHINA IN INCHEON

The streets are lined with gorgeous buildings that are constructed in unique Chinese styles and colored in red and gold, making one wonder if they are in Incheon or a town in China. Enjoying Chinese cuisines adjusted to the Korean palate and various street foods are the joy that Chinatown offers.

CHINA GATE

A huge Chinese style gate across Incheon Station welcomes tourists. At the sight of delicate sculptures and gorgeous red structure will automatically move your hand to your camera. China Gate is a representative building of Chinatown. It is 17m wide and 11m tall, and it is composed of four columns and seven roots. Chinatown has four China Gates (Junghwamun Gate, Inhwamun Gate, Seollinmun Gate, and Hanjungmun Gate).



ROMANCE OF THREE KINGDOMS / LEGEND OF CHU AND HAN MURAL STREETS

The Romance of Three Kingdoms Mural Street is located on the left side of the Border Stairs between Chinese and Japanese Settlements. It is 150m long and shows 77 scenes from the Romance of Three Kingdoms such as the Oath of the Peach Garden, Three Visits to the Thatched Cottage, and the Battle of Red Cliffs. The Legend of Chu and Han Mural Street is not too far from the Romance of Three Kingdoms Mural Street. It describes 56 stories of heroes such as Hsiang Yu, Liu Pang, and Han Xin in the murals.

- 📍 28, Chinatown-ro 51beon-gil, Jung-gu
(The Romance of Three Kingdoms Mural Street)
- 37-24, Chinatown-ro, Jung-gu
(The Legend of Chu and Han Mural Street)

KOREAN-CHINESE CULTURAL CENTER (INCHEON OVERSEAS CHINESE HISTORY MUSEUM)

You can meet distinct cultures of Korea and China. The first floor holds active permanent exhibitions of art and culture and the second floor has on display miniatures of landmark buildings of China. Incheon Overseas Chinese History Museum, which is more or less the annex of the center, shows the life of Chinese people who settled down in Incheon.

- 📍 238, Jemulryang-ro, Jung-gu
- 🌐 www.hanjung.or.kr
- ☎ 032-760-7860-6

JJAJANGMYEON MUSEUM

One of Korea's favorite dish, jjajangmyeon (black bean noodles), was first created in Incheon. It is a museum that compiled all information about the delicacy. Since the opening in Gonghwachun (modern architectural cultural heritage), the restaurant that sold jjajangmyeon for the first time, through remodeling, it represents a century-old classic restaurant alongside many exhibits.

- 📍 56-14, Chinatown-ro, Jung-gu
- 🌐 www.icjss.or.kr/jajangmyeon
- ☎ 032-773-9812



SONGWOL-DONG DONG HWA (FAIRYTALE) VILLAGE • TRICK ART STORY

Songwol-dong Dong Hwa Village is near Chinatown. There are many attractions that express the scenes from fairytales in murals, but the one in Songwol-dong offers not only murals but also three-dimensional artworks that look as though they are alive across the village, making it an interesting place to visit. Alleys, decorated on eleven world's fairytale classics such as 'Little Red Riding Hood Alley' and 'Thumbelina Alley,' are welcoming visitors with familiar characters from fairytales. Take a selfie at the photo zone and take a look around the entire village. It will not take more than an hour. Feel like the characters in the fairytale your children or loved ones. At Trick Art Story inside Songwol-dong Dong Hwa Village, take interesting pictures with trick art, which are two-dimensional pictures looking as though they are three-dimensional, to make special memories.

Trick Art Story

- 📍 42, Donghwamaeul-gil, Jung-gu
- ☎ 032-761-2631

Songwol-dong Dong Hwa Village

- 📍 17, Songwol-dong 3-ga, Jung-gu
- ☎ 032-764-7494

DELIGHTS OF CHINATOWN

CHINESE DISHES IN CHINATOWN IS DELICIOUS ANYWHERE!

If you do not taste Chinese food in Chinatown, you are missing great fun. From black bean noodles to spicy seafood noodles and sweet and sour pork, it tastes a little different from store to store, but nonetheless, they are all tasty.

STREET FOOD

You will find various Chinese-style street foods when you walk across Chinatown. Typical of them are balloon bread, which is a hollow syrup pancake, sweet red bean cake, and candied fruits, which are traditional snacks made with fruits coated with sugar. Street foods add a lot of flavor to the tour of Chinatown.



DONG-GU

WALK BACK IN TIME INTO FAINT MEMORIES

Each alley of Dong-gu keeps the memories of the modern times we lived in. From Sudoguksan Museum of Housing & Living that shows the hardships of life to secondhand bookstores with the scent of old books, these are the cultural heritages that are precious and appreciated. When you walk inside Dong-gu, it seems as though time has stopped, giving it a more comfortable and warmer mood.



SUDOGUKSAN MUSEUM OF HOUSING & LIVING

It reproduced the past of Songnim-dong and Songhyeon-dong, which were shantytowns. It shows the corner stores, briquette stores, willower shops, and barber shops that actually existed alongside figures like a man collecting waste and storeowner were modeled after actual people. This is the place that shows the life of common people during the 1960s-1970s.

- 📍 51, Solbit-ro, Dong-gu
- 🌐 www.icdonggu.go.kr/open_content/museum
- ☎ 032-770-6131-3

BAEDARI SECONDHAND BOOKSTORE STREET

Baedari is the place to stop by, not pass by. In the piles of dusty books, take a joy of finding the book for you, such as the one that you can't buy because it is out of print and old books that keep your memory. From the bookstore where the cat is the owner to a secondhand bookstore that hold poem recitals, and the bookstore that appeared in the drama Goblin, you won't know which book awaits you and where.

- 📍 18-10, Geumgok-ro, Dong-gu



▶ AUGMENTED MEDIA SPACE 'TAM'

This is where you can have direct experience of Dong-gu's history and culture using the 3D technology. The program that takes you back in time on the Past Train is popular. You need to make a reservation through the homepage.

- 📍 12, Seohae-daero 520beon-gil, Dong-gu
- 🌐 www.tam.or.kr
- ☎ 032-766-4700

BAEDARI MATCH VILLAGE MUSEUM

Joseon Incheon Company, the first match manufacturer of Korea in 1917, was located in Baedari. It exhibits the match manufacturing process and history, materials related to match manufacturers across the nation, and match products branded 'Joseonpyo' and 'Ssangwonpyo.'

- 📍 19, Geumgok-ro, Dong-gu



DELIGHTS OF DONG-GU

Dong-gu has old ports of Incheon such as Manseok Port and Hwasubu Port. Fishing boats are still in full operation to supply marine products. With plenty of seafood supplied, Manseok-dong Webfoot Octopus Street developed in the area. Hwapyeong-dong Cold Noodle Street, Songhyeon-dong Korean Sausage Street, and Songnim-dong Fish Roe Soup Street are also the places that attract epicures.

