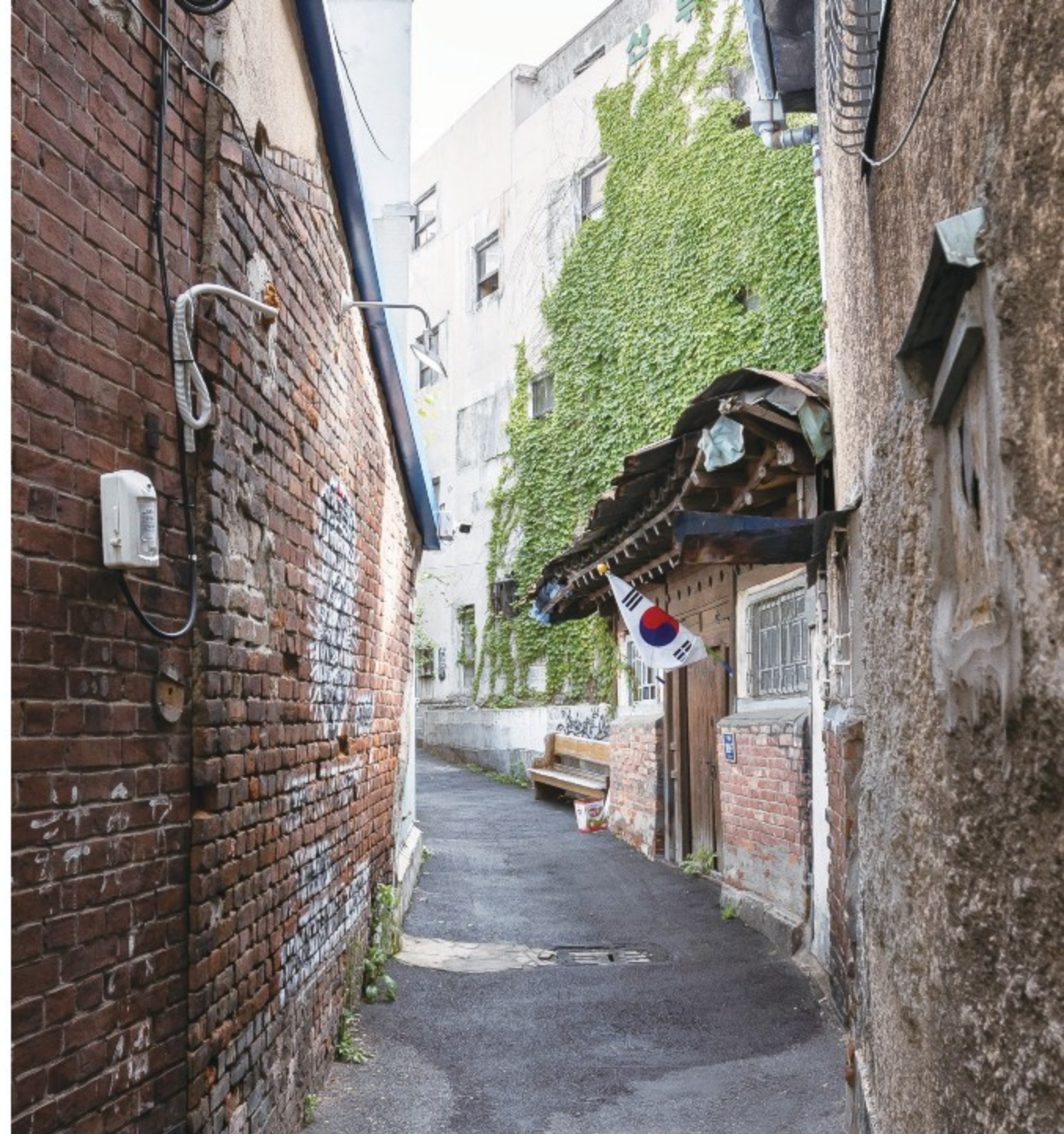


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The cities with the value
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tonight as well.



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*Streets of Incheon are changing.
Old streets have been revived
and new values are found across the city.
Come and enjoy leisure, unusual experience,
and fascinating delicacies at once.*



Cover Description

Entry of the alley leading to Gaehang-ro Chicken.

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10 YEARS OF HISTORY, TIMES THE FUN

Enjoying the Contents of Incheon's Hot Place, Gaehang-ro

The building is old and yet sensuous in its own way. The sign lacks showy LEDs or stylish design. Still, the place is lively with many visitors. This is the description of Gaehang-ro in Jung-gu, Incheon, which added new values to the trace of the centennial city. We explored various contents of Gaehang-ro, which has been rising as a trending place of Incheon in the middle of the empty city.

GAEHANG-RO, GETTING READY FOR A RENAISSANCE

'Gaehang-ro,' which used to be called 'Ssarijae Hill,' is the passage that begins from today's Gyeongdong Intersection, passes Aegwan Theater, and continues on to Baedari Maeul. It was the main street of Incheon until the 1970s and 1980s. It also had all the places that attract people, from wedding shops to furniture stores, and theaters, forming a commercial district as vibrant as Myeong-dong in Seoul. However, after Incheon City Hall moved to Guwol-dong in the mid-1980s and major commercial districts shifted to Juan and Bupyeong in the 2000s, it became a street devoid of any floating population. In 2017, 20 people, sharing a common goal, initiated the 'Gaehang-ro Project' to revive the town and began to bring life back to the street. It changed the image of the town, which used to be represented by old and battered shops and the old city center, to the leader of new trends, represented by the newtro sensibility. And now, the whole area of Jung-gu has taken back the golden age under the name, 'Gaehang-ro.'

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH GAEHANG-RO PROJECT

Prior to the 'Gaehang-ro Project,' the premise was designated as a redevelopment area that can be demolished and rebuilt any time. However, the twenty people who came together to resurrect the town thought differently; they wanted to keep the historical values and add new values through the Gaehang-ro Project instead of recklessly tearing down everything and constructing new buildings.

They began to see Gaehang-ro in an objective view and subjective affection to realize their intention. First, by taking the advantage of the area, where roads are narrow enough for pedestrians to move between streets without using crosswalks, they decided to revive both sides of the street. They also kept the historical values and images of the buildings that were built more than a century ago, and attached new values to them. As a result, the project, which seemed rash in the beginning, turned Gaehang-ro into the hub of change in the original city center in just two years. With consecutive successes of Brown Hands, Ssarijae Café, Gaehang Noodles, Itta Space, Ilgwang Jeongu Light House, and Gaehang-ro Chicken, the Gaehang-ro Project became the talk of the town.



