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'Forest Outings,' a botanical garden café in Songdo

Hi, green

When many of us lost our daily life due to COVID-19, what comforts us these days is plants. We are finding peace in green in the various spaces in our daily lives, including the indoor garden which is kept warm all year round. Let's begin a pleasant meeting with 'green,' which conveys warm energy.



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a botanical garden café in Songdo.

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Warm Comfort from Green

Indoor Garden Tour in the Heart of Incheon

“When a flower blooms, a corner of the earth becomes beautiful.” As described by a poet, nature is mysterious and wondrous. Many of us lost our daily life due to COVID-19. There is nothing that gives us greater joy and comfort than green leaves. It is why we grow green plants in the indoor garden, which is warm all year round. Here is a fresh green world that bloomed in the middle of winter. Let’s go to the place where fresh nature lives and breathes.





'Enormous Green Forest' in the Heart of City



'Forest Outings' recently opened at Songdo Resort. With 700 tropical plants, it feels like you are inside a forest.



Songdo Forest Outings

At the end of last year, a verdant tropical rainforest was created on a small hill in the southeast of Songdo Resort. Seven hundred tropical plants, including large cycads, Hong Kong palms, monstera, and banana trees, are in abundance in the five-meter tall indoor garden created by master architects. With a thick green forest, lush in all seasons, and an artificial pond with flowing water in the middle, you can fully appreciate the scenery close to Mother Nature. Large and small tables and floor tables with sitting cushions are placed across the garden. Choose the one that suits you. The warm sunlight pours down graciously through the glass ceiling above the shoulder. Enjoy beverages and bread. Hearty meals are also available. The popular menu includes Forest Pizza, Spinach Pesto Pasta, and Black Sesame Oat Coffee Latte.

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'Fragrant Garden' of Flower-like Mother and Daughter

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Rose Stella Garden

Petals are also placed on beverages to fill the space with the fragrance of a flower.



Rose Stella Garden was discovered in Sochon Village in Danam-dong, Gyeonggi-do, where the air and water are clean. The red camellia that bloomed completely even in the white snow welcomes guests first. It is a flower shop and café run by the mother, a florist and painter, and the daughter, who loves flowers. The talent of the mother and daughter is blooming everywhere, including the garden where flowers are in full bloom in all seasons and the teacups decorated with their own drawings. In the greenhouse in February, mimosa trees, olive trees, and rosemary give off their scents, and myriads of plants waiting their turn to bloom are passing the winter. All tables in the café have handsome fresh flowers, and flower petals are placed on beverages so that you can fully enjoy the scent of flowers just by being there. The representative beverage is 'Warm Rose Stellatte' with the scent of roses.



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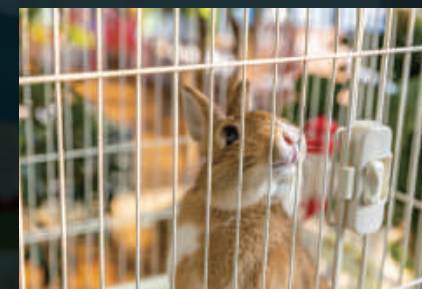
Where Waves Come and Go

Muuido Island can be reached ten minutes from Yeongjongdo after Muui Bridge opened in April 2019. The owner, who loves nature, built a glasshouse facing Hanagae Beach and set up a farm by the beach by planting fruit trees, tropical plants, and succulents and growing parrots and rabbits together, hence the Hanagae Farm. The kind owner gave the sunny glasshouse to all life and the broad garden to the sea breeze, you will fall in love with ‘Pulmeong Badameong (plants and sea)’ regardless of where you sit. This winter, he set up four greenhouses in the yard and placed a wood stove so that you can also enjoy “Bulmeong (heat).” For it is a farm, there are about 100 species of succulents that are relatively easy to grow, such as sedum multiceps, echeveria pulvinata, crassula volkensii, and densum. You can also buy them.

HANAGAE FARM

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With the love of nature, the owner constructed a glasshouse in front of Hanagae Beach and set up a farm.



‘Pulmeong Badameong’ Café

TIP BOX

Excellent Air-purifying Plants to Grow Indoors

- **Water Chestnut** Effectively removes carbon dioxide and formaldehyde.
- **Big blue lilyturf** Effectively removes ammonia in the air. Purifies the air when placed in the bathroom.
- **Song of India** It is a foliage plant with green patterns on yellow leaves. Effectively removes carbon monoxide.
- **Anthurium** It cleans the air by absorbing toxic gases through the roots and stems.
- **Peperomia Red Edge** It reduces electromagnetic waves with rich moisture content in the leaves, absorbs carbon dioxide, and generates oxygen. Perfect for growing inside the house.
- **Goose Foot** Removes ammonia and formaldehyde, effectively controls indoor humidity.
- **Rhipsalis** It has strong vitality that even beginners can easily grow. It is also called the ‘jungle cactus.’ It purifies the air and controls humidity.



Do it with Incheon, Special Eco City!

Little Trouble for Better Future, Using Zero Waste Shops

“Zero Waste” means reusing all packaging and materials instead of throwing them away. In other words, it is about preserving and recycling all resources without discharging wastes that can threaten the environment and even human health out to land, sea, and air. You can do many things in your daily life when you pay little attention, such as packing food in a personal container, cooking with leftover ingredients, mending clothes, using a handkerchief, using a tumbler or shopping bag, and not using plastic straws. Incheon plans to promote the Zero Waste Promotion project to spread the resource circulating culture and promote eco-friendly consumption in living. In addition, Incheon will support the promotion and operation of zero-waste shops, promote the operation of zero-waste shop-in-shops by eco-friendly organizations such as local consumer cooperatives, and actively inform Incheon’s resource recycling policy. Zero waste shops increased rapidly in Incheon. In 2020 alone, there were only three shops in Seo-gu, Jung-gu, and Namdong-gu. However, there were 17 shops as of January this year. ‘Lazyday Life Select Shop,’ which opened in 2020, is a zero-waste shop in Incheon widely known along with ‘Earth Protection Corps’ located in Seo-gu. In addition, ‘Chaeumso,’ a small shop in Yeongjongdo, sells eco-friendly materials, naturally derived ingredients, fair trade products, detergents, and food in small portions. It runs the only cosmetic refill station in Incheon. Zero-waste shops take various forms, such as the space that promotes symbiosis and development with the local community by selling eco-friendly products and handmade products by local artists, the café on resource circulation theme, and the pop-up shop inside a cultural gallery. These shops play an integral role in leading environmental concerns to actual practice. Packing snacks prepared with vegetable ingredients in a paper bag, carrying a container to buy detergent just as much as needed, and purchasing household items made from natural materials without using the wrapping are all beautiful practices that reduce waste. “Small effort” for the environment and putting ideas into practice save the earth and our future.