- 📍 Cold Noodle Street _ Hwapyeong-ro 8beon-gil
- Webfoot Octopus Street _ 9, Manseok-ro
- Korean Sausage Street _ Hwadojin-ro 43beon-gil
- Fish Roe Soup Street - 169, Saetgol-ro





DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED DIGITAL INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Incheon will develop Incheon DNA (Data-Network-AI) Innovation Valley (provisional name), which connects the AI Triple Park, Incheon University Jemulpo Campus, and Gyeong Techno Valley centering on the Start-up Park (Songdo) that Incheon attracted in 2019, as of 2026. Also, Incheon is developing an organized system to support start-ups, attract and foster companies, and promote intelligence and innovation networks between companies within DNA fields, including 200 billion won's worth or Incheon Growth Fund to facilitate operations of the DNA Innovation Valley. The plan also includes the development of the Robot Land in Seo-gu, Incheon into the Robot Industry Innovation Cluster until 2024 alongside the development of a complex specializing in the drone air city and urban air mobility, and aviation maintenance utilizing its proximity to the airport in Incheon.



SUPPORTING DIGITAL CONVERSION OF MANUFACTURERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Incheon will be accelerating the smart conversion of manufacturers by supporting the digital conversion of 1,650 factories across Incheon by 2025 and will intensify the competitiveness of manufacturers by digitalizing old industrial complexes, including the introduction of smart logistics sharing service by 2022. Incheon will also increase the support for SMEs and small businesses, which may be vulnerable to digital conversion. Incheon will support the development of a contactless working environment by analyzing and using big data of SMEs, supporting online sales channels using Incheon e-EUM (local currency program) platform, and developing a detailed, precise map of 58 marketplaces in Incheon earlier than the scheduled date (2020).

Dreaming to Become Global DNA City through Digital New Deal

Incheon released the draft of Incheon Digital New Deal Comprehensive Plan through the video conference of Incheon New Deal TF Digital Division on September 18. With the plan, Incheon is expected to enhance the economy and quality of life enormously through digital conversion.



DEVELOPING SMART CITY PROVIDING CITIZENS WITH SMART EXPERIENCE

Incheon will be expanding the implementation of the citizen participation-based smart city project, which is promoted through suggestions and participations of citizens so that they can experience the smart city technologies, which are deemed to be more advanced than other cities. Also, Incheon will develop the smart city comprehensive platform that comprehensively manages (13,600 or more) CCTVs across the city as of 2021 and intensify citizen safety management using the smart technology, such as by applying the AI safety solution (four areas including traffic, earthquake, inundation, and particulate matter) developed with Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI) in the field from next year. Ten billion won of state budget will be invested to develop the next generation intelligent traffic system until 2022 and develop the base for autonomous driving by 2025. I-MOD, the AI-based public transportation on demand, selected for the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport's Smart City Challenge Project in 2020, will be expanded to Songdo, Namdong Industrial Complex, Geomdan, and Gyeong until 2022.



PROMOTING DATA AND AI-BASED INTELLIGENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION

Incheon is establishing the Incheon Public Data Innovation Plan (2020~22) and developing useful data and raising the level of openness by discovering projects that correspond to the government's public data new deal and utilizing interns to intensify its fundamentals. Incheon is also developing smart tourist city contents, selected for the first time among the cities in Korea, in the whole area of the open port area by April 2021 while expanding intelligent services in various areas, including parking, welfare, and citizen safety. In particular, Incheon is planning to develop and support smart libraries and online platforms for artists, suitable for this era of avoiding contact as soon as possible. For the development of intelligent government infrastructure, Incheon will pilot the city management plan information smart system, which comprehensively manages precise urban information and develop a digital cadaster for the all of Incheon by 2030.

City Value Branding the City!

2020 Incheon International City Brand Forum

The world has come together to discover the urban value of Incheon and its effective branding. Incheon held the '2020 Incheon International City Brand Forum' online on October 27 to draw up creative ideas through collective intelligence and search for a solution for city branding for the post-COVID-19 era.

INCHEON'S VALUE TO THE WORLD

The forum, held on the 'City's Value Branding the City!' theme, examined Incheon's cultural, historical, and international values and discussed the internationalization of Incheon's city brand with domestic and foreign city brand experts and citizens. This year's forum is the second one in its series and was composed of the Introduction to Incheon's City Brand, Keynote Speech, and three sessions. The experts gave a variety of presentations and participated in discussions regarding the global development of Incheon's city brand. Following the opening address by Incheon Mayor Park Nam-choon, Florian Kaefer, editor of the Place Brand Observer: (TPBO) the portal site specializing in the brand strength and reputation of cities, gave a keynote speech on 'City Branding in the Post-COVID-19 Era', proposing new marketing and branding approaches to inform the city's environmental changes and the city in the post-COVID-19 era.



DISCUSSION FOR CITY BRAND DEVELOPMENT

The first discussed the city's cultural competitiveness. Kenneth Wardrop, former director of Edinburgh Office of Tourism, and President Yoon Soon-hak of Y Urban Culture gave presentations on 'Edinburgh, Leading City Brand with Cultural Tourism' and 'Incheon's Culture, Creating Incheon's Brand', respectively. Journalist Im Hee-yoon of Donga Ilbo Daily's Culture Division, Professor Shin Il-gi of Department of Cultural Contents of Incheon Catholic University, and Manager Hong Jeong-soo of Festival Event Team of Incheon Tourist Organization participated in the debate panel.

The second session focused on urban regeneration. James Corner, the founder of Field Operations (global architectural firm), and Professor Kim Yeong-min of the Department of Landscape Architecture of the University of Seoul gave presentations on 'High Line Project, Changing New York' and 'Incheon, Potential of Old Future: Industrialization, Regeneration, City', respectively. President Shim Gi-bo of COSMO 40 and President Hwang Soon-woo of VINE Architects joined as panel members. In the last session that discussed the internalization of the city, two experts gave presentations on the unique charms of

the international city, Incheon, and participants discussed freely with citizens on how to develop Incheon's city brand into the brand of the world.

Also, Professor Simone Carena of Hongik University International Design School for Advanced Studies (IDAS) gave a presentation on 'Analyzing International City, Incheon - Business, Transportation, and Education,' and President Jang Dong-ryeon of Hongik University Graduate School of Film, Digital Media & Communication presented 'International City Incheon's City Brand Marketing Strategy.' Next, Director Yoo Dong-hyeon of Incheon Metropolitan City Museum joined for a discussion.

This forum was held on Zoom and was broadcast live on YouTube, suitably for the era of COVID-19.

Incheon Non-contact Service

Daily life has changed since the outbreak of COVID-19. We have to wear a mask wherever we are, especially in crowded places, deepening our concerns and anxieties. Incheon is searching for various ways for everyone to lead daily lives with a sense of relief. Among them, we took a look at Incheon's unique non-contact service against COVID-19.

Safely from COVID-19 without Worries

NON-CONTACT BOOK LOAN SERVICE

The Non-contact Book Loan Service allows users to borrow and return books through eight smart libraries of the public libraries of the Incheon Metropolitan Office of Education (Bukgu, Jungang, Bupyeong, Juan, Hwadojin, Seogu, Gyeyang, and Yeonsu). Those who wish to borrow books can reserve them at the homepage of each library and visit the library on the next day to pick them up. Each person can borrow up to two books during weekdays. The Integrated Electronic Library of the Incheon Metropolitan Office of Education offers various online contents from electronic books to audio books, electronic magazines, and cyber lectures. Any citizen who joined the public library's Library One Service can use various contents online. The library also offers the 'Double Book Borrowing' service, which allows users to take out up to ten electronic books instead of five during the temporary closing period.