CHAPTER 4

BROWN HANDS

A sensible café renovated from an ENT clinic, Brown Hands, assumes a classical ambience as if it has frozen the time by preserving and thereby upcycling the cracked walls and tiles and aged windows. Various plants are placed in the building to create a more nature-friendly atmosphere. It is famous as a charming space and as a café and bakery.



Address 73-1, Gaehang-ro, Jung-gu, Incheon
Telephone 032-777-7506



Address 108-1, Gaehang-ro, Jung-gu, Incheon
Telephone 032-773-1081



CHAPTER 5

GAEHANG NOODLES

This is a restaurant specializing in warm noodles in Gaehang-ro. The place is filled with things that trace the modern to contemporary history. Even the unfinished wall has maintained the layers of time, giving us lingering imagery. Gaehang Noodles also serve flat dumplings and boiled pork slices in addition to warm noodles, which is gaining popularity.



CHAPTER 6

GAEHANG-RO CHICKEN

Gaehang-ro Chicken is filled with picture frames radiating the vintage emotion and a rectangular fish tank. You can recall the past in a natural way from the place, which is not decorated to give a retro feeling. Gaehang-ro Chicken also has tables outdoors. The subtle lighting adds to the special atmosphere.

Address 164, Chamoejeon-ro, Jung-gu, Incheon
Telephone 032-772-9292



TIP!

GAEHANG-RO LAGER,
MADE OF TASTE AND FLAVOR OF GAEHANG-RO

'Gaehang-ro Lager' is the local beer of Incheon launched through the Gaehang-ro Project. It is designed to suit young people as well as the older generation and is characterized by the refreshing taste lingering in the mouth. Park Ji-hoon, the president of 'Incheon Beer,' a microbrewery, makes sure the beer tastes good, and the font for the brand was developed based on the calligraphic style of Master Jeon Dong-won, who made wood tablets at Gaehang-ro for 54 years. Also, the Fairy Tale Village's mural artist, Choi Myeong-seon modeled for the promotion of the beer. In many ways, the beer reflects the taste and flavor of Gaehang-ro with local residents. Gaehang-ro Lager is available in nine stores, including Gaehang-ro Chicken, Gaehang Noodles, and Incheon Beer.



Shopping is an activity that you can't miss out on when traveling. Your hands become full with shopping bags after you open your wallet a couple of times for things you need while walking on the street. The heavier your hands, the happier you become. Here are two shopping meccas of Incheon, full of the joy of shopping.



JOY OF ECCENTRIC TOURS

Triple Street

VS

Modoo Mall



Hours 10:30~22:00, every day, all year round
Home page www.triplestreet.co.kr
Address 33-3, Songdogwahak-ro 16beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

COMPLEX CULTURAL SPACE COMBINING VARIOUS CONTENTS

You can easily reach Triple Street using the passage connected to Hyundai Premium Outlet, and it is emerging as one of the hottest shopping spots in Songdo. Like its name, Triple Street is a shopping complex that advocates the 'streets you want to visit.' On the street that stretches 600m long, there are four buildings with one basement and three aboveground floors, named A, B, C, and D, comprised of stores on various themes. It is full of charms found across the place from the restaurants that are popular on social media to famous franchise restaurants and the restaurants frequented by locals.

Apart from shopping, the place also includes a theater, a VR studio, a bookstore, and a space for children to play, making it a wonderful spot to spend a day with family. If you want a place to enjoy shopping and good eats and have fun all day, we recommend visiting Songdo Triple Street this weekend.

LARGEST SHOPPING CENTER RECOGNIZED BY THE WORLD

Bupyeong Modoo Mall, one of the frequently visited attractions of Incheon, is registered in the Guinness Book of World Records in the 'Largest Number of Stores in a Single Underground Shopping Area' section and is also a famous fashion mall. Connected to the underground exit of Bupyeong Station, 1,408 stores are operating inside Bupyeong Modoo Mall. Despite the huge number of stores, the mall is divided by the Red Path, Green Path, Blue Path, and Orange Path around the Center Hall so that customers can easily find stores. These paths are also the milestones that guide visitors in the place that may seem quite complex. You will find all kinds of goods from cosmetics to clothes, shoes, bags, and stationeries, offered at reasonable prices.

The mall shows considerations for both domestic visitors and foreign tourists. All signs inside Bupyeong Modoo Mall are written in English and Chinese. Even first-time visitors can easily follow the directions. It's not just for shopping. You can also enjoy various experiences in the attractions connected to the underground exit at Bupyeong Modoo Mall.



Hours 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Home page blog.naver.com/1modoo
SnS Instagram : modoomall
 Facebook : bpum2015
Address Bupyeong Station
 Underground Shopping
 Mall, 69, Bupyeong-daero,
 Bupyeong-gu, Incheon



Gyeongwonjae Ambassador Incheon

Ranked 1st in the '2021 Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Hotels in South Korea' by Tripadvisor

Gyeongwonjae Ambassador Incheon, the first five-star hanok (traditional Korean building) hotel, was ranked first in the list of top hotels in South Korea in Tripadvisor's '2021 Travelers' Choice Awards' and 14th in the list of top hotels in Asia, becoming the first and only Korean hotel to make it to the list.

Tripadvisor is the world's largest travel website with millions of reviews and opinions of travelers worldwide. Every year, it announces the 'Travelers' Choice Awards,' which selects the world's best travel destinations and facilities based on the ratings and reviews of travelers. The award has ten categories, including best hotel and small hotel. A total of 25 hotels that received the highest rating from customers are awarded.

Gyeongwonjae Ambassador Incheon is the largest hanok hotel in South Korea. It opened in 2015 and became the hanok hotel representing South Korea. It offers customer-friendly services, fully respectful of guests in traditional court manners, and it has won favorable feedback from guests. Since its opening, it has been consistently ranked first and second in the list of top hotels in Incheon selected by Tripadvisor based on customer reviews. Furthermore, as the best hanok hotel in Korea, it has progressed continuously each year, resulting in high ranks at Travelers' Choice Awards: first place for Best Services in 2018, second place for Top Hotels in South Korea in 2019, and sixth place for Top Hotels in South Korea in 2020. Winning another award this year, it has now been awarded for four consecutive years.

"In celebration of the sixth anniversary of our opening this year, we would like to thank all our guests who visited our hotel over the past six years. It was possible for us to become the best of the best hotels in South Korea only because our guests recognized the kind-hearted services unique to Gyeongwonjae Ambassador Incheon, which treasures its guests," said Dahl Joe, General Manager of Gyeongwonjae Ambassador Incheon. He added, "We will focus on elevating the values of hotel users based on Korean-style customer service and unique packages, to prove that being the most Korean is the most international to guests at home and abroad."