Incheon's Representative Zero Waste Shops

Yeongjong

- 1 **Lazyday_Life Select Shop**
Instagram - @lazyday_life
Address - #217, 166, Yeongjong-daero, Jung-gu
- 2 **Chaeum Refill Shop**
Blog - https://blog.naver.com/chaeum_refillshop
Address - 78, Haneuldalbit-ro, Jung-gu

Yeonsu-gu

- 5 **Zero Waste Bomnal**
Instagram - @zero_bomnal
Address - 10, Cheongryang-ro 164beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu
- 6 **Zero Story**
Instagram - @zerostory_shop
Address - (Smart Valley) D-dong, 2310-3-ho, 30, Songdomirae-ro, Yeonsu-gu

Dong-gu

- 3 **Sloslo**
Instagram - @sloslo__
Address - 9, Seohae-daero 513beon-gil, Dong-gu

Michuhol-gu

- 4 **Zero Story**
Instagram - @zerostory_shop
Address - 51, Haetgol-gil (Hagik-dong), Michuhol-gu

Namdong-gu

- 7 **Jigu Soap**
Blog - <https://blog.naver.com/jigusoap>
Address - (Elim-l) 1F, 664-9, Gyeongin-ro, Namdong-gu
- 8 **Incheon YWCA Mindeule Shop**
Homepage - http://www.ywcaic.or.kr/bbs/content.php?co_id=c0504
Address - (Incheon YWCA Bureau) 8, Jeonggak-ro, Namdong-gu, Incheon
- 9 **Every Precious Thing**
Instagram - @sojunghan_everything
Address - (Plus Tower) #108, 617, Inha-ro, Namdong-gu

Bupyeong-gu

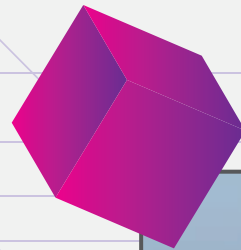
- 10 **Clown of Wisdom**
Homepage - www.wisdomvast.modoo.at
Address - 13, Bunam-ro 7beon-gil, Bupyeong-gu

Gyeyang-gu

- 11 **Culture Gallery FOREL**
Address - (Shine Building), 2F, 151, Yangji-ro, Gyeyang-gu

Seo-gu

- 12 **Natural Space Sum**
Instagram - @space_sum
Address - (Seonggwang Building) #301, 671, Wondang-daero, Seo-gu
- 13 **Earth Protection Corps Zero Space**
Blog - <https://blog.naver.com/cyycompany>
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Historic Alleys of Incheon, Renewed with Metaverse

Songhak-dong History Walk, Expanding Non-face-to-face Content through the metaverse



Songhak-dong History Walk, New and Novel Experience

The non-face-to-face content that deserves attention is the VR Gallery. It captured the red stonewall walkway stretching from the Boundary Stairs of each country to the entrance of Jayu Park, which houses Korea's oldest existing plane tree registered as the Municipal Cultural Heritage No. 2 of Incheon. Inside the VR Gallery, you can enjoy artworks online as though you are walking in the actual space. It is drawing attention as the case that used the actual alley for the VR Gallery instead of a constructed virtual space.

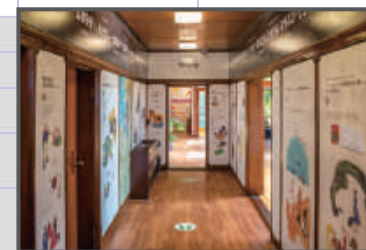
Another appealing feature is that canvases were hung on the wall in the opening port area using digital technology instead of hammering nails on the actual wall. Finding and solving quizzes on history, hidden and barely seen, adds extra fun to the visit. Baek Min-sook, Director of Cultural Heritage Division of Incheon said, "We will increase online content for people to enjoy cultural heritages anywhere anytime conveniently and safely," and added, "We will hold a variety of exhibitions and performances across genres and formats on Songhak-dong History Walk, which we will developed into a platform using the metaverse-based technology in the future." Songhak-dong History Walk's metaverse content is also available at the Jemulpo Club homepage (<https://jemulpoclub.com>), the primary place for Incheon's Culture Recycling Policy, and Kakao Talk Business Channel (http://pf.kakao.com/_GKrxdb).

Ancient History, Meets Metaverse

Songhak-dong 1-ga, Jung-gu, Incheon is a historied alley created when the port opened in 1883. Now, the place offers metaverse contents of another level. Incheon launched the online exhibition viewing service (4K resolution 360° VR tour service) of Incheon House of Citizens, the first cultural heritage registered to Incheon in December. It includes differentiated cultural heritage viewing services, such as non-face-to-face docents (commentary on space and exhibition, voice guide) and solving quizzes hidden inside panorama scenes. During holidays around the lunar new year's day in 2022, Incheon extended the Songhak-dong History Walk area based on the metaverse for its citizens, who could not visit their hometown due to COVID-19. Citizens could view non-face-to-face content, which includes Incheon House of Citizens, former) Jemulpo Club, and the alley at Songhak-dong 1-ga.