PUBLIC PETITION GUIDE CHATTING BOT, 'EUNGDAI'

Incheon will be operating 'Eungdabi,' a public petition guide chatting bot that can guide citizens through the public petition service on mobile devices without time or place constraints. The name, 'Eungdabi,' implies a chatting robot that instantly responds to civil petitions. The idea of running the chatting bot came from the increasing need for a guide for public petitions regarding COVID-19 and the need for improved access convenience as civil petitions could be inquired through E-People only. Eungdabi is providing answers to questions frequently asked through the Kakao Talk channel of the Incheon Metropolitan Office of Education. Full services will begin in November.

NON-CONTACT PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING

Due to the prolongation of COVID-19, people worldwide, including Incheon, are under tremendous anxiety and stress. Fortunately, if you live in Incheon, you can seek psychological counseling through Incheon's homepage and the 24-hour hotline anytime they want. Incheon is also offering Non-contact Psychological Health service for citizens suffering from 'Corona Blues' caused by the prolongation of COVID-19. 'Corona Blues' are depression and lethargy appearing due to concerns about the infection by the disease, social isolation, and grounding due to the spread of COVID-19.

Incheon is operating a non-contact counseling service using social media, such as Kakao Talk Plus Friends and Facebook accounts of Incheon Mental Health Promotion Center. Citizens who wish to receive counseling can register with Incheon Mental Health Promotion Center as a Kakao Talk Plus Friend and enter any inquiry in the chatting window for real-time counseling. The center also offers non-contact counseling services and related events through its Facebook account and homepage, providing a space for psychological support. Citizens can also receive information about controlling COVID-19 related stress or take a self-psychological examination on nine subjects, including depression, anxiety, and ADHD.

Incheon Mental Health Promotion Center's Social Media

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Healing.ME
Homepage: www.imhc.or.kr:6023

NON-CONTACT TAP WATER QUALITY INSPECTION

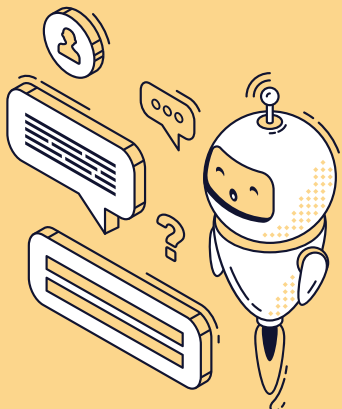
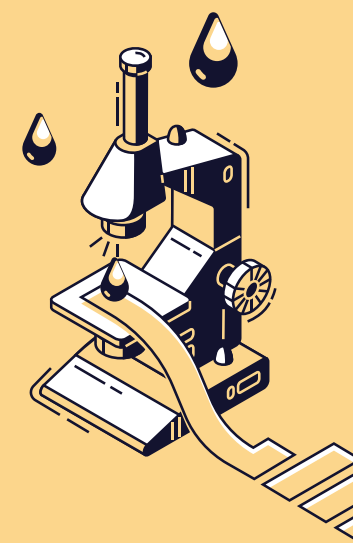
Many citizens are reluctant to request for tap water quality inspection due to the recent spread of COVID-19. Incheon decided to do this without coming into physical contact. The non-contact tap water quality inspection is conducted when the applicant requests local offices of waterworks for inspection. When the applicant takes a sample of the tap water and places it in front of the door, the local office of waterworks will take the sample, perform the inspection, and notify the applicant of the result.

The inspection will examine the turbidity, which influences the esthetical qualities of the tap water, such as appearance, taste, and odor, pH, residual chlorine, iron, copper, and zinc, which indicate deterioration of the pipes. If the applicant is not satisfied with the tap water inspection, he or she may request for a secondary inspection, in which case the person in charge will take a sample of the tap water and request the Pure Water Research Institute, the drinking water quality inspection agency, to perform tests on 13 subjects including the chromaticity, and notify the result.

Place to Request for Non-contact Water Quality Inspection

Entire area of Incheon
Jung-gu, Dong-gu, Michuhol-gu
Yeonsu-gu, Namdong-gu, Ongjin-gun
Bupyeong-gu, Gyeyang-gu
Seo-gu
Ganghwa-gun

☎ 032-120 120 Call Center
☎ 720-3383 Jungbu Waterworks Authority
☎ 720-3584 Namdong Waterworks Authority
☎ 720-3683 Bukbu Waterworks Authority
☎ 720-3882 Seobu Waterworks Authority
☎ 720-3984 Ganghwa Waterworks Authority



There is nothing that hinders a country's development like a disaster because the cost of restoration from damages caused by it has significant impact on the economy. The United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), which was established to overcome this, is making all-out efforts to develop disaster and calamity response systems in each country worldwide.




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Earthquake damage in Lombok, Indonesia, 2018

THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK OUTLINES SEVEN GLOBAL TARGETS TO BE ACHIEVED BY 2030

SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS	SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES
 Reduce global disaster mortality	 Increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies
 Reduce the number of affected people globally	 Substantially enhance international cooperation to developing countries
 Reduce direct economic loss in relation to GDP	 Increase the availability of and access to multi-hazard early warning systems
 Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services	

SAFETY OF THE WORLD, STARTING FROM SONGDO

The Northeast Asian Office of UNDRR, located on the fourth and fifth floors of G Tower in Songdo, opened in August 2009. While Incheon, following its reputation as an international city, put great efforts to attract UNDRR, one of the reasons UNDRR chose Songdo International City was because of its image of a planned city. Protecting a newly established planned city's infrastructure is one of many programs that UNDRR promotes because its safety against disasters and calamities can set a symbolic meaning. The Northeast Asian Office of UNDRR is mainly engaged in joint research on preventing and reducing damages relating to natural disasters in Northeast Asia, such as typhoons, earthquakes, droughts, and floods. Their goal is to make cities robust against climate changes and disasters. For example, the office visited Armenia in Central Asia to diagnose problems regarding frequent earthquakes and floods and help the government address the issues by itself while also providing education. The office also promotes preventive actions to make the city safe before a disaster occurs. The heads of related groups worldwide are holding campaigns alongside educational programs and meetings for such activities. They are also concentrating on deploying campaigns to make cities in Korea safe against disasters and calamities. Over a hundred local governments have joined UNDRR and implemented inspection indices using the 'Local Government Self-Evaluation Technique.'

UNDRR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The UN and international organizations provide students who wish to enter the world stage with learning and training opportunities. UNDRR does not offer a separate internship program but recruits volunteers through announcements depending on its needs. UNDRR recruits volunteers when it schedules education, training, or events. When it sends an official letter to recruit volunteers to universities nearby, it will be posted on the schools and their departments' homepages so that enrolled students can participate. Visit the homepage to participate in the internship offered by the UN's International Organizations. They collect job openings of all international organizations and post them on the homepage regularly. They make announcements and hire employees through screening and interviews. The 'Songdo Library of International Organizations' at G Tower offers periodicals and various materials related to international organizations.

Intern Recruitment Information:
www.unescap.org/jobs/internships

Full-time Staff Recruitment Information:
www.undrr.org/about-undrr/work-us

Songdo Library of International Organizations:
blog.naver.com/un_librarian



UNDRR supports member nations through the 'Sendai Framework' to reduce disaster risks and monitor progress. UNDRR also shares its knowledge and idea about disasters with other member nations across the world.