Gyeongwonjae Ambassador Incheon is owned by the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority and is operated by the Ambassador Hotel Group, a representative hotel company of Korea, on commission.

Info.

Reservation and Information ☎032-729-1101

Gyeongwonjae Ambassador Incheon



Living in Harmony on Earth



The 'Waste Pandemic' is following the virus pandemic. Consideration of the environment has become essential now. 'There is not another Earth that can replace ours.' Save Earth! Incheon provides reliable support through environment-friendly and resource recycling policies so that the three million citizens of the environmental capital can protect Earth.

'ZERO WASTE'

It takes five seconds to produce a plastic product. We use it for five years on average, but decomposition takes at least five centuries. It takes a second to throw it out but a very long time until it is fully disintegrated. 'Zero Waste.' This is the environment-friendly movement to reduce unnecessary wastes produced in everyday life down to zero.

We should not produce waste from the beginning. According to Korea Zero Waste Movement Network, Korea was ranked first for the volume of plastic bags used per person in a year, which amounted to 420 as of 2015. We should use eco-bags instead of plastic bags, tumblers than paper cups, and flatly say 'No' to plastic spoons and straws and disposable wooden chopsticks. We can also reduce wastes by minimizing packaging. Don't be embarrassed to bring your own container when taking out foods from a restaurant and use the 'refill station' from which you can purchase only the content. Flex your love of Earth by practice a minimal life by reducing consumption.

WASTE TO RESOURCE

'Waste is no longer waste' to the citizens of Incheon, the environmental capital, who take action. Waste is a 'resource' to reuse. According to the Ministry of Environment, the volume of domestic plastic wastes increased by 14.6% nationwide compared to 2019 last year. Time is at stake. We must reduce wastes and turn wastes that we produce unavoidably into useful resources.

Coffee grounds, or coffee wastes, is no exception. Only 2% of coffee beans are used and 98% is thrown out as coffee waste when you extract coffee. With a little effort and care, however, coffee waste can be used as daily necessities and even bio energy fuel.

Incheon is collaborating with borough governments and companies to turn coffee wastes into resources. Borough governments of Jung-gu, Michuhol-gu, Namdong-gu, Bupyeong-gu, and Seo-gu along with Hyundai Steel, Korea Productivity Center, and the Korea Green Foundation. Last year, 55 tons of coffee wastes were collected from 119 cafés in Jung-gu and Michuhol-gu and were turned into a resource. This year, Incheon will continue its efforts to revive 660 tons of coffee wastes a year by increasing the number of participating cafés to 600.

THINGS THAT INCHEON DOES WITH CITIZENS



REMEMBER TO 'EMPTY, WASH, SEPARATE, AND DON'T MIX UP'

Recyclable materials have to be emptied, washed, separated, and not mixed with each other to be actually recyclable. As of 2018, 59.8% of the waste collected in Incheon was converted into resources. Incheon intends to raise the percentage up to 95% by 2025.



UPCYCLING BEYOND RECYCLING

Incheon Upcycle Eco Center offers training that focuses on resource recycling and operates related programs. It also has the Upcycling Exhibition Center and the Sharing Center, where people can rent the items they need at a reasonable cost. incheoneco.or.kr ☎032-212-2929



SMART DISPOSAL OF HOME APPLIANCES

When you are disposing of large home appliances such as refrigerators and washing machines, use 'Free Home Appliance Collection Service.' You can save on disposal fees, and the appliances can be reused through the recycling center ☎1599-0903



BEAUTIFUL SHARING

Things that you used to use can make someone else happy. Incheon held the 'Resource and Sharing Recycling Campaign' at City Hall with the Beautiful Store Foundation last month. Go to Beautiful Store if you wish to participate or pledge to donate via telephone or the internet. ☎1577-1113

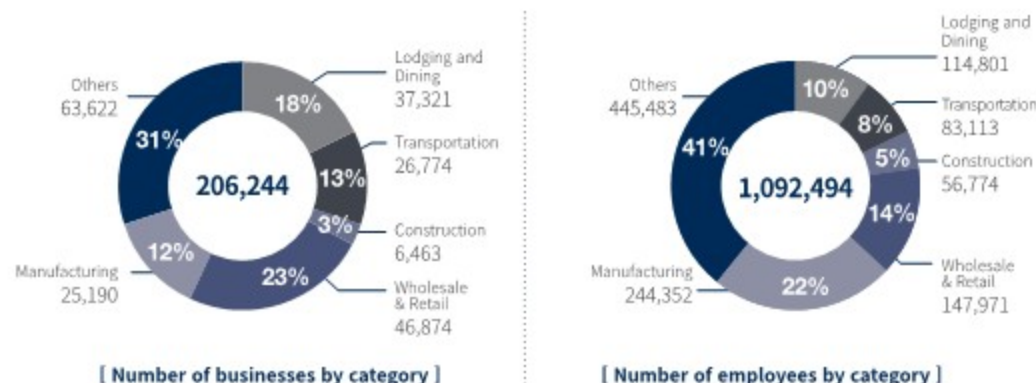
Six Competitivenesses of Incheon,

Best Business Environment, Proven through Investment

Incheon is a great city to do business in. It has already been proven by many global companies that have invested in the city. Companies in various fields, such as Samsung Biologics, Celtrion, Boeing, GM, Amkor Technology, Mando-Brose, and Hana Finance, have invested in Incheon. Incheon has three national industrial complexes, 15 general industrial complexes, and two urban high-tech industrial complexes for a total of 20 industrial complexes altogether. So the city can maximize the business efficiency regardless of category. Investing in Incheon will guarantee an optimized corporate environment and also secure a shortcut to global business.