Go to the website of
Jemulpo Club

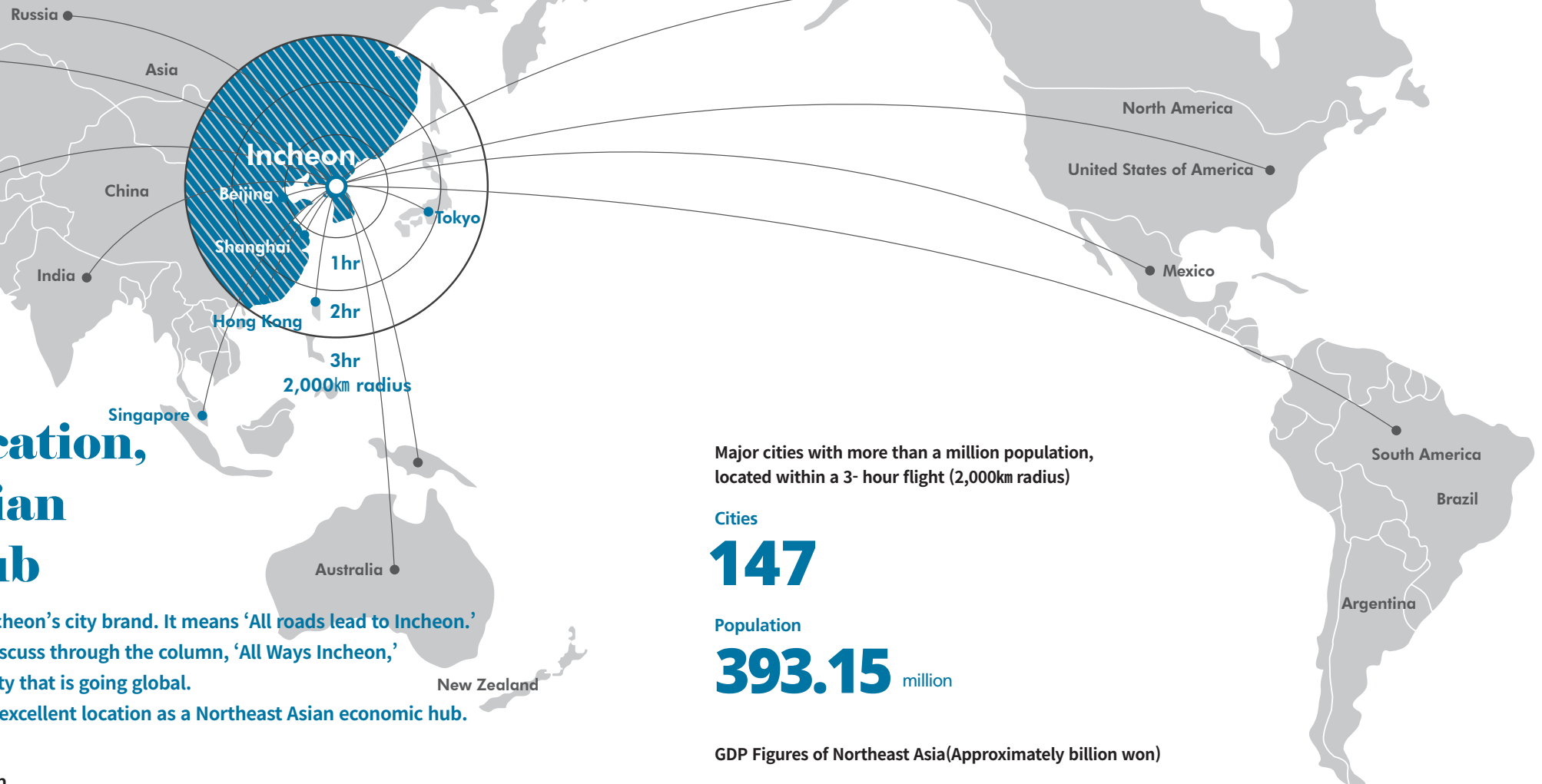


Excellent Location, Northeast Asian Economic Hub

'All Ways Incheon' is the slogan for Incheon's city brand. It means 'All roads lead to Incheon.' On this topic, <INCHEON NOW> will discuss through the column, 'All Ways Incheon,' six business strengths of Incheon, a city that is going global. The first one of those strengths is the excellent location as a Northeast Asian economic hub.

Northeast Asian Economic Hub, Incheon

Incheon is located in the center of Northeast Asia, which accounts for one-fifth of the world's economy. As of 2017, Northeast Asia's population reached 1.71 billion, 22.4% of the world's population. Its GDP takes up 24.2% of the world's GDP. A hundred and forty-seven major cities with over 1 million people are located within a 3-hour flight. Incheon is located in the capital metropolitan area, where 40% of the population of Korea live, providing a quick access to abundant markets in the area with a population of 26 million.



Major cities with more than a million population,
located within a 3- hour flight (2,000km radius)

Cities

147

Population

393.15

 million

GDP Figures of Northeast Asia(Approximately billion won)

NORTH AMERICA	21,144.3
EU	11,987.5
SOUTH AMERICA	3,570.4
MIDDLE EAST	3,229.2
SOUTHEAST ASIA	2,549.4
OCEANIA	1,441
OTHER	12,894.7

NORTHEAST ASIA

18,461.5

Northeast Asia's GDP is 18,461.5 billion won,
approximately 24.2% of the whole world

Population of Cities Close to Incheon

Beijing (China)



21

 million

Hong Kong
(China)



7.24

 million

New Taipei City
(Taiwan)



3.97

 million

Yokohama
(Japan)



3.78

 million

Hanoi
(Vietnam)



3.71

 million

Pyeongyang
(North Korea)



3.22

 million

Quezon City
(Philippines)



3.08

 million

Ulaanbaatar
(Mongolia)



2.99

 million

Shannon Davis (47) obtained bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees in sociology at the University of North Carolina (UNC) in Asheville, the USA. She worked at George Mason University for 15 years. Last May, she was appointed as the Dean of Academic Affairs at George Mason University Korea in Songdo, Incheon, and came to Incheon. Let's hear the story of Shannon and her family starting a new life in Korea.

Dr. Shannon

THE 'FAMILY' THAT SHARES AND SUPPORTS EACH OTHER

Shannon, her husband, Frank Hirtz (48), her daughter, Alex Hirtz (12), and her son, Miles Hirtz (7), support each other by fulfilling their roles and responsibilities in the family. While in the States, Shannon found a job opening for the Dean of Academic Affairs position at George Mason University in the social media. She immediately asked his family for their opinion, and the whole family agreed to move to Korea. She did pose a minor threat that if she can't make it, the family will have to raise a dog that barks loudly. Fortunately, she was recruited and came to Incheon. Currently, the family is staying in a dormitory in the Songdo Global Campus. Shannon's family divide chores among them. The youngest, Miles, does laundry and cleans the floor. He sometimes goes to school wearing his shirt inside out, and she says it's lovely to see her youngest son like that. The daughter, Alex, takes care of the cat, and the father, Frank, prepares the food. Frank works for the American Company 'Red Hat,' which made arrangements for him to work

online in Korea on a working visa. There are some difficulties for him because he has to work according to American business hours, between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. He sleeps in the morning, picks up the children around 3 p.m., and returns home to prepare dinner. As described, Shannon had great support from her family to work in Korea. Shannon says it is the support and trust of her family that let her survive in the new environment where it could be hectic with the new mission.



Davis

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A Story of Shannon and Her Family Moving to Incheon.