About UNDRR

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Interview**Mr. Manos Volikakis**

1 year became 12 years - Volikakis settled down in Korea where he originally visited for the holidays

Manos Volikakis (40), the hockey coach at Chadwick International in Songdo, came to Korea 12 years ago when he was a high-spirited young man in his 20s. It was his first visit to Korea. Back then, he was planning to cool off in Korea for a year and return to the school he was attending. But he has been living in Korea for 12 years since then and even has a harmonious family with a wife and two sons, spending a very happy life. What happened? Let's listen to his story about how he made a family and settled down in Korea where he simply came for holidays.



Chadwick International's hockey team that Coach Volikakis began to lead by chance has become his passion and pride.

#A RELATIONSHIP LED TO ANOTHER RELATIONSHIP

When Coach Volikakis first came to Korea, he lived in Itaewon. He had many chances to hang out with people that came from various countries in Itaewon, which is an area with a high population of foreigners. He has been exercising since his childhood and was able to experience various sports while hanging out with friends. He said he enjoyed and learned various sports, such as American football and golf, other than hockey that he used to play. He lived three years like that in Itaewon and moved to Songdo nine years ago. In his first year at Songdo, he was hired as the physical education teacher at Chadwick International, when the parents of his students, who heard that Volikakis worked as a coach at a famous hockey club in Mok-dong, Seoul, suggested

that he teach hockey at Chadwick International as well. This was when he began to teach a hockey team comprised of 40 children. In the following year, his team even competed in their first official tournament. At the time, the children were not very familiar with, but Volikakis recalls that some children showed potential.

The hockey team started with two coaches, but more children as well as coaches joined the team. Luckily, two Canadian teachers came to Chadwick International six years ago and also joined the hockey team. One of the Canadian teachers is Bobby Reed, who went to the same school as Volikakis. They were a part of the school's football team and hockey team and had kept in touch even after graduating from school.

Volikakis said Reed came to Korea after leading his career as a professional hockey player and earning a pedagogy degree, but perhaps, Volikakis's advice might have influenced him. Whatever the reason was, it is a fact that Volikakis felt psychologically relieved and had great help in upgrading the hockey team thanks to George and Bobby from Canada.



#PASSION OVER WORK!

Volikakis is quite passionate and proud of the hockey team. No wonder Chadwick International hockey team became the representative team for the Incheon Regional Youth Winter Sports Games three times. The team also invited a professional ice hockey league of America and Canada (National Hockey League) for their hockey camp for the first time. Four years ago, the Canadian NHL ice hockey team, 'Vancouver Canucks,' visited Chadwick International.

The Chadwick Hockey Program was the major sponsor for Canadian men's and women's Olympics teams, which set up their pre-games training camp in Incheon in 2018. With that connection, the coaches and athletes of the Canadian Olympic women program came to support the camp. They have continuously maintained strong relationships up to this day, when the world stopped by COVID-19. Volikakis says that the Chadwick Dolphins was able to become the only team that represented Korea in the World Youth Hockey Tournament, the largest tournament in the world, performed well and made wonderful memories, thanks to its connections. Volikakis added that all these achievements could have not been possible without support from Coach Reed and Chadwick, not to mention the parents who provided enormous support for the operation of the program and

invested tremendous amounts of time. Volikakis is a professional sportsperson and instructor who learned and practiced various sports, including football, hockey, and rugby, since the age of six. He teaches students to 'Put your team first. Your behavior and actions make a successful team.' 'You can lose or fail in a game, but never give up and continue to walk toward the goal you set up.' This is Coach Volikakis's education philosophy and the school's motto, "Lead by Example."

#UNKNOWN FUTURE

Coach Volikakis said he came to Korea thinking that he would live here for a year, but life does not always turn out as it was planned and he has already lived in Korea for 12 years. He did not give specifics about his future plans. He only said he has to think about the future because the world is going through the pandemic due to COVID-19.

He thinks that he is fortunate to be in Korea, which is handling the pandemic situation quite well, at this moment, and he is quite satisfied with his life in Songdo, which has everything and is connected to everywhere. His family also wishes to continue to live as they have, enjoying the food and culture of Korea.

No one knows how the future will turn out, but Volikakis says the only thing that would not change is that he would not have been here if he did not teach children hockey and the passion for sports that led him here.

Chadwick International's hockey team could achieve great results because they had many people investing their time and effort in them.

Days that Son spent in Incheon



Every day they spend in Songdo together brings him and his family happiness.



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— Sinpo Uri Mandu



#Meat&KimchiMandu #Simple #Salty

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'Sinpo Uri Mandu' started out as a small store with the name 'Uri Jip' in 1971. Today, it is spreading the taste of Korea throughout the world. We are quite familiar with Sinpo Uri Mandu as much as so. The secret in opening a number of stores and surviving so many years is using fresh ingredients that are good for the body and the taste achieved through 50 years of tradition. Typical menus are meat dumplings and kimchi dumplings. Meat dumplings are characterized by the chewy texture and the juice that spreads inside the mouth when you take a bite. Kimchi dumplings offer a spicy and simple taste to suit the palate of Korean customers. Stores are kept clean all year round through extensive sanitary inspections.

📍 29, Jemulryang-ro 166beon-gil, Jung-gu (Sinpo-dong Store)
☎ 032-772-4958

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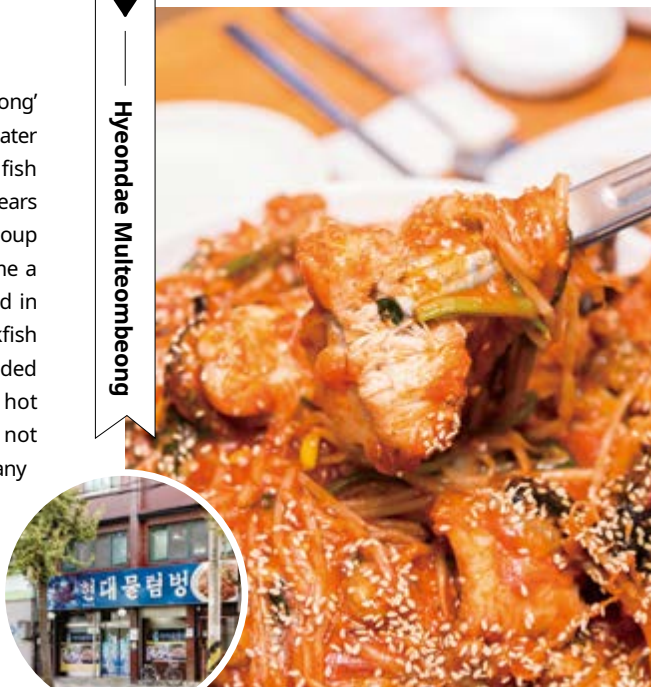
#SteamedMonkfish
#Hot #Chewy

Monkfish is called multeombeong in Incheon. 'Teombeong' means 'splash' and fishermen threw it right away into water with a splash as soon as they found it because the fish was so ugly. This was how it got its name. Just 30-40 years ago, multeombeong was used as a cheap hangover soup for laborers, but steamed monkfish today has become a popular delicacy. 'Hyeondae Multeombeong,' opened in Songnim-dong, Incheon in 1986, is one of the monkfish restaurants representing Incheon. The seasoning added to the dish is prepared by grinding anchovies and hot peppers, perfect for stimulating the appetite while not being very spicy. The dish is capturing the palate of many customers from old customers who are coming back for the good old taste to young customers who are trying the dish for the first time.

