

Merry Christmas
Happy New year

We hope everyone in Incheon spends
a healthy and happy end of the year.



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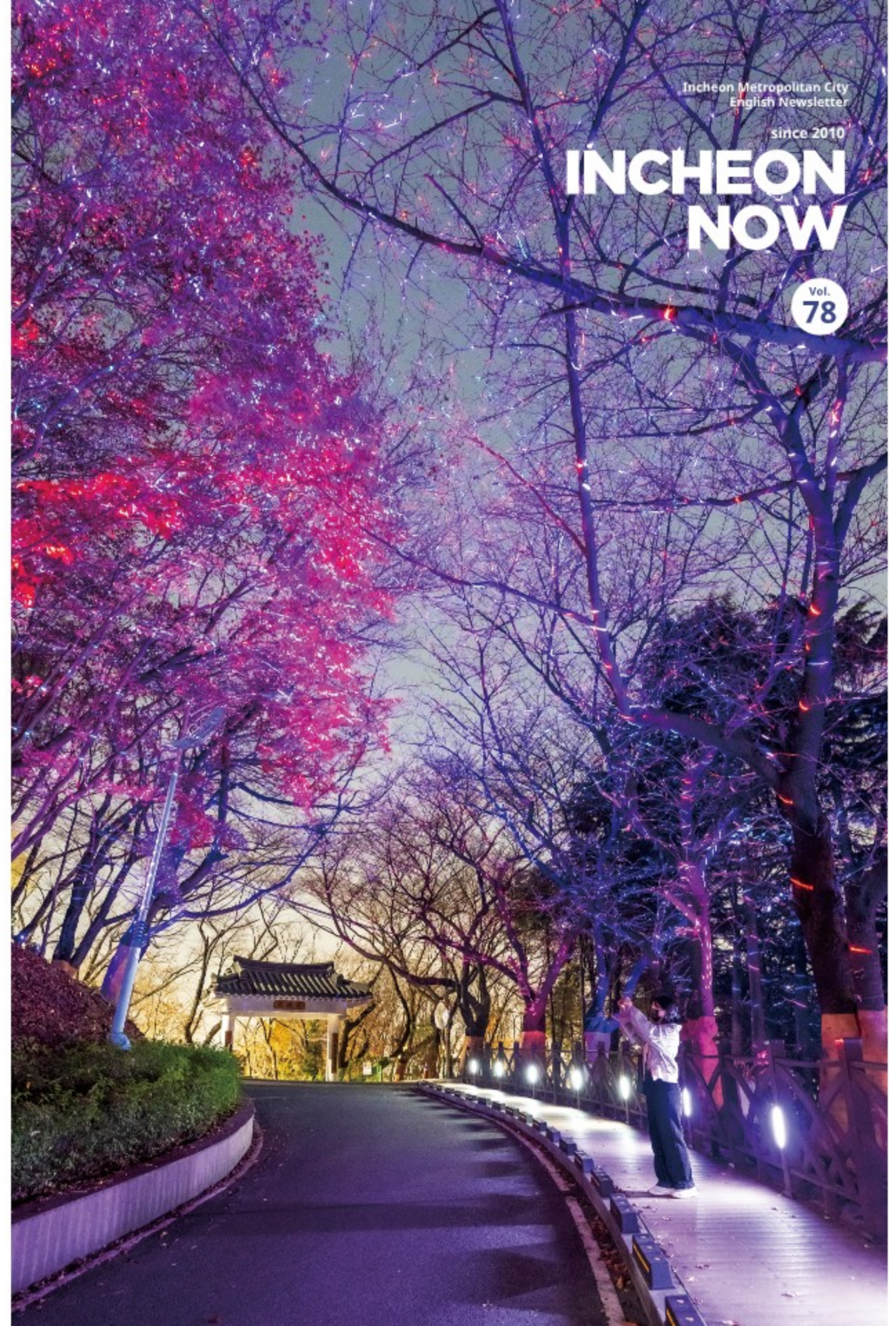


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Where Starlight Stays: Subong Byeolmaru

Hi, Lights

Living in an overheated society, we tend to forget the small but essential things. One of those things is the lights that have become so common that we never think about them. Before we embrace the new year, it is time to take a break from a busy daily life and look back on today, appreciating the lights. Let's thank the lights that have always illuminated the world in their places.