Not long ago, she took an online Korean cooking class on Zoom. The instructor saw her husband Frank cooking with her and said, “I hope my daughter finds a man like that.” Shannon had a culture shock. It made her think about the role of family members in Korea.



STUDY OF KOREA BASED ON GENDER

Shannon has been studying family roles and gender equality for 20 years. She has also written papers on the topic and recently published a book called ‘Why Who Cleans Counts.’ It is a theoretical book on authority relating to doing household chores. It shows the traces of her in-depth research on human behavior. Not long ago, she took an online Korean cooking class on Zoom. The instructor saw her husband Frank cooking with her and said, “I hope my daughter finds a man like that.” Shannon had a culture shock. It made her think about the role of family members in Korea. During the interview, we could feel her enthusiasm, seeing her reading books and researching the role of family members in Korea, the mother-daughter relationship, and more.

MEMORIES FROM INCHEON AND FUTURE EXPECTATIONS

She and her family had memorable moments in Incheon, although they are refraining from outside activities as much as possible due to the impact of COVID-19. Reminiscing the visit to the museum in Songdo Central Park with her family through Chadwick International where her children attend, Shannon said that she enjoyed the tour of the Central Park and the museum so much that she wanted to learn about the history of Incheon. She also said she plans to travel around Incheon and other regions once the COVID-19 subsides. For she intends to live in Incheon for at least three years, she is looking forward to the future. Shannon and her family say they are quite curious about Incheon’s history, culture, and more. Although they are not familiar with Korea yet, they want to make many Korean friends and learn Korean history and culture. She thanked many Koreans that helped her. We ended the interview by cheering for their pleasant life in Incheon.

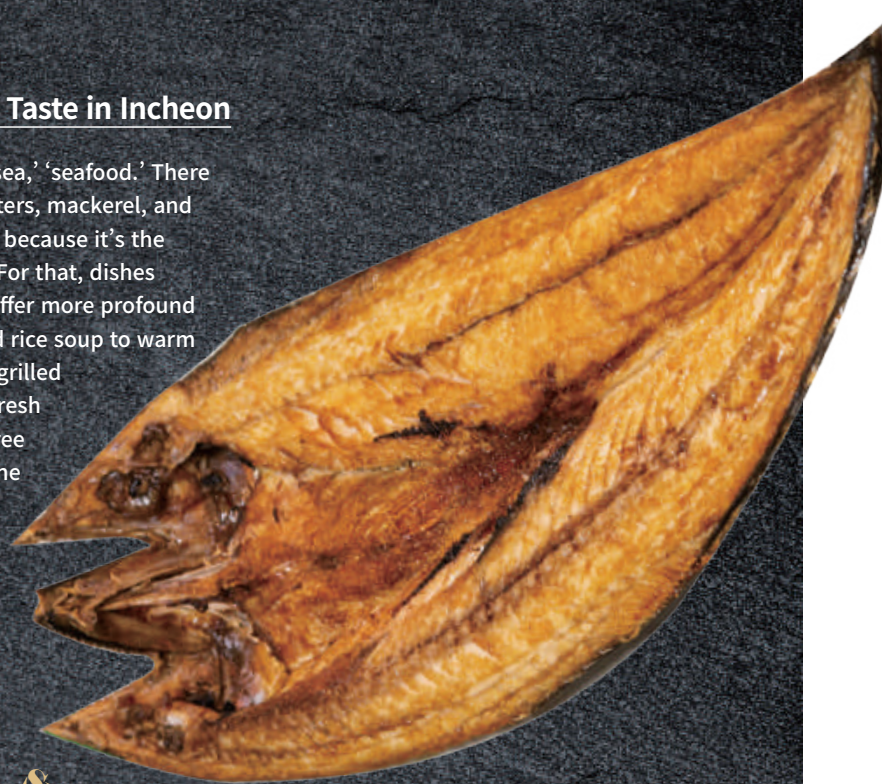




Oyster

Winter Seafood Dishes to Taste in Incheon

‘Incheon’ reminds us of sea and ‘sea,’ ‘seafood.’ There are many seafood dishes, but oysters, mackerel, and yellowtail are the winter’s delight because it’s the season when they taste the best. For that, dishes prepared with seasonal seafood offer more profound and richer tastes. From oyster and rice soup to warm up the body to crispy and savory grilled Spanish mackerel, and light and fresh sliced raw yellow tail, here are three restaurants where you can taste the seasonal seafood of winter.



Spanish Mackerel

인천에서 즐기는 진정한 겨울의 맛

인천에서 맛보는 겨울 제철 해산물

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Large yellowtail



Crispy Outside, Soft Inside

Inhauijip : Grilled Spanish Mackerel

Dongincheon has a place called Samchi Geori (a street lined with Spanish mackerel restaurants) where you can enjoy hearty grilled fish dishes at an affordable price. Among many restaurants, ‘Inhauijip,’ which has been operating for a long time since the 1960s, can be referred to as Incheon’s representative grill for Spanish mackerel. It has been around for long years, the interior seems old, but it has its own style and feels. The rich smell of grilled Spanish mackerel from the table next to us stimulated our appetite. Finally, a plate full of grilled Spanish mackerel was served. Still, it only takes an instant for the food to disappear into the stomach once the chopsticks begin to dance. The large, thick Spanish mackerel is crispy on the outside and soft inside, providing a delightful experience. With a glass of makgeolli, nothing can beat this setting.

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인하의집 - 삼치구이

동인천에는 저렴한 가격으로 푸짐한 생선구이를 즐길 수 있는 삼치거리가 있다. 그중에서도 1960년대부터 지금까지 긴 역사를 이어오고 있는 ‘인하의집’은 가히 인천 대표 삼치구이 식당이라 할 수 있다. 오랜 세월을 간직한 식당답게 가게내부는 다소 투박하지만, 나름의 맛과 감성이 스며있다. 여기에 진하게 풍겨오는 옆 테이블 삼치구이 냄새가 허기진 배를 자극한다. 드디어 주문한 삼치구이가 한 접시 가득 나오고 젓가락질이 시작되면 음식이 사라지는 건 순식간이다. 크고 두툼한 삼치는 겉은 바삭함으로 속은 부드러운 식감으로 먹는 재미를 선사한다. 여기에 막걸리 한 잔 더하면 부러울 것이 없다.