📍 140, Saetgol-ro, Dong-gu
☎ 032-766-3693

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— Hyeondae Multeombeong



There are dishes that comes to mind when people think about 'winter.' Dumplings, monkfish, yellow tail, and oyster are the best of winter delights. In this edition, we will introduce the time-honored stores of Incheon that offer winter delights from dumplings that warm up the frozen body with a bite to the spicy and chewy monkfish and yellow tail and oyster, which are common dishes of winter that offers fresh taste as well as plenty of nutrients.

Time-honored Stores of Incheon

Winter Delights



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#OysterNoodleSoup #Warm #Fresh

'Ttosunne Saenggul' closes when the materials they prepared for the day run out. It is the philosophy of the owner, who decided to treat customers with fresh and good quality dishes. The taste of the oyster noodle soup is simply fantastic. The hot soup heats up the frozen body and fresh oysters, caught at Jawoldo Island of Incheon, offer a sweet and chewy taste. With some spicy and sour kimchi, 'happiness' is the word that comes to mind. Even those who don't like oysters would be hooked on the taste of the oyster noodle soup here just after a sip. This is a place you must visit this winter.

📍 43-450, Manseok-dong, Dong-gu
☎ 010-8769-7768

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— Ttosunne Saenggul - Oyster Noodle Soup

of Incheon

Incheon #Traditon # Must-eat Place # Winter

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#SlicedRawYellowTail
#Fresh #TonicFood

Rich in fat, protein, and vitamin D, yellow tail prevents osteoporosis and aging. It is the best tonic food especially in the winter because of its richness in fat. Chonnom Hoetjip is famous as a fine-casual restaurant that carries fresh fish in season all year round. The place is frequented by customers in the winter because it is the place to enjoy the great taste of yellow tail in season. Sliced raw yellow tail looks like sliced raw tuna, but it tastes milder and savorier without smelling fishy. The slice is taken as it is or with a bit of soy sauce with horseradish or red chili-pepper taste with vinegar.

📍 44, Ongnyeon-ro 99beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu
☎ 0507-1354-2645



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— Chonnom Hoetjip - Sliced Raw Yellow Tail

The history of daegeum dates as far back as the Silla Dynasty. King Shinmun called daegeum, 'Manpa Sikjeok,' meaning that it is an instrument that quells ten thousand worries. At the time, daegeum was a precious instrument, treated as a national treasure. The nobility of the instrument continues to this day. We visited the master daegeum maker Im Gyeong-bae, who has been immersed in the charms of daegeum for over 40 years, and listened to his story about 'daegeum.'

Daegeum (Large Bamboo Flute)

Our Melody Carrying the Breath of Ancestors



- Incheon's Intangible Cultural Heritage No. 6 Daegeumjang (Master Daegeum Maker)
Incheon's Intangible Cultural Heritage No. 4 Daegeum Jeongak Initiate
Im Gyeong-bae

Daegeum, Bearing Noble Resonance

Daegeum is as intricate to make as it is invaluable. To make a daegeum, you must collect bamboo grown from November until the new buds come out every year. For daegeum, a mutant species called 'Ssanggoljuk' is used. 'Ssanggoljuk' is characterized by its thick wall and narrow hole, which are perfect for making an instrument that needs to produce consistent sounds. However, finding ssanggoljuk that produces a good sound is quite difficult. They even compare it to as being as difficult to find wild ginseng.

"Getting high-quality bamboo is the most important in making a good daegeum. When I find a rare ssanggoljuk, I feel so good 'Eureka!'"

Once you find the bamboo, you need to trim it into shape by heating it over a fire and dry it carefully for three to four years in the shade. Later, the master makes holes according to the characteristics of the bamboo and the sound. When the master imbues the instrument with the spirit and wisdom of our ancestors, the bamboo turns into a daegeum with a clean and pure sound.



Master daegeum maker's happiness is not far



The bamboo turns into a beautiful flute in his hands



The unique and clear sound produced from the flute gives a sense of pride.

Connection that began from Attraction

Born in 'Mulchedang Historic House,' an important cultural heritage designated by the government, the master daegeum maker grew up listening to his grandfather reading books. His life with the daegeum began over 40 years ago. It was when he was learning calligraphy, fascinated by Korean traditional culture.

"A middle school student brought a daegeum to the calligraphy school. I asked him to play and he played 'Five Centuries.' It sounded so good that I bought the instrument right away and lived with it ever since. I didn't even know how to play it, then."

Im was mesmerized by the sound of daegeum he heard by chance and became quite fond of it. The wish to study under a professional surged into his mind. That passion was answered in Incheon in 1994. He started his life with daegeum that he longed for so ardently began when he met the late virtuoso Kim Jeong-sik (Incheon's Intangible Cultural Heritage No. 6 Master Daegeum Maker and Intangible Cultural Heritage No. 4 Daegeum Jeongak Master (Classical Daegeum Solo Music) at the time).

"With the dedication that I must learn to play it properly to make 'exquisite daegeum,' I learned how to play and make daegeum. I inherited his title and I am continuing his legacy, today."

Master Daegeum Maker's Dream

Daegeum is not an easy instrument to try for modern people. Even the material to make the instrument alone costs hundreds of dollars, making the instrument quite expensive. Also, it is hard just to make a sound for beginners.

"Daegeum is not easy to get used to. It is another aspect that makes the instrument charming. Because it is difficult to learn it, it gives a sense of pride once you learn it." This is why Master Im is continuing to work hard to let many people know the charms of daegeum and increase the pride about learning it.

"I have been teaching students at school from the time they first learn about daegeum. Some of them have already chose to major in daegeum. I feel the greatest worth and joy when I see young people who properly learned and continue our heritage."

Our sound continues to resonate from the hands of the master daegeum maker playing the instrument. We hope the melody from his fingertips reach the ears and hearts of more people.

Daegeum and Sijo Class Schedule		
Mon	Intermediate	19:00 - 21:30
Wed	Advanced	
Thu	Sijo	
Fri	Sijo	
Sat-Sun	student class	Individually tailored class



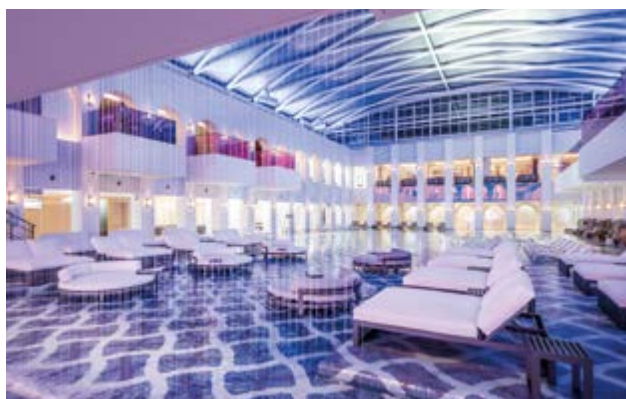
It's winter, the season that pinches us with the gradually biting wind. But it also offers the chance to enjoy the unique scenery and experience to feel the romance of winter to the fullest.