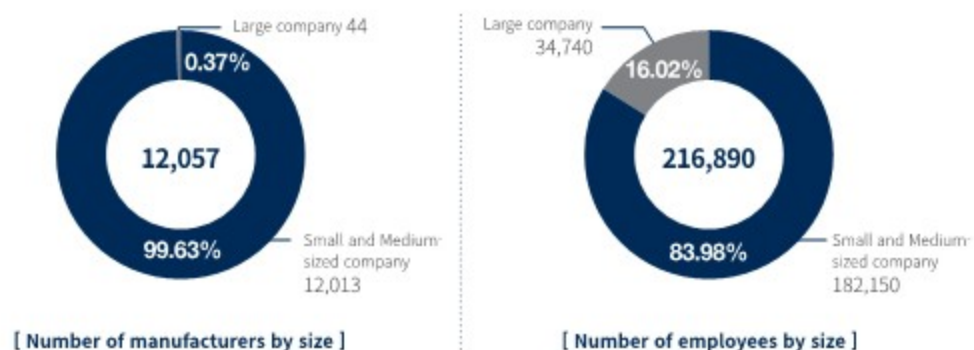
Business

※ Data from National Statistics Office for 2019 (Unit: No. of businesses, No. of people)
Updated in May 2021



Manufacturing business

※ Based on the statistics for the 4th quarter of 2019 (Unit: No. of businesses, No. of people)



Major domestic companies

※ As of June 2020



Major overseas investment enterprises

※ As of June 2020



03

interview



Quinne, Falling in Love with the Culture of Sharing in Korea, the Country She Chose to Learn Diversity

Quinne Murakawa

Quinne Murakawa ('Quinne') from Hawaii dreamed of visiting as many places as she can and experiencing diversity. To this end, she applied to the State University of New York (SUNY) in Songdo, Incheon based on her brief visit to Korea as a volunteer in 2015 and her parents' support. Quinne is studying fashion and she is in her final semester. She says her life in Korea brought many changes to how she thinks. Let's hear from Quinne, who is challenging and planning new things with the influence of the Korean culture of caring.

GRATITUDE FOR THE CULTURE OF CARING

Quinne says her life in Korea had a huge impact on her in many aspects. "Korea has the culture of 'older sister and older brother' that you can't find anywhere else in the world. Studying alone in Korea without one's parents can be lonely and difficult, but I get a lot of encouragement from senior students and friends that were considerate of me and took care of me. They help me with studying and treat me to meals. I also want to become a senior student who treats junior students well. I want to tell my friends about the Korean culture of sharing and spread the culture." Quinne says the kindness of the Korean people is so unique and that it is a pleasant experience. Recently, she visited Munhaksan Mountain by herself, and she met a lady there who kindly showed her the way to the top. She liked that experience so much. She also told us about a senior student who invited her, cooked for her, and spent time together when she couldn't go to Hawaii but had to stay in Korea during Christmas and she felt quite thankful.



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CHALLENGE IN KOREA: KOREAN SPEECH CONTEST AND INTERNSHIP

Quinne became interested in the Korean language and culture through her Korean friend that she was close to during middle and high school in Hawaii. She became confident after learning Korean on her own.

She came to Korea and entered the Korean Speech Contest as a foreigner. "It was a challenge against myself. The title of my speech was 'The Influence that Korean Language Had on My Life' and I wanted to express how my thoughts and life changed in Korean. I think it serves as a great opportunity to experience speaking in front of others and how others speak in Korean."

Quinne had the luck to work as an intern at a company located in Songdo, and she will continue to work after graduation. "I love the working environment and culture in Korea. I became interested in fashion as well as marketing while working. Based on what I learned about beauty and fashion industry marketing, I'd say Korea is quite advanced."

Participating at the Seoul Fashion Week with fellow students!



FUTURE DREAMS IN KOREA

Quinne was planning to study in New York or Italy for two more years after completing her two years of study at SUNY in June this year, but her experience of Korea in the past years changed her mind. She wants to study fashion marketing in a university in Korea. She wanted to close by saying thanks to her parents in Hawaii for supporting her decision and trust her as her final words. She also thanked the professors and staff of SUNY for sparing no support for their students to become successful. She spoke in Korean in and out of the interview and we could notice her fluency in Korean. Quinne wishes to visit as many as countries possible and learn more about diversity. We cheer for her for dream to learn diversity.



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Series 3. Maglev Train

TRAVELING IN INCHEON WITHOUT WHEELS

Incheon International Airport's maglev train, the second one commercialized in the world, started operation on February 3, 2016 and has become a new means of transportation for visitors to Incheon. Take a look at the third transportation method unique to Incheon, which is full of spectacles and entertainment from Incheon International Airport 1 Terminal Station to Yongyu Station.



WORLD'S FIRST URBAN MAGLEV TRAIN WITHIN AN AIRPORT RIDING THE FUTURE OF INCHEON

Korea's first urban maglev train is a new breed of transportation. Since the train moves while levitated, 8mm above the track rail, it has no mechanical friction and does not produce carbon dioxide or pollution from the abrasion of wheels and fine dusts in the heart of the city, not to mention the noticeably small noise and vibration. A single train car is 12m long, 2.7m wide, and 3.475m tall, and each train is composed of two cars and is capable of transporting 186 people at a time. It extends up to a 6.1km section, and each one-way trip takes approximately 12 minutes. It can save up to 80% of the operating cost compared with existing LRT and offers ride comfort and excellent transportation capability that it is emerging as a new mode of transportation.

MAGLEV TRAIN IN FIGURES

1st	World's first urban maglev train inside airport	110km/h	Maximum speed of the train is 110km/h
8mm	Travels levitated 8mm above the rail	186PPL	The maximum number of passengers (For a train comprising two cars)



Operating Hours	07:30-20:30 ※ Schedule adjusted to prevent the spread of COVID-19 : 07:30-09:00, 18:00-19:00
Fare	Free
Directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Location of Start Station (Incheon International Airport 1 Terminal Station): 2F, Incheon International Airport 1 Terminal Transportation Center · Airport Railroad: Get off at Incheon International Airport 1 Terminal Transportation Center · Move from the second floor of the transportation center to Incheon International Airport 1 Terminal Maglev Train Station
inquiry	Incheon International Airport Customer Center 1577-2600



From Airport to Sea

Around Yeongjong International City in a Day



Course 1

Incheon International Airport Maglev Train Public Relations Center

The fact that the train runs without wheels sounds interesting enough. If you wonder how it operates, visit the public relations center for the maglev train on the first floor of Incheon International Airport Transportation Center. You can see everything about the maglev train that will lead the innovation of future transportation there. The center is open 24 hours and is free of charge. The center exhibits maglev train models, describes operating principles, a diorama of the line, and offers a simulated driving experience.

When you pass the Long-term Parking Station and Administration Complex Station and approach Paradise City Station, you will notice that the window becoming translucent. This is the mist window feature designed to protect privacy. Paradise City Station is connected to Incheon Paradise City Hotel and you can reach the hotel quickly and conveniently using the train. Paradise City is a resort complex full of entertainment from a hotel to casino, convention, shopping, art gallery, spa, and club.

Info.

Address 186, Yeongjonghaeannam-ro
321beon-gil, Jung-gu, Incheon
inquiry 1833-8855

Course 2 Paradise City



Yeongjong Seaside Park is a trending place of Yeongjong International City where you can enjoy various spectacles and the wide-open view of the sea at the same time, using the railbike of Yeongjong Seaside Park, the only one in Incheon. It travels 5.6km back and forth across the park and you can pedal through the course, enjoying the view of the West Sea including Wolmido Island, Songdo Island, and Incheon Bridge.