*Grilled Spanish mackerel is crispy
on the outside and soft on the
inside, giving the joy of dining.*

Genuine Taste
of Winter in Incheon



Savory Taste and Chewy Texture

Chonnom Hoetjip : Slices of Raw Yellow Tail

Large yellowtail, which generally means that the fish weighs more than 9 kg, is rich in fat and known as one of the best health food. Especially in winter, it is more nutritious since it is in season. 'Chonnom Hoetjip,' located in Yeonsu-gu, is famous as a cost-effective sliced raw fish restaurant that serves fresh seasonal fish all year round. The large yellowtail looks like tuna, but it is softer, does not smell fishy, and has a palatable taste. In addition, the savory taste and chewy texture add to the pleasant dining experience. You can have raw sliced fish as it is, but you can also enjoy it even more deliciously by dipping it in soy sauce mixed with wasabi or vinegared red pepper paste to your taste.

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Large yellowtail is catching popularity with its soft texture and savory taste.



고소한 맛과 쫄깃한 식감을 자랑하는

촌놈횃집 - 대방어회

일반적으로 9kg 이상의 대물을 뜻하는 대방어는 지방이 풍부해 보양 음식으로 최고다. 특히 제철인 겨울에는 영양이 더욱 풍부하다. 연수구에 위치한 '촌놈횃집'은 4계절 제철 활어를 판매하는 가성비 좋은 횃집으로 유명하다. 대방어회의 생김새는 참치회를 연상케 하지만, 좀 더 부드럽고 비린내가 나지 않으며 감칠맛이 난다. 또한 고소한 맛과 쫄깃한 식감이 더해져 먹는 즐거움을 선사한다.회는 생으로도 먹지만, 고추냉이를 섞은 간장과 초장을 입맛에 맞게 살포시 찍어 먹으면 더욱 맛있게 즐길 수 있다.

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굴축제 - 굴국밥

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Seasonal oysters in winter boast a chewy texture.

Fresh Oysters in Hot Soup

Oyster Festival : Oyster and Rice Soup

As the name suggests, 'Oyster Festival' is a restaurant full of oysters. The menu also includes Nutritious Hot Stone Pot Rice with Oyster and Oyster and Soft Bean Curd Stew. Still, the signature menu is definitely the Oyster and Rice Soup. Oyster and Rice Soup is known for its hot but clear broth, which tastes neat. The combination of oyster, a seasonal ingredient in winter, and hot broth boasts a fantastic taste. The Oyster and Rice Soup here gives a charming taste with the firm texture of oysters. Take a sip of the hot broth to warm up the cold stomach. The fragrant aroma of chives added as a garnish completes a satisfying meal. Treat yourself to Oyster and Rice Soup before this winter is over.



Questions for Evaluating Knowledge on Incheon's Policies

Try solving the 'Incheon Quiz.'

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

name :

IFEZ GLOBAL CENTER ONLINE KOREAN CLASS

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

Logan: Noah. I want to learn Korean, but I'm afraid to go to school because of COVID-19. How are you studying it?

Noah: I'm concerned about that, too, so I'm taking online Korean classes at IFEZ Global Center.

Logan: What's that?

Noah: IFEZ Global Center is offering Korean classes for foreigners. They have been giving online classes since COVID-19 began to spread.

Logan: Wow! Great. Can I take them, too?

Noah: Sure. Classes are primarily offered to IFEZ residents and then foreigners living in Incheon. Logan, you are a foreigner living in Songdo, so you can take them.

Logan: Great! What's the cost?

Noah: It's free. You can choose your level from beginner to intermediate and advanced.

Logan: All right. How long is the course?

Noah: It's a 14-week course.

Logan: Thanks! I should go and apply.

Q. What are the classes offered at IFEZ Global Center?

- ① Online Korean Classes ② Offline Korean Classes
③ ABC English Classes ④ Grammar Classes for Youth

Q. Who is primarily eligible for the classes?

- ① Foreigners living in Gyeyang-gu ② Koreans living in Cheongna
③ Foreigners living in Songdo ④ Foreigners living in Seoul

Q. How long is the course in weeks?

- ① 15 ② 13 ③ 12 ④ 14

FOREIGNER-FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

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

Mason: Emma, did you know that Incheon has foreigner-friendly restaurants?

Emma: Really? What is a foreigner-friendly restaurant?

Mason: It's the restaurant chosen by IFEZ to take a language burden off foreigners living in IFEZ and improve their living. The restaurants chosen have the mark on the front.

Emma: Oh, I see. How are they different from other restaurants?

Mason: They have an English menu, English-speaking staff, and English social media.

Emma: It should be convenient for foreigners. Where are they?

Mason: They are in Songdo. Eighteen places were chosen this year. Yeongjong and Cheongna will also operate the foreigner-friendly restaurant certification system soon.

Emma: I want to try those places. Do you want to come?

Mason: Sure!

Q. Where are foreigner-friendly restaurants?

- ① Yeongjong ② Songdo
③ Cheongna ④ Bupyeong

Q. Which of the following is not the characteristics of foreigner-friendly restaurants?

- ① English menu ② Social media in English
③ English speaking staff ④ Vegan dishes

Q. How many places are designated foreigner-friendly this year?

- ① 18 ② 10 ③ 5 ④ 20

K-Media Content, Leading General Trend

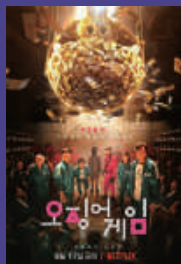
Introduction to K-Media Content for Snack Culture

*Korea's cultural industry is drawing attention from the world starting with K-Pop.
Words prefixed by 'K-' refer to the excellent and unique culture of Korea.
With the recent emergence of various video media, Korean dramas, webtoons, and
entertainment shows are spreading all over the world. They are so-called 'snack culture'
that can be enjoyed lightly while having snacks.
Here are some 'K-media content' that have captivated the world.*

Drama

"Sir. Would you like to play a game with me?" Squid Game, Netflix

It is the era of OTT (Over The Top, a service that provides media content). Various applications, such as Netflix, Watcha, and Wavve, have emerged, and many Korean media content have joined the flow of the times. The exponential increase in the number of app users proves the impact of OTT. Among them, Netflix's 'Squid Game' demonstrated its true value. The fierce survival game played by 456 people who have their own stories makes viewers sweat. 'Squid Game,' which became popular in Korea and around the world, has set a successful record of being the number one show in 83 countries on Netflix. Traditional Korean culture such as 'Dalgona (toffee)', 'Mugunghwa Kkochi Pieot Sseumnida (red light, green light)' and 'Takjichigi (slap match)' that appeared in the show became popular even in distant countries. In addition, the quality of the show was recognized for the composition of diverse and three-dimensional characters and received favorable feedback. The success of 'Squid Game' became a catalyst for the Korean media content industry. It left a good precedent for 'K-media contents that won't fail you.'