Everything We Love about Incheon's Winter

Enjoying Incheon in the Winter

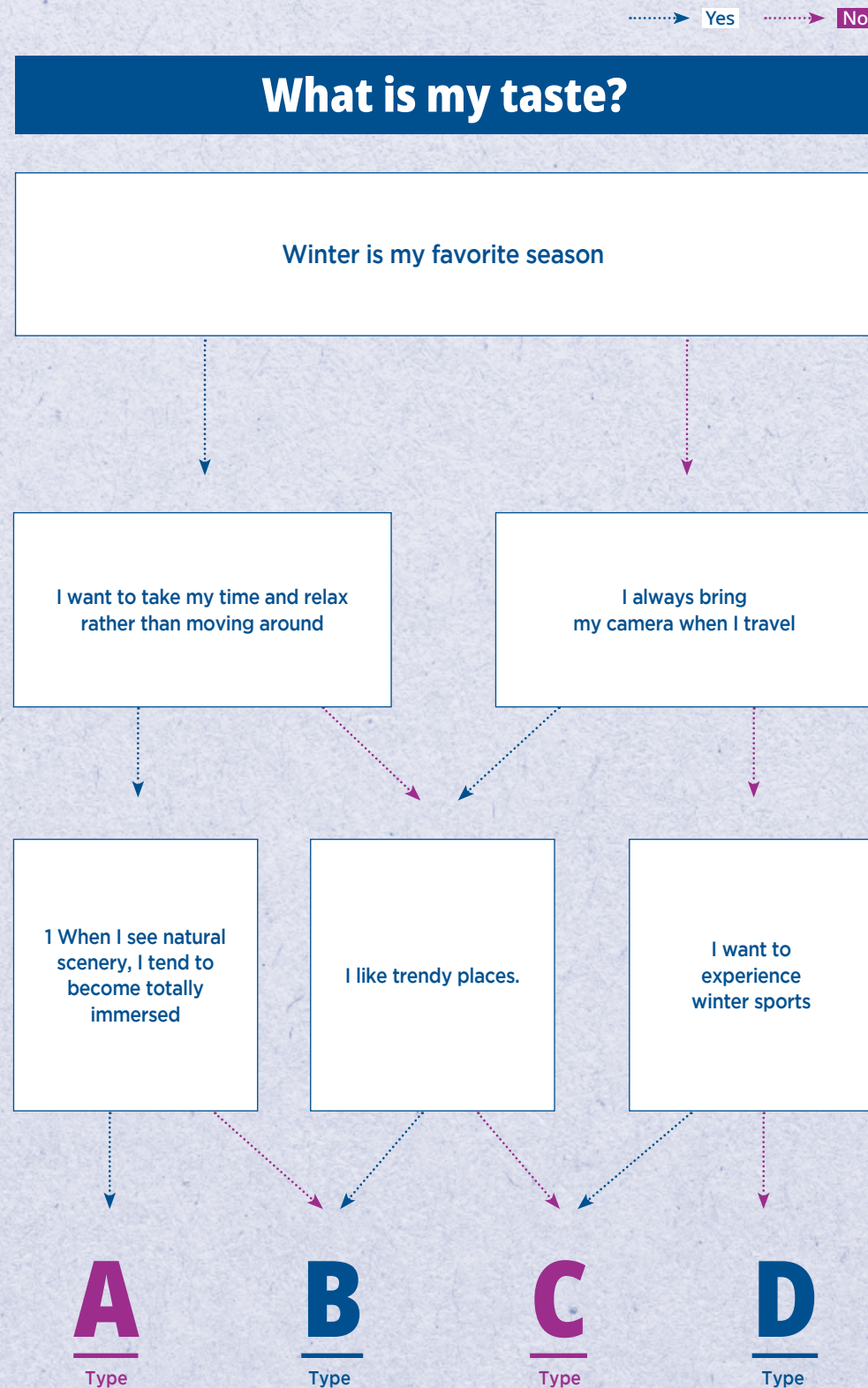
From the place to keep toasty in the cold winter to exciting activities you can enjoy, heal yourself in places that warm your frozen hands and hearts.



With <Choice Incheon>, choose winter destinations of Incheon perfect for you. Make various memories in famous spots across Incheon, where the cold only makes it more charming.

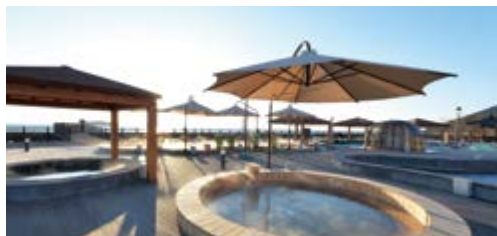
※ Some places might be closed this year due to COVID-19. Make sure to check before visiting.

What is my taste?



A

If you chose **Type A**, you are the 'Appreciate Nature and Heal' type, who loves nature and comfortable healing.



MINERAL HOT SPRING' IN SEONGMODO ISLAND IN GANGHWA

There are places you long for more when it gets colder. One of them are hot springs. Soak yourself in the mineral hot springs in Seongmodo Island in Gwanghwa to melt away the stress that you have dragged along. Taking a bath in the mineral-rich hot spring, your skin will feel much smooth. There is an indoor bath, open-air bath, foot bath, and an observatory on the rooftop so that you can enjoy the hot spring as you wish. We recommend the open-air bath, which offers the view of the beach in front of your eyes. You can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the winter sea while bathing.

📍 865-17, Samsannam-ro, Samsan-myeon, Ganghwa
🕒 7:00-21:00, every day
💰 Adult 9,000 won, Child 6,000 won

🏠 www.ghss.or.kr
☎ 032-930-7053

B

If you chose **Type B**, you are the 'Trendy Experience' type, who loves arts and is attracted to elegant and sensuous charms.



CIMER' IN PARADISE CITY

We recommend 'Cimer' in Paradise City if you want to try out an exotic spa. Cimer combines European sensitivities and Korea's unique jjimjilbang culture (dry sauna). You can enjoy the spa as well as swimming. The Aqua Spa Zone, which captures eyes with sensuous interior, offers heated pools so that you can swim in the warm water in the winter. Cimer also offers the Infinity Pool with a view of sunset, the Cave Spa that gives a feeling that you are in a cave, and the Virtual Spa that uses LED screens to take you to various places virtually to enjoy the spa quite diversely.

📍 186, Yeongjong Haeannam-ro 321-gil, Jung-gu
🕒 [Off-season] Monday-Thursday 10:00-19:00,
Friday-Sunday 10:00-22:00
🏠 www.p-city.com/front/cimer/overview

🏠 [Aqua Spa] Monday-Thursday 40,000 won,
Friday-Sunday 50,000 won
* Currently closed due to COVID-19. Check details in the homepage.
☎ 032-729-7500

C

If you chose **Type C**, you are a 'Passionate Sports' type, who is full of cheerfulness and loves outdoor activities.



SLEDDING SLOPE' AT INCHEON GRAND PARK

Sledding is probably the easiest and the most comfortable activity you can enjoy in winter. The sledding slope inside Incheon Grand Park is open all seasons, water sledding slope in the summer and snow sledding slope in the winter. It has two slopes, one for children and the other for adolescents. Enjoy the thrill, quickly riding on the long slope. Safety guards are placed across the slope so that you can relax and enjoy sledding safely. After riding a few times, you can take a break at the stores, cafeteria, and lounge beside the slope.