Info.

Railbike Operating Hours 09:00~18:00
Homepage www.영종싸이드레일바이크.com
Address 136-12, Jungsan-dong, Jung-gu, Incheon
inquiry 032-719-7778

Yeongjong Seaside Park Course 4



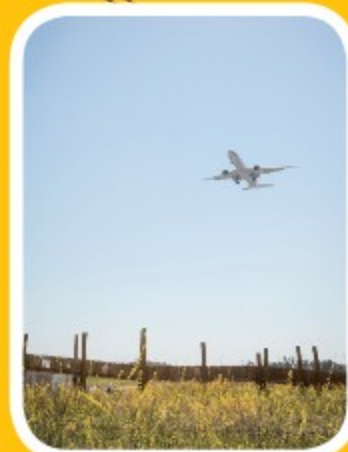
Masian Beach Course 3



When you get off at Yongyu Station, the last station of the maglev train, and take Exit 2, you will find Yongyudo Island, which is a famous tourist attraction. Masian Beach stretches up to 3 km. During low tide, the mudflat spreads so vastly that you can't see its end and the sunset that turns the flat gold is magnificent. Also, you can find a variety of restaurants offering dishes full of the sea scent such as seafood knife-cut noodles, roasted clams, and sliced raw fish at a low price.

Info.

Address 118, Masiran-ro, Jung-gu, Incheon
Homepage masianbeach.com



Course 5 Sky Garden

Sky Garden in Yeongdongdo Island is a large garden adjacent to the runway of Incheon International Airport. It is frequented by family tourists. What is unique about this place is that you can see the planes taking off and landing up close. Flowers bloom in the spring, you can enjoy the cool breeze in the summer, and reeds in the field dance with the wind in the fall.

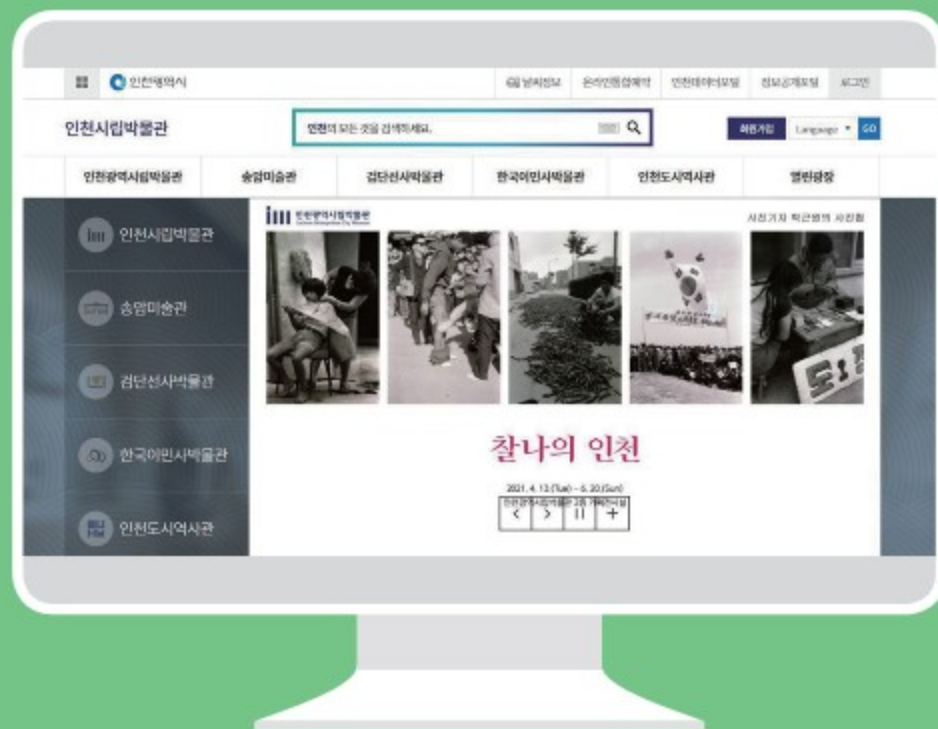
Info.

Address 2848-6, Unseon-dong,
Jung-gu, Incheon

ENJOYING CULTURE & ART OF INCHEON IN MY ROOM

Incheon Metropolitan City Museum Online Exhibition (Video, VR)

There are various platforms to enjoy the charms of Incheon online. The third one in the series we are going to introduce is the 'Online Exhibition Platform' operated by Incheon Metropolitan City Museum. You can take a look at the history, culture, and arts of Incheon through the videos and VRs that introduce the artifacts and artworks.



INCHEON METROPOLITAN CITY MUSEUM

Incheon Metropolitan City Museum is Korea's first public museum that opened in April 1946. It was established to exhibit Incheon's local history and cultural heritage. You can take a glance at the history of Incheon from the prehistoric era up to the opening of the port. The museum is full of artifacts and remains produced in Incheon that show the life history of Incheon. The museum holds special exhibitions introducing Incheon on various themes, and visitors can see various aspects of Incheon.



SONGAM ART MUSEUM

Songam Art Museum is a private art museum opened by the late Lee Hoe-rim, an entrepreneur born in Gaeseong in 1889. It moved to Incheon in 1992, and Incheon took over its operation in 2005 by following the founder's will. Songam Art Museum exhibits many works across genres from paintings and calligraphic works to sculptures, crafts, and potteries. Other than exhibits, the museum boasts beautiful scenery that includes the red brick wall building and a garden filled with pine trees.



INCHEON URBAN HISTORY MUSEUM

Incheon Urban History Museum opened in August 2009, and it shows the past, present, and future of Incheon. You can see the various changes that the city has undergone for over 130 years from 1883 when it opened its ports and became Korea's first planned city. The model diagrams showing the geography of Incheon, Incheon Free Economic Zone, downtown Incheon, and Ganghwado and Yeongjongdo Islands, photographs, and artifacts that help visitors understand Incheon better. The museum also runs special exhibitions on interesting themes.



GEOMDAN PREHISTORY MUSEUM

Geomdan Prehistory Museum is the only prehistoric museum in Incheon that opened in November 2008. The artifacts in the museum's collection were unearthed during the urbanization of the northwestern region of Incheon including Geomdan, Woldang, Dongyang, and Buldo District. They are exhibited by periods and sites. You can take a look at the lives and cultures from the Paleolithic Era to the Bronze Age. There is a studio where visitors can touch and experience the Paleolithic tools with replicas on the second floor.