Variety Show



Once again, start the race! Running Man: Outrun by Running Man, Disney+

Disney+ landed in Korea last year and joined hands with Korean content. The SBS's 'Running Man' was reborn into a five-member system without the existing members Yoo Jae-suk and Jeon So-min, under a new name, 'Outrun by Running Man.' It is quite challenging because it is the first Korean original series by Disney+ and the first spin-off program of Running Man. There are a total of 14 episodes, involving new projects such as romance and mystery, which were not dealt with in Running Man. The new challenge through OTT by Running Man, which is already enjoying a lot of popularity in Asia, is getting favorable responses from viewers around the world beyond Asia.

Webtoon

Dominating Japanese Webtoon Market LINE Manga & Kakao Piccoma

Korea is the 'Webtoon Powerhouse.' High-quality webtoons on various platforms are winning a lot of support. As a result, webtoon platforms are also entering overseas markets. The most notable market entry is made by Naver and Kakao, which made inroads into the Japan, the so-called 'Land of Manga.' In Japan, where paper toons are still the mainstream, Korean webtoons challenged the market using mobile apps. Naver's 'LINE Manga' attracted more than 27 million app downloads in cumulative number in Japan. In addition, 'Kakao Piccoma' continues to make progress, recording more than double the transaction amount each year.

+ A Space to Enjoy Media Content in Incheon



① Ae-kwan Theater

: It is the first indoor theater in Korea and is located on Gaehang-ro in Jung-gu. It has a history of more than a century and is now positioned as a symbol of Incheon's culture beyond a space to enjoy media contents.



② Michuhol Movie Road

: In Michuhol-gu, there is a place called 'Michuhol Movie Road,' which collectively refers to filming locations such as Jemulpo Market appearing in the movie 'Sunny' and the beauty salon near Subong Park in the drama 'The Light in Your eyes.' Information panels have been installed at 21 spots to provide convenience to tourists.

+ 'Squid Game' Filming Site in Incheon 3

① Seongapdo Island

: Seongapdo Island, located in Jawol-myeon, Ongjin-gun, is the place where the game takes place. The actual filming took place on the set, but the background in the drama is Seongapdo Island. A whole view of the island appears in Episode 1.

② Gyodong Elementary School

: The scene where Seong Gi-hoon and Jo Sang-woo play a squid game with their childhood friends in Episode 1 is set in Gyodong Elementary School in Ganghwa-gun.

③ Wolmido My Land

: It is the place where Deok-soo met a member of the organization in Episode 2. It is a representative amusement park in Incheon.

News Brief

This month's city hot news



IFEZ, Construction of Songdo Waterfront 'Steadily' Underway



A waterfront development project that will transform Songdo International City into a marine water-friendly city is steadily underway. The Songdo Waterfront has been constructed in stages to be completed by 2027.

Stage 1-1, which is being carried out as a leading project, will be completed in May. Water-friendly facilities and footbridges commensurate with the landscape will be created in various places around the connecting waterway on the south. Resting spaces, such as Milky Way Square and Moonlight Square, will be developed on both sides of the connecting waterway. For Stage 1-2, the full-scale design for the section covering Lakes 6 and 8, the connecting waterway on the north, and the waterway on the north have been developed to place an order in the second half of the year. The main goal of the waterfront project is to build a water circulation system, 16.19 km in length and 40 to 500m in width, in the areas of Songdo Zones 6, 8, and 11. The plan is to introduce a marine eco-city where nature and people coexist by attracting marinas and water leisure sports facilities.

Incheon, Foreign Direct Investment Reaches 590 Million Dollars... Exceeding the Goal of 2021

In 2021, Incheon exceeded its goal for foreign direct investment (FDI). Incheon announced that the amount of FDI* reported reached 590 million dollars (excluding IFEZ) as of December, which was 147% of the goal (400 million dollars) and 40% higher than the amount reported in the previous year (410 million dollars). Foreign-invested companies have mainly invested in sectors including renewable energy such as wind power, real estate development, and high-tech manufacturing such as electronics for electric vehicles. Major investment countries are Austria, Spain, and Singapore. It is even more significant because Incheon has improved its annual performance for the past three years and ranked first in attracting investment among local governments in Korea.

In addition, Incheon is attracting investment from domestic companies centering on anchor companies to turn Gyeyang Techno Valley, which was designated as the third new city, into the 'Second Pangyo.' Incheon plans to build a competitive high-tech industry by attracting high value-added future strategic industries that can lead the fourth industrial revolution, such as ICT convergence digital content, UAM, and IT, to a new 800,000m² city.

Incheon, Installing 20 Hydrogen Stations by 2025

Incheon plans to increase the number of hydrogen stations citywide up to 20 by 2025. The goal is to continuously expand the supply of hydrogen-fueled cars, which are deemed eco-friendly vehicles of the future. Currently, a total of five hydrogen stations are operating in Incheon, including H Incheon Hydrogen Station (Nonhyeon-dong, Namdong-gu), Incheon International Airport Corporation T1·T2 (Unseo-dong, Jung-gu), Incheon Green Hydrogen Charging Station (Shinheung-dong, Jung-gu), and Taeyang Hydrogen Charging Station (Gajwa-dong, Seo-gu). In 2022, additional 4 stations will be constructed in Oryu-dong and Yeonhui-dong of Seo-gu, Sinheung-dong of Jung-gu, and Susan-dong in Namdong-gu. It is very important to switch fuel for passenger cars, public transportation, trucks, etc. to eco-friendly energy to overcome the climate crisis.



Haechan Narae Underground Roadway Opened. Relieving Traffic Congestion in Yeongjong Sky City

The Haechan Narae Underground Roadway opened on February 3. It is expected to relieve the rush-hour traffic jams for Yeongjong Sky City residents. Yeongjong Sky City residents have complained of tremendous traffic inconvenience as the starting section (approximately 2 km from the Third Landing Bridge) of the Haechan Narae Underground Roadway, completed in November 2013, and the Haneul-daero connecting to the bridge were not opened for eight years after the completion. The IFEZA had several meetings with related organizations such as the Korea Land and Housing Corporation (LH) and came up with a resolution. In December last year, the construction of a temporary road, 480m in length and 9m in width, connecting Haneul-daero and Yeongjong-daero near the starting section of Zone 1 of the Third Landing Bridge began and completed this time, enormously improving the living conditions of Yeongjong Sky City.