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Incheon's Today Led by

Light



Day and night, time does not stop in Incheon with the lights shining across the city. Let's find the lights of Incheon that rise and set every day while celebrating 2022 that we are about to send off, and 2023 to come with excitement.

Feel the Light of
Incheon



A space to find the lights of Incheon

- 1 **Sunshine of Incheon** Geojampo Quay, Gyeongangsan Mountain
- 2 **Glow of Incheon** Jeongseojin, Solchan Park
- 3 **Lights of Incheon** Central Park, Subong Park



01

Sunrise

Sunshine

of Incheon



Spot 1.

A View with Island, Sea, and Sun Geojampo Quay

Geojampo Quay is a famous spot where you can see the sunset and sunrise over the sea. Particularly in winter, many people visit the quay to see the sunrise and discover the beauty of 'Maedorang,' an uninhabited island that can only be seen at the Geojampo Quay. Maedorang

Island is called 'Shark Island' because the island's shape resembles a shark's fin. The sun rising behind the island creates a spectacular scene. During the year-end and New Year's holidays, people embrace the new year with a new attitude here.

Address: 11 Jamjindo-gil, Jung-gu

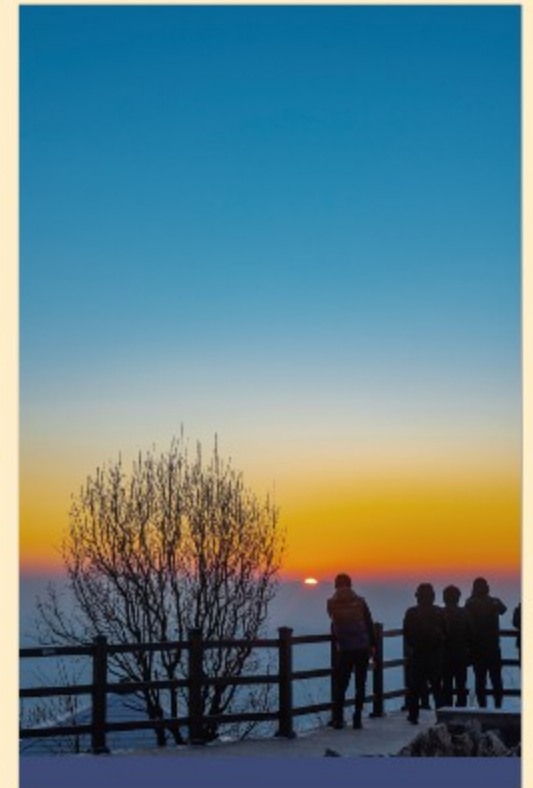


Spot 2.

Closer to the Sky Gyeyangsang Mountain

Gyeyangsang is the guardian mountain of Incheon and the symbol of Gyeyang-gu. It is the mountain favored by many hikers. As such, the mountain is known for many things, but it is most known for the outstanding view at dawn when the sun rises at the end of the year. Gyeyangsang Mountain is not easy to hike as it is about 395m above sea level. However, you will reach the top in no time, where you can see the panoramic view of Incheon when you continue to walk while appreciating the surrounding scenery. Since it is colder in the mountain than the ground, it is recommended that you dress warmly when you hike.

Address: San 57-1, Moksang-dong, Gyeyang-gu



TIME TO
CLEAR YOUR MIND,
LOOKING AT THE
NEWLY RISING SUN

02

Sunset

Glow of Incheon



Spot 1.

The Bell Announcing a New Tomorrow
Jeongseojin

Jeongseojin, "the ferry at the western end of the earth," is a representative tourist attraction in Seo-gu frequented by many visitors from outside. The charm of Jeongseojin appears, especially when the sun sets. You can see Yeongjong Bridge and the beautiful sunset from the Ara Tower Observatory, a famous sunset spot. Finding the sun falling into the Sunset Bell is also attractive. In addition, the trail, pinwheel, and sunset wall make Jeongseojin's sunset even more beautiful. The roads around Jeongseojin are perfect for driving.