THE MUSEUM OF KOREA EMIGRATION HISTORY

The Museum of Korea Emigration History opened in 2003 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the emigration to Americas and to trace the history of Korean emigrants. The first official emigration took place at Jemulpo Port of Incheon in 1902, and currently approximately seven million Koreans around the world are living overseas. The museum shows when Incheon opened its ports and traces of ancestors who left for various places including Hawaii, Mexico, and Germany and their hard lives.

Beautiful Melody that Heals the Mind

Yekwon Sunwoo Piano Recital

Yekwon Sunwoo, a pianist who is drawing great attention at home and abroad, is holding a concert at Arts Center Incheon on June 5. Yekwon Sunwoo is the first Korean musician to win the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, and he performed with world-renowned orchestras. He released his first studio album, 'Mozart' under the DECCA label and held a recital tour in seven cities in Korea from December 2020 to January 2021.

Yekwon Sunwoo's piano melody finally reached Incheon. At this concert, he will be performing Mozart's 'Fantasia', 'Piano Sonata', and 'Rondo' as well as Chopin's 'Nocturne', 'Fantasie', and 'Barcarolle.' If you are exhausted from a lethargic daily life, take this chance to heal your mind with the delicate performance of Yekwon Sunwoo. This concert

will be a meaningful recital through which Yekwon Sunwoo can boast excellent outcomes from the extensive experience he has accumulated. It will also be the foundation for a number of paths laid before him.

Date: June 5, 2021
Ticket: R 70,000 won,
S 50,000 won,
A 30,000 won
Venue: Concert Hall, Arts Center Incheon
Homepage: www.aci.or.kr
Information: 032-453-7700



+ Performance schedule is subject to change due to COVID-19-related circumstances. Please check in advance by telephone or homepage.



Dates: June 5 - 27, 2021 (Saturdays and Sundays)
Ticket: Free (50 on first come first serve basis)
Venue: Complex Culture Space, Incheon Culture & Arts Center
Homepage: www.incheon.go.kr
Information: 1588-2341

SALON CONCERT, HUE (休)

For citizens exhausted by COVID-19, Incheon Culture & Arts Center prepared a special stage. 'Salon Concert, HUE (休)' will hold eight events in a month. The cast includes ten teams, including Band Sinsum, Street Guns, Ha Heonjin Band & CR Taegyu, Siwa, Kim Sawol, Cadejo, KwonTree, Lee Joo Young & Cosmos Hippie. These teams, charming in different ways, will comfort and console the audience in their own ways, and the audience will be immersed in their stories. If you find the names of the artists you like in the list of teams, take this chance to communicate with them. The concert will have a limited number of audiences only up to 50 people based on first come first serve rule.



Date: June 6, 2021
Ticket: All seats 10,000 won
Venue: Elim Hall, Elim Art Center
Homepage: www.elimartcenter.co.kr
Information: 032-289-4275

SUNDAY CONCERT 'MELOBASS'

It's not easy to recognize what 'Melobass' means instantly when you hear it for the first time. Melobass is a term combining 'melody' and 'kontrabass,' which is German for the double bass. The word is coined to introduce general people to the unfamiliar musical instrument more easily. The members of Melobass include Choi Seung-gyu, Yang Ye-rin, Kim So-jeong, Yang Jun-seok, Lee Sang-tak, and Jeong Ji-soo. In this concert, Melobass will be presenting a wide spectrum of songs from famous ones that everyone can enjoy together like Michael Jackson's 'Smooth Criminal' and 'Billie Jean' to Piazzolla's 'Four Seasons in Buenos Aires.'



Dates: June 16, 2021
Ticket: All seats, 12,000 won
Venue: Small Hall, Incheon Culture & Arts Center
Homepage: www.incheon.go.kr
Information: 032-420-2731

2021 COFFEE CONCERT IV 'THE TUNE <WOLDAM>'

On June 16, 2021, the <Coffee Concert> will return for the fourth time this year. The artist that will take the stage is the group of 'the Tune,' which was founded in 2013 by female musicians with different talents in traditional percussive instruments, fiddle, keyboard, vocal, percussion, pipe, and conical oboe. 'Woldam,' the second regular album they released in 2020 sings about the irony of life, which is 'a tragedy when seen up close, but a comedy in the longshot.' They are rooted in gugak, Korean classic music, but are quite open to new things. They communicate with the audience not only with traditional instruments but also with voices and piano, and the audience can feel their charms through their new and cheerful music.

+ The concept of the <Coffee Concert> is to enjoy a concert with coffee. However, due to the circumstances relating to COVID-19, we decided not to serve coffee and lower the ticket price instead.

News Brief

This month's city hot news



Pedestrian-Friendly Flowery Road in Cheongna International City

Incheon is constructing a beautiful flowery road in the 4km round-trip section on Cheongna-daero (Simgok Bridge 2 – Gongchon Bridge 3) in Cheongna International City inside Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ).

IFEZ Authority will place 73 flower pots on streetlight poles and plant petunia and others from this month to November to beautify Cheongna-daero and provide spectacles for citizens exhausted by the COVID-19 crisis to come and regain some strength.

When the project is completed, it is expected to become an attraction in the heart of the city where citizens who travel on Cheongna-daero will appreciate and enjoy the beautiful flowers.

Introducing the Best Delivery Restaurants

Food delivery is increasing sharply in the 'Ontact (Online + Contact) Era' due to COVID-19. Meanwhile, the blog and social media operated by Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority (IFEZA) are drawing attention by introducing the best delivery restaurants.

This project intends to produce the latest

content combining traveling and eats at Songdo, Yeongjong, and Cheongna International City and tell those visiting IFEZ at home and abroad through social media channels such as the blog, 'IFEZINE,' Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube about them. IFEZA is translating and posting the contents into foreign languages, including English, Chinese, and Japanese, through native speakers, instead of using translations to deliver information that makes more sense to foreign tourists. It also operates a channel for foreigners on 'Weibo,' the largest social media in China, introducing dishes and attractions that foreigners might prefer.

Opening of Seongnam Extension of Subway Line 7 from 'Seongnam to Bupyeong-gu Office'

The Seongnam extension of the Seoul Metropolitan Rapid Transit Line 7, connecting Bupyeong-gu Office and Seongnam Station, opened on May 22 following a comprehensive trial run. The Seongnam extension of Line 7 is a 4.165km long route that extends from the former terminal station, Bupyeong-gu Office Station (Galsan-dong, Incheon), to Sangok Station and Seongnam Station (Seongnam-dong, Incheon). The opening of this extension connects Incheon Line 1 (Bupyeong-gu Office Station) running north and south and Incheon Line 2 (Seongnam Station) in the form of the letter H, completing the transfer system between Incheon Line 1 and 2. Also, passengers transferring from Incheon Line 2 can quickly and conveniently move to Gangnam in Seoul and other locations through Seongnam Station.