📍 238, Munemi-ro, Namdong-gu
🕒 10:00~17:00, every day
💰 Adult 7,000 won, Adolescent 5,000 Won, Child 4,000 won

🏠 www.insiseol.or.kr/institution_guidance/public_garden
☎ 032-465-1524

D

If you chose **Type D**, you are the 'Various Choices' type, who likes to have various experiences while enjoying many things.



SONGDO SPORTS PARK

If you are totally up for sports even in the cold winter, go to Songdo Sports Park. It offers various well-organized spaces for you to enjoy different types of sports. Inside the park includes the fitness center, which is a basic sports facility, squash court, 15m tall artificial rock climbing, and swimming pool. In particular, the swimming pool includes a diving pool where they teach skin-scuba diving and free diving. It also includes golf links and a football field. The campground is also open to enjoy the romance of the winter completely.

📍 40, Incheonsinhang-daero 892beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu
🕒 9:00-21:00, every day
🏠 www.eco-i.or.kr/sportsPark
☎ 032-899-4864

🏠 Swimming Pool and Fitness Center 3,000 won,
Squash Court 5,000 won
Indoor Artificial Rock Climbing 5,000 won,
Diving Pool 5,000 won

INCHEON NOW

News Brief



Incheon Receives Prime Minister's Citation in Recognition of its Contribution to Attracting Foreign Patients

Incheon announced that it received the Prime Minister's Citation in recognition of its contribution to developing the infrastructure for attracting foreign patients and improving convenience at the '2020 Medical Korea Global Healthcare Merit Awards,' hosted by the Ministry of Health and Welfare on October 14. The award ceremony was held alongside the 'Medical Korea Brand Declaration Ceremony' at Intercontinental Seoul COEX Hotel. Institutions and people of merit that made contributions to national and social development awarded by evaluating their activities and records relating to the entry to overseas medical market, training of foreign healthcare providers in Korea, and attracting foreign patients every year. Incheon was the only local government to win the Prime Minister's Citation and Bupyeong Himchan Hospital of Sangwon Medical Foundation in Bupyeong-gu won the Presidential Citation. The winners attested to the fact that Incheon is the medical tour city representing Korea.

Report Incorrect Foreign Labels within IFEZ

Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ) Authority launched the 'Intensive Reporting Period for Incorrect Foreign Labels within IFEZ.'

Targets include IFEZ related public relations materials written in foreign languages traffic signs notices on event venues and construction sites, and all labels written in the three foreign languages English, Chinese and Japanese in Songdo, Yeongjong, and Cheongna International Cities within IFEZ. Incorrect usages such as awkward, grammatically incorrect, and misspelled expressions and trivial errors are all subject to reporting. To report, download and fill out the form from the IFEZ's homepage at <https://www.ifez.go.kr/ciz015> and submit it to ifezglobal@gmail.com or leave a post about it on 'IFEZ Homepage>Citizen Participation>Citizen Participation>Report Foreign Language Errors.'



IFEZ Decides to Improve Residential Environment for Foreigners

The Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ) Authority decided to improve the residential environment of IFEZ for foreigners. IFEZA held the 'Forum on Improvement of Residential Environment for Foreign Residents of IFEZ' at Songdo Convensia in Songdo International City from 3-5 p.m. on October 13. IFEZA held the forum in connection with the 17th anniversary of its opening, which is October 15, to discuss various opinions relating to the improvement of the residential environment

of foreign residents of IFEZ, considering their nationalities, length of residence, and occupations.

6,088 foreigners are living in IFEZ as of the end of July, 3,498 in Songdo, 1,601 in Yeongjong, and 989 in Cheongna.



Munhaksan Mountain Top Open until 10 p.m.

Incheon extended the hours of opening for the top of Munhaksan Mountain from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. to 5 a.m.-10 p.m. (winter: 5 a.m.-8 p.m.) from October 17. The top of Munhaksan Mountain had been designated as a military reservation district, limiting access by the general public for 50 years, until opening to citizens in 2015. The hours were extended this time through consultations between Incheon and the Ministry of Defense. Munhaksan Mountain is 217m tall and has the Munhak Fortress, which is presumed to have been constructed during the Baekje Dynasty. A well site called Biryujeong and the traces of beacon fire stations remain on the top of the mountain, representing great historical values.

Passenger Pick-up Bus, Operating in Yeongjongdo Island

Yeongjong International City introduced the 'Smart Bus' service. Passengers can call a bus through their smart phone application and get on the bus at the bus stop the passenger decides

regardless of the bus route.

It is a smart mobility service that allows passengers to call a vehicle to the bus stop they choose using the application and move to the bus stop they wish to go regardless of the bus route.

The operating hours are from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. (call must be made by 11 p.m.). The basic charge is 1,800 won (1,200 won for adolescent and 700 won for child) for up to a distance 7km, and 100 won will be added every 1km afterward.



Announcement of City Bus Route Rearrangement Plan

Incheon confirmed the city bus route system rearrangement plan, which is scheduled to be applied from December 31. It is a large-scale route rearrangement in four years after the full rearrangement with the opening of Incheon Subway Line 2 in July 2016. Incheon will keep 89 (45.1%) out of 197 routes, change 84 routes, and decommission 24 routes. Also, 31 new routes will be introduced thus putting a total of 204 routes in operation in total.

With the rearrangement, Incheon will also concentrate on improving the working environment of drivers. The interval between buses will be shortened by about two minutes from an average 18-19 minutes to 16-17 minutes. The average travel time per passenger will be also improved by approximately 6% from 53.3 minutes to 50.2 minutes.

Bus Policy Division 032-440-3952



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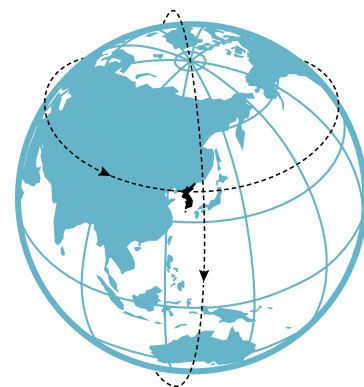
WEATHER

Located in the middle of the Korean Peninsula and adjacent to the West Sea, Incheon features both continental and maritime climates. The lowest temperature recorded in Incheon in history was -21.0°C (-5.8°F) and the highest, 38.9°C (102.02°F). The average temperature is 12.1°C (53.78 ° F), which is 0.7°C lower than that of Seoul.

	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

LOCATION

The coordinates of Incheon are roughly 126°37'E and 37°28'N, and this the very middle of the Korean Peninsula, adjacent to the West Sea, and on the lower Hangang River. Located 28 km from Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea, Incheon's latitude is similar to that of San Francisco, Washington D.C., and southern Spain.



Latitude N37 ° 28'
Longitude E126 ° 37'

TOTAL AREA

Incheon is the largest of the eight metropolitan cities in Korea. The total area of Incheon Metropolitan City is 1,063.27 km², which is larger than Ulsan Metropolitan City (1,061 km²) that formerly had the largest area in Korea. The largest cities in Korea next to Incheon and Ulsan are Daegu, Busan, and Seoul, in respective order.

GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

The mountainous terrains of Incheon are composed of low hills under 300 m above the sea level excluding around a dozen mountains, including Manisan Mountain (469 m), Gyeongangsan Mountain (395 m), and Samgaksan Mountain (343 m), and there are no large rivers. Incheon has a ria coast, meaning that it has a long and complex coastline with many of islands. There are a total 168 islands in Incheon, and 128 of them are uninhabited.