Latest Information on COVID-19



Guide to COVID-19 Screening Center

If you have any COVID-related symptoms, consult your nearest public health center, 1339 Call Center, or Michuhol Call Center (☎032-120), and visit a screening center for testing. Incheon operates ten temporary screening centers and public health centers in ten counties and boroughs. The number of temporary screening centers can be increased or reduced as necessary.

Current Status of (Temporary) Screening Centers

Division	Location	Operating Hours	Reference
Michuhol-gu	Juan Station (95-19, Juan-ro, Michuhol-gu)	Weekdays 09:00-17:00 (Lunch: 12-14) / Weekends and Holidays 09:00-13:00	Visitors are recommended to use their personal vehicle and must wear a mask
	Incheon National University Jemulpo Campus DT (165, Seokjeong-ro, Michuhol-gu)		
Yeonsu-gu	In front of Songdo Michuhol Tower (Take Exit 3 of Technopark Station, walk 190m toward Homeplus, turn right and walk 50m)		
	Woninje Station (In front of Exit 5 of Woninje Station)		
	Seonhak Stadium DT (426, Seonhak-dong, Yeonsu-gu)		
	Songdo Moonlight Festival Park (350, Central-ro, Yeonsu-gu)		
Namdong-gu	Central Park (Under the stairs of Incheon Culture & Arts Center)		
	Soraepo-gu Station (51, Soraeyeok-ro, Namdong-gu)		
	Incheon City Hall Square (29, Jeonggak-ro, Namdong-gu)		
Bupyeong	Bupyeong Station (In front of Exit 7 of Bupyeong Station)		
	Bupyeong-gu Office Station (Inside Bupyeong Sinteuri Park)		
	Yeorumul Stadium (164, Yeorumul-ro, Bupyeong-gu)		
Seo-gu	Geomam Station (20m from Exit 1 of Geomam Station)		
	Seo-gu Asiad Stadium (806, Bongsu-daero, Seo-gu)		
Gyeyang-gu	Jakjeon Station Public Parking Lot (176m from Exit 2 of Jakjeon Station)		
Jung-gu	Unseo Station (In front of Exit 1 of Unseo Station)		
Dong-gu	North Square, Dongincheon Station (In front of Exit 4 of Dongincheon Station)		

Social Distancing Guidelines

Due to the massive spread of the Omicron variant, strict social distancing guidelines are in place. Please follow the quarantine rules for everyone's safety.

Major Quarantine Guidelines for Social Distancing

Division	Content
Private Gathering	Up to six persons nationwide, regardless of vaccination In restaurants and cafés, single-person use by a non-vaccinated person is allowed as an exception
Multi-use Facilities	Closed after 10 p.m. Group 1 Facilities (Entertainment facilities) Group 2 Facilities (Restaurants, cafés, singing rooms, public bathhouses, indoor sports facilities) Group 3 Facilities (Lifelong vocational schools, PC rooms, reading rooms) Other (Cinemas and Theaters*, etc.) *Movies and performances starting before 22:00 are allowed.
Quarantine Pass Applied	Entertainment facilities, singing rooms, indoor sports facilities, public bathhouses, horse race/bicycle race/boat race/casino, restaurants and cafés, multi-rooms, PC rooms, (indoor) sports game (viewing) grounds, party rooms, massage parlors
Large Gathering and Event	(1-49 persons) Allowed regardless of vaccination (50-299 persons) Allowed if all participants are vaccinated* (300 or more*) Not allowed except essential events
Religious Facilities	Regardless of vaccination, 30% of the capacity and up to 299 persons However, if every participant is vaccinated, up to 70% of the capacity

COVID-19 Home Treatment Counseling Center

Where can I find the information I need for home treatment? The Administrative Information Center provides information on rules for daily life, and the Medical Counseling Center is dedicated to medical consultations.

[Administrative Information Center]

1. Content of Consultation (Living Complaints)

- Guide to rules for daily life, including quarantine control
- Guide to procedures and methods related to outpatient treatment centers, designated medical institutions, etc.

2. Operation Status

County/District	Contact
Jung-gu	032-760-7985
Dong-gu	032-770-6560
Michuhol-gu	032-880-5333
Seo-gu	032-590-1041-1050
Namdong-gu	032-453-2320
Bupyeong-gu	032-459-4151
Gyeyang-gu	032-430-7821-7
Yeonsu-gu	032-749-8175, 8923
Ganghwa-gun	032-930-3826
Ongjin-gun	032-899-3130

[Medical Counseling Center]

1. Target: General control group among home care patients

※ Intensive control group is monitored twice a day by telephone
(Patients who are 60 or over, patients who are 50 or over with underlying conditions, immunity-declined patients, etc.)

2. Content of Counseling: Basic medical counseling, prescription of medicine if necessary, etc.

3. Center Status: Six locations (in ten counties and District)

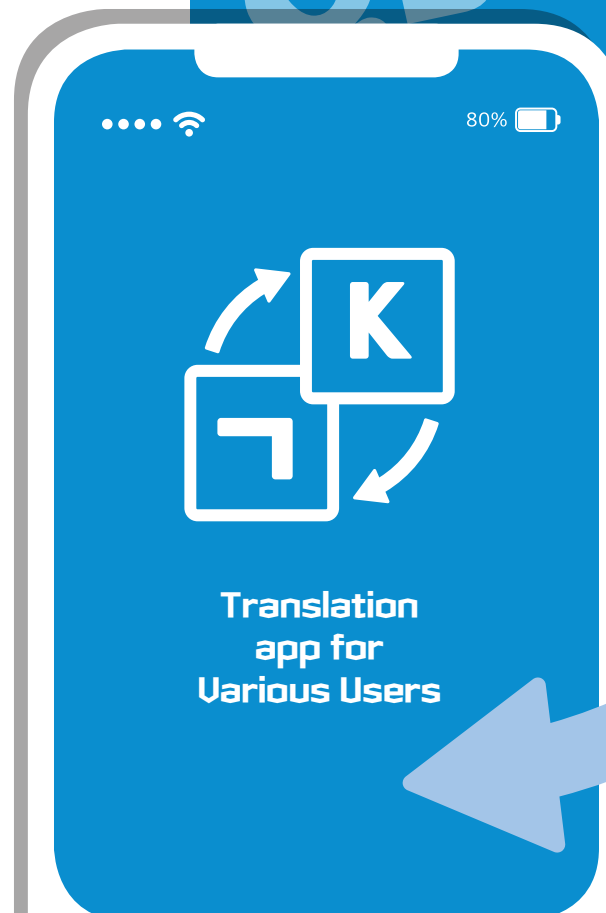
※ As of February 10

Hallym Hospital	Medical Institution	Contact
Jung-gu, Dong-gu, Michuhol-gu, Ongjin-gun	Incheon Metropolitan City Medical Center	032-580-6110
Seo-gu, Namdong-gu	Na-eun Hospital	032-585-7846
Bupyeong-gu	Serim General Hospital	1899-9555
Gyeyang-gu	Hallym Hospital	032-550-9681
Yeonsu-gu	International Hospital	032-899-9011
Ganghwa-gun	BS Hospital	032-290-0584