The Seongnam extension is the heavy rail transit operated with eight-car trains, same as

the existing Line 7. The operating interval is six minutes during rush hour and 12 minutes at ordinary times.



Turning Seeodo into 'Mudflat Garden'

A comprehensive development project to turn all of Seeodo, a small island near downtown Incheon, into a 'mudflat garden,' will be fully promoted.

Incheon will be combining the development projects for areas under special circumstances with the 'Fishing Village New Deal 300' to improve the fishing environment and settlement conditions of Seeodo Island and also improve various environments using the island's resources. Furthermore, Incheon will promote community projects and intensify public relations using Seeodo Dullegil Trail.

Seeodo Island belongs to Wonchang-dong, Seogu in terms of administrative classification. It is only about 1.5km away from the inland area of Incheon. Its size is 408,000 m² in total, and more than 40 people in 24 households mainly make their livings on fishing. Over 20 wild plants, including plantain and valerianaceous plant grow aboriginally all over the island. The island also has various ecological resources such as mudflats, reed fields, and pine tree colonies.

Full Implementation of Korea's First 'Smart Traditional Market Precise Map' Service

Incheon developed a precise map database for 58 traditional markets within the jurisdiction for the first time in Korea. It began the service providing map data through internet portal sites, such as Naver and Kakao.

This service allows citizens visiting traditional markets to find information about individual stores in traditional markets more easily and in detail. It will mainly provide services that citizens actually need, such as finding the path to the traditional market, store information (store name, operating hours, and items sold), and sharing on social media.

Plastic Toys Become Valuable Resources

Incheon signed an agreement with the Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco) and the Korea Plastic Single Material Association to improve the system for recycling toys as resources at the Green Hall of K-eco on May 12.

The agreement intends to spread the resource recycling culture by ensuring that more people are aware of how to separately dispose of toys and provide subsidies for separate sorting of toys to set up a stable basis for recycling.

For this, Incheon promotes a pilot project of turning discarded plastic toys into resources until the second half of this year by publicizing the separate disposal of toys in proper ways centering on major emission sources, such as private homes, and collaborating with companies that collect and sort wastes.



Information about INCHEON

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 $126^{\circ}37'\text{E}$ and $37^{\circ}28'\text{N}$, and this is 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.

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.



Latitude $\text{N}37^{\circ}28'$
Longitude $\text{E}126^{\circ}37'$



GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

The mountainous terrains of Incheon are composed of low hills under 300 m above sea level excluding around a dozen mountains, including Manisan Mountain (469 m), Geyangsan 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 islands. There are a total 168 islands in Incheon, and 128 of them are uninhabited.

BRAND

all ways **INCHEON**

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.

LIFE AND POPULATION

Incheon Metropolitan City comprises two counties including Ganghwa-gun and Ongjin-gun and eight wards (Jung-gu, Dong-gu, Michuhol-gu, Yeonsu-gu, Namdong-gu, Bupyeong-gu, Gyeong-gu, and Seo-gu).

Incheon's population amounts to approximately 3 million, making it the city with the third largest population in Korea next to Seoul and Busan. Currently, 72,235 foreigners live in Incheon.



Questions for Evaluating Knowledge on Incheon's Attractions

Try solving 'Incheon Quiz.'

Learn about and remember Incheon for a long time through simple questions.

name :

CHEONGNA LAKE PARK

Read the following dialogue and choose the appropriate answer to the questions.

- John: Mark, I want to go on an excursion somewhere close. Do you know any place?
 Mark: What about Cheongna Lake Park? It's for you if you like the water.
 There are many waterfront facilities.
 John: Is there a place like that in Incheon?
 Mark: Sure. It's the largest lake park in Korea. The park itself takes up 693,000m².
 It is made up of the Traditional Zone, Leisure Zone, Art & Culture Zone,
 Eco Zone, and City-Tower Zone. There is a total of five different concepts.
 John: What is it famous for?
 Mark: It has four fountains, and the Music Fountain is famous.
 It swings in all directions.
 John: I see. What about other fountains?
 Mark: It has Digital Fountain, High Elevation Fountain, and Ground Fountain.
 It's fun to watch the different fountains.
 John: What leisure activities can you do there?
 Mark: You can ride a boat or a kayak.
 John: Yeah? That should be fun!

Q. Which is not the concept applied in the design of Cheongna Lake Park?

- ① Leisure Zone ② Art & Culture Zone ③ City-Tower Zone ④ Multiple Zone

Q. Which is the fountain that you cannot find inside Cheongna Lake Park?

- ① Music Fountain ② Digital Fountain ③ Ground Fountain ④ Spray Fountain

Q. Which is the largest lake park in Korea?

- ① Sang-dong Lake Park ② Cheongna Lake Park
 ③ Dongtan Lake Park ④ Ansan Lake Park

GYEYANGSAN MOUNTAIN

Read the following dialogue and choose the appropriate answer to the questions.

- Liam: Anna. What did you do on the weekends?
 Anna: I went to Gyeyangsan Mountain in Gyeyang-gu. It's 395m above sea level
 and the tallest one in Incheon after Manisan Mountain in Ganghwado.
 Liam: Really?
 It must have been refreshing. How long did it take to reach the top?
 Anna: About two hours. It was tough but I liked it!
 Liam: What did you do afterwards?
 Anna: I went to Gyeyang Park. It became an urban natural park in 1986.
 I went around the park, enjoying the wind.
 Liam: I see. I heard something like Gyeyang Mountain Fortress is around there.
 Anna: Have you been there?
 Anna: Sure, I went there, too. It's a fortress built with rocks on the eastern
 ridge of the mountain. Most of the walls are damaged now. It's a shame.
 Liam: I should go, too.

Q. What is the name of the mountain Anna visited on the weekend?

- ① Manisan Mountain ② Gyeyangsan Mountain
 ③ Goryeosan Mountain ④ Gahyeonsan Mountain

Q. Gyeyangsan Mountain is ()m above sea level and takes () hours to reach the top.

- ① 395, 1 ② 394, 2 ③ 395, 2 ④ 395, 3

Q. Which one of the following was designated as an urban natural park in 1986?

- ① Gyeyang Park ② Jayu Park ③ Bupyeong Park ④ Subong Park

BICYCLE MANNER INSIDE INCHEON SUBWAY

There are many attractions that you can enjoy on your bicycle. Sometimes you need to take the subway to get there. There are some rules you need to keep when taking your bicycle on the subway. Learn how to use Incheon Subway with your bicycle properly and enjoy the ride.