LIFE AND POPULATION

Incheon Metropolitan City is composed of two counties including Ganghwa-gun and Ongjin-gun and eight wards (Jung-gu, Dong-gu, Michuhol-gu, Yeonsu-gu, Namdong-gu, Bupyeong-gu, Gyeyang-gu, and Seo-gu). Incheon's population amounts to approximately 3 million, which makes it the city with the third largest population in Korea next to Seoul and Busan. Currently, 72,235 foreigners live in Incheon.

MASCOTS

Spotted seals that love the lighthouse!
The mascots of Incheon were designed based on the lighthouse and spotted seals. The lighthouse was designed after the 'Palmido Lighthouse', which is Korea's first lighthouse, and it implies the connection between the past and future of Incheon, a city of advanced industry.
The spotted seal of Baengnyeongdo Island, a natural monument and endangered species, represents the nature-friendly city, Incheon.

BRAND

Incheon is the way out of Korea, the bridge to the world, and the path ahead of us. Incheon's city brand, 'All Ways Incheon' holds the meaning, 'All roads lead to Incheon.'
The core value is 'First Ever' which means the first in Korea and in Incheon. This is the strength that marked the beginning of Korea, the dynamic spirit of Incheon which takes on new challenges, and the strength that built today's Korea.

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2020 Choi Hyun-woo's bELIEvE - Incheon

**UNBELIEVABLE!
I CAN BELIEVE IT!**

A magical moment will be unrolled at the Incheon Culture & Arts Center on December 12. '2020 Choi Hyun-woo's bELIEvE - Incheon' is a magic show on the theme, a 'clear answer from the professional magician Choi Hyun-woo who contemplated on human psychology and mentalism for 23 years.' It is the only mental magic performance that reads the minds of the audience and is completed by their beliefs and choices. It gives a chance to realize the true value of the magician Choi Hyun-woo. This performance became even more splendid than previous. It has raised expectations by dropping hints about the show, such as the stage presented like artwork using media art and the performance on a massive scale that exceeds the space. It will also suggest a new paradigm with a worldwide magic performance brought by phenomenal domestic and international crews such as the mise-en-scene team of Cirque du Soleil and the world's top magic show experts. The story, built up based on the relationship between magic and belief, develops into a beautiful story magic to let the audience experience magical moments that they cannot experience elsewhere.

December 12-13, 2020 / 14:00 and 18:00, both days

Grand Hall, Incheon Culture & Arts Center
R 88,000 won, S 55,000 won

Guidelines for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19

- **Distancing rule is applied to seats** - We apply distancing rule to seats to ensure safe distance between spectators.
- **Frequent Quarantine and Disinfection** - We disinfect the concert hall frequently to prevent infection as much as possible.
- **Staff Monitoring** - We are doubling our efforts so that everyone takes measures for personal sanitation and cleanliness, such as checking the temperatures of the cast and staff and wearing masks.



All audience must
measure their
temperatures



All audience must fill
out a 'self-checklist' and
'consent to the use of
personal information.'



All audience must
wear masks during
the concert



All audience must
disinfect their hands
with sanitizers

CONCERT



Trot Festa: National Concert Tour by Four Mister Trots & Legends - Incheon

'Trot Festa: National Concert Tour by Four Mister Trots & Legends - Incheon (the "Trot Festa")' will bring the excitement of trot to Songdo Convensia. 'Trot Festa' is a national concert tour presented by new singers, who became famous through TV Chosun's 'Tomorrow is Mr. Trot,' such as Kim Soo-chan, Na Tae-joo, and Ryu Ji-gwang, alongside a number of legendary singers for individual concerts. For the show on Christmas Eve, Seol Un-do will join the concert as a legend. The combination of new favorite singers, including Shin In-seon, Kim Soo-chan, Na Tae-joo, and Ryu Ji-gwang, and legendary trot singers who have won the hearts of the whole nation is raising expectations. 'Trot Festa,' a trot festival that represents retro feelings, excitement, and consolation will be held at Hall 3 and 4 of Songdo Convensia.

Date December 24, 2020
Time 14:00 and 19:00
Location Hall 3 and 4, Songdo Convensia
Ticket SR 110,000 Won, R 99,000 won, S 88,000 won, A 66,000 won



Festival Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of Beethoven's Birth

A music festival commemorating the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth will be held at Arts Center Incheon. It is composed of concerts to experience all of Beethoven's concertos over three days from November 20 to 22. Conductor and pianist Kim Dae-jin is the music director for the festival. He will be presenting the essence of Beethoven's music, mainly with top-notch performers who are active in domestic and overseas music scenes. From piano concerto No. 1 and continued to triple concerto and violin concerto, various performers will present his brilliant music. It will send out a message of consolation and hope through the maestro Beethoven's music and heal the souls of the audience exhausted due to COVID-19.

Date November 20-22, 2020
Time 20:00 on November 20 / 15:00 on November 21 and 22
Location Concert Hall, Arts Center Incheon
Ticket R 30,000 won, S 20,000 won



Classic Series III - Pianist Kim Jeong-won Recital

Incheon Culture & Arts Center's 'Classic Series' invites and presents artists or groups of performers who draw attention for outstanding performance at home and abroad. In 2020, it offers the third installment in the series, 'Pianist Kim Jeong-won Recital' by Korea's representative pianist on the theme of 'reminiscence'. Kim says, 'Reminiscence is a fantasy about the past created by you in the present in a subjective flow of time which is different for each person,' and that he organized the program based on the view of the past that he recalled most desperately based on the idea. It will be a moment to find yourself in the sweetest, and the most beautiful memory pulled from the past by Kim's piano performance.

Date November 28, 2020
Time 17:00
Location Grand Hall, Incheon Culture & Arts Center
Ticket R 30,000 won, S 20,000 won, A 10,000 won

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INCHEON NOW Quiz



I've prepared it like a gift for you. INCHEON NOW, 66, how was it? Readers, all of you, have a lot of memories of the past and new. I hope you met the meaning. Thank you for joining us in room 66. Another thing I'm giving you. Event and quiz. What's the answer to the blank? If you know the answer, please send your e-mail by December 23, 2020. Please send it (required to fill in the contact number) We will send you a small gift through a lottery among the correct answers.

Quiz

Where can you take a glimpse of China in Incheon?

Hint

- 1 It has China Gate, Korean-Chinese Cultural Center, and Jjajangmyeon-Museum.
- 2 It is located in Jung-gu. You can enjoy various Chinese dishes and street food.

Answer to Last Edition's Quiz

G Tower

Winners: Anderson, Choi Jin-ho



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David (Songdo Mirae-ro)

I realized the place I live in, Songdo International City, has many charms after reading this magazine. I will certainly tell others in Korea and my hometown about Incheon with pride.

Jo Min-ji (Meonugeum-ro)

I study English with <Incheon Now>. It was very helpful due to great articles and phrases. I hope this magazine is distributed to many places so that others can also make use of it.

Jason (Hambakmoe-ro)

I visited Sorae Port after reading the <Special Space> section. There were a lot of seafood. I had sliced raw fish and jumbo shrimps. They were so delicious!

These are comments from our readers about the last edition. <INCHEON NOW> is waiting to hear what you have to say. Share your thoughts about this edition with us by sending your comments to <goodvoice@korea.kr>. We will randomly select people who sent comments and suggestions for gifts.

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