Translation App to Speak for Me

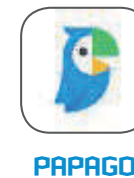
Translation App with Various Specialties

When you live in a foreign country, the first thing you encounter is the language barrier. It is often the case that words don't come out even when you want to say something. But the problem is solved as long as you have a translation app that works for you. Here are a few translation apps with various specialties that will increase your confidence in the language.



MY OWN REAL LANGUAGE TUTOR

If you want to speak a language naturally, try the 'collective intelligence translation' service of 'Flitto.' Users with language skills registered to the application help you with translation in real-time. It is useful when you want to translate short sentences quickly. Since the translation is done by real people rather than an AI, it involves fewer errors and sounds natural. It is a premium feature, but it's free for the first two times. In addition, there are 'Basic AI Translation' and 'Professional Translation' for professional translations such as contracts and theses.



CAREFUL VOICE COACHING

Papago means "parrot" in Esperanto. You can improve your skills for conversational by following the app like a parrot. It offers various features such as text translation, voice translation, and image translation. Papago is definitely the best among translation apps for 'voice translation,' which reads the translated text. In detail, you can set the number of repetitions, reading speed, male or female voice, etc. The pronunciation and intonation are natural, making it perfect for speaking practice. It reads text without stopping at each word as if an actual person is speaking in conversation. With the voice translation feature of the Papago app, it is only a matter of time before your listening and speaking skills improve.



IMAGES INSTANTLY TURNING INTO TRANSLATED TEXTS

Many apps already have offered the 'Image Translation' feature. However, 'Google Translate' is famous for its high recognition rate. It recognizes the sentences in the picture and automatically translates the texts that it's easy and convenient to use. It saves time because you don't need to type the whole sentence. It's useful when converting sentences in a book or a document into text. Also, you can check the history of translated texts at a glance and translate over 100 languages, which is perfect to use at the right place and time. If you are looking for a translation app, excellent in all aspects, we recommend Google Translate.

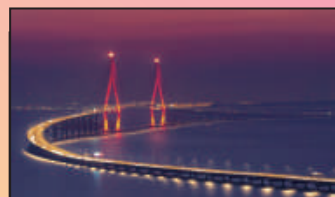


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Sorae Railway Bridge
#BridgesForPeople
#Sorae Fish Market #Sorae Port

It is a railway bridge connecting Namdong-gu in Incheon and Siheung in Gyeonggi-do. Initially installed as a railway bridge on the Suwon-Incheon line in 1937, it was used as a footbridge after the line was closed. There is a traditional fish market in Sorae Port nearby.



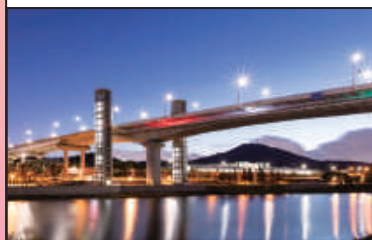
Incheon Bridge
#SunriseSpot #21.38km
#Yeongjongdo #Songdo

It is the longest bridge in Korea, connecting Yeongjongdo and Songdo. It is also called the "Highway on the Sea." It is famous for the sunrise that fills the sky over the bridge.



Gyeyang Bridge
#Gyeyang #AraWaterway
#FamousForNightView

It is a bridge that connects Gyulhyeon-dong and Janggi-dong in Gyeyang-gu. It offers the scenery of Gyeongin Ara Waterway. There is a bicycle path under the bridge, where you can often find riders enjoying their ride.



Yeongjong Bridge
#Exciting #WayToAirport
#Yeongjongdo #Seascape

It is a bridge connecting Yeongjongdo Island, where Incheon International Airport is, and the mainland of Incheon. It is mainly used to go to the airport. The Yeongjong Bridge Service Station serves as a relaxing area for exhausted drivers.



Connecting People, Bridges of Incheon

Incheon has many waterways, including rivers and seas. The bridges that pass over them serve to connect areas and people. Here are six bridges in Incheon that offer special memories.

#Six Bridges of Incheon



Somuui Footbridge
#WalkToSomuuido #Walk
#JungguMuuido

It is a footbridge connecting Muuido Island and Somuuido Island in Jung-gu. Somuuido island is a small island that cannot be reached by car. The 'Muui Bada Nuri-gil,' created on Somuuido Island, is a 2.5km circular course that takes you around the island in an hour.



Yeongheung Bridge
#Nightscape #Drive #Ongjin

It is a bridge that connects Yeongheungdo Island and Seonjaedo Island in Ongjin-gun. There is a sea fishing spot under Yeongheung Bridge and Yeongheungdo Sky Whale Observatory when you pass the bridge. It is excellent for enjoying the surroundings while driving at night.



INCHEON NOW REVIEW EVENT

The new year, 2022, has arrived, and we are still struggling in the aftermath of COVID-19, but we prepared the 73rd edition of <INCHEON NOW>, hoping that it could make a gift for you for the warm spring. How did you like it?

Mark (Woninjae-ro)

Through the <SPECIAL THEME> section, I learned about various attractions in Incheon that I can go to for healing regardless of COVID-19. I hope to know about more famous places to go through Incheon Now in 2022.

Aiden (Songdomirae-ro)

I did not know Incheon was doing many projects for the natural environment. I learned about them through <INCHEON NOW>.

Latin (Donggokjae-ro)

I am a regular reader of <INCHEON NOW>. I love the articles about Incheon, but in 2022, I would like to read more articles on trends in Korea and the information closely related to living.

These are the reviews from readers who have read the last issue. <INCHEON NOW> is always waiting for your valuable comments. After reading this issue, please send your thoughts to <prman@korea.kr>. A small gift certificate will be given to those who sent their opinions in a lottery.

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