RIDING WITH BICYCLES

For foldable bicycles, you can carry it in the subway both on Line 1 and 2 any day. However, there are some restrictions for ordinary bicycles. On Incheon Subway Line 1, you can carry your bicycle only on holidays and weekends. Line 2 does not allow bicycles because the space inside the car is narrow.



BICYCLE CAR

Bicycle cars are located on both ends of the train. When you get on the train, you need to fix the front wheel on the proper location. Each bicycle car has four bicycle cradles. Beware that not all trains have bicycle cars. If the train does not have a bicycle car, then you will have to wait for the one that has it.



BICYCLE PATH

Incheon Subway Line 1 has bicycle paths to push your bicycle up on the stairs in every station. You can find it easily by following the signs indicating the path. Place the wheels on the path and push your bicycle up on it.



PRECAUTIONS FOR CARRYING A BICYCLE ON THE SUBWAY

- ① Move your bicycle after everyone gets off.
- ② Do not ride the bicycle inside the subway station or train.
- ③ Take caution so that your bicycle does not fall inside subway.
- ④ When you carry a bicycle in the subway, you are responsible for all damages caused by your negligence.
- ⑤ Not observing the above may lead to refusal of service.

TIP. FAMOUS SPOTS FOR BICYCLE TRIP ON INCHEON SUBWAY

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TECHNOPARK STATION, INCHEON SUBWAY LINE 1 :

'HAEDOJI (SUNRISE) PARK', 'DALBIT (MOONLIGHT) PARK'

When you go to the Haedoji (Sunrise) Park, you will find a large rose garden. Roses bloom the fullest in June. You can take a break in the shade drawn by zelkova trees. At Dalbit (Moonlight) Park, you can enjoy the view of various unique bridges of Songdo on your bicycle, such as International Bridge and Convensia Bridge.

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DONGMAK STATION, INCHEON SUBWAY LINE 1 : 'SEUNGGICHEON STREAM'

Seunggicheon Stream is a stream in Incheon that runs through Nam-gu, Namdong-gu, and Yeonsu-gu. The course is long. Enjoy a long ride with the fresh breeze.

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GEOMAM STATION, INCHEON SUBWAY LINE 2 : 'ARA WATERWAY'

Ara Waterway, famous for its bicycle road, has the Ara Falls. Enjoy the cool wind when riding by the stream. In the evening, the Ara Observatory will shed light on the road, creating beautiful spectacles.

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INCHEON GRAND PARK STATION, INCHEON SUBWAY LINE 2 :

'INCHEON GRAND PARK STATION'

Incheon Grand Park Station is a natural green park of Incheon, comprised of a botanical garden, a children's zoo, a sculpture garden, and a bicycle square.

Take a ride along the park scenery, while stopping by the various attractions.

Station

Bicycle in metro



An Invitation to the Fresh Cuisine of Incheon

The special products of Incheon are grown with the sea breeze from the West Sea and a good amount of sunshine. They are quite delicious. Let us introduce various special products of Incheon, boasting the natural rich taste of the materials that do not require any particular seasonings.

Special Products of Incheon, Full of Nutrients

Ganghwa Region



Ginseng

They started producing ginseng from the Goryeo Dynasty, and they are still being grown to this day. Ginseng of Ganghwa contains high level of saponin, which makes it more effective than those grown in other regions.



Turnip

This is called the 'cosmetics of the field' for its benefits for skin beauty. Grown in uncontaminated soil, it is high in nutritional values.



Lion Paw Mugwort

Like its name, its leaf resembles the lion's paw. It helps to clean your blood to facilitate blood circulation and also relieves pain.

Ongjin Region



Honey

The natural honey produced in Jiwoldo Island, a small village in Ongjin, is a chemical-free honey grown with clean water. It is mainly composed of glucose and fructose and is rich in protein and vitamins.



Grape

Ripened with the cool sea wind, it contains a lot of sugar. The thick skin makes it last long. It is readily digested and absorbed inside the body and helps relieve fatigue.



Hot Pepper

Grown with clean air and soil of the uncontaminated region, the hot pepper of Ongjin has thick skin that produce more flakes when dried and beautiful and clear color.

Agricultural Product Certification Mark

The agricultural product certification mark is a quality assurance mark given to excellent agricultural products that are produced, manufactured, and processed in Incheon. Incheon issues the certification mark for excellent agricultural products to assure quality and thereby gain consumer trust and encourage producers. If you see this mark on the special products of Incheon you are looking for, then you will know that the quality is guaranteed.



Good Price, Namchon Agricultural Products Wholesale Market

This is the most famous agricultural products wholesale market in Incheon. It is divided into the fruit area and vegetable area. It is easy to find what you are looking for. The place is characterized by very low prices and a very wide space, not to mention ample parking space. Go to the homepage and check out the prices by each agricultural product and the volume of trade before you visit the market.

Address 763, Biryu-daero, Namdong-gu, Incheon Homepage www.incheon.go.kr/gm/index (QR Code Attached)



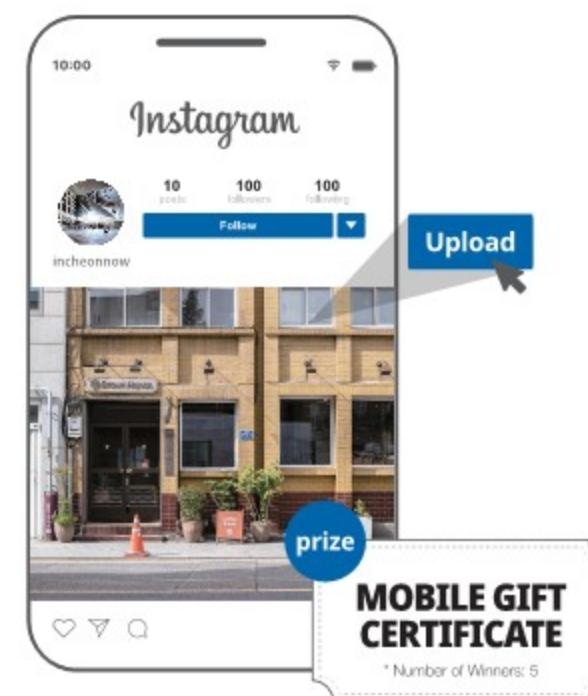
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Go to a place described in the 69th edition of Incheon Now, take a picture as proof, and upload it to Instagram. We will choose five people by lot and send gifts.

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Take a picture with Incheon Now at the Gaehang-ro (The photo must show Incheon Now and your face.)



Add hashtag (# incheonnow) and upload to Instagram

* It has to be posted on Instagram until the announcement of the winner is made in order to receive the gift.

* If your post does not include the hashtag, you will be excluded from the lottery.