Address: 95, Jeongseojinnam-ro, Seo-gu



Spot 2.

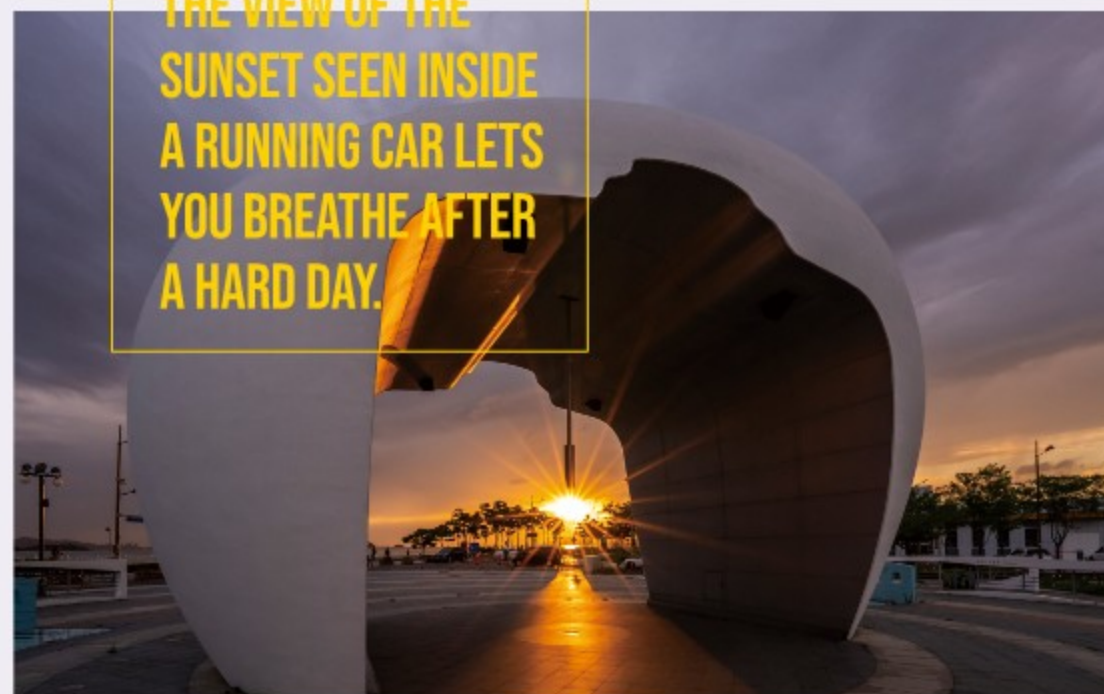
Appreciating Sunset While Walking
Solchan Park

Solchan Park is a waterside park constructed on reclaimed land along the coast of Yeonsu-gu, behind Incheon University. The trail and coastal road are developed well for visitors to take a walk or drive conveniently. When the sun sets, various colors, including yellow, orange, indigo, and sky blue, form a gradation across the sky. You can often find seagulls flying freely. There are cafes and convenience stores in the park to enjoy food and drinks while cooling off.

Address: 20, Convensia-daero 391beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu



THE VIEW OF THE
SUNSET SEEN INSIDE
A RUNNING CAR LETS
YOU BREATHE AFTER
A HARD DAY.



WHEN THE SUN GOES
DOWN AND NIGHT
FALLS IN INCHEON,
LIGHTS TURN ON AND
FILL THE DARKNESS.



Spot 2.

A Place Where Starlight Falls Subong Park

Subong Park, located on Subongsan Mountain, Michuhol-gu, is famous for its night view. Here, you can see downtown Incheon at a glance, and it has recently become a hot place thanks to the Starlight Festival held in the park. The starlight created by various lighting reveals its presence across the park. To see the famous sculptures of the moon, rabbit, horse, etc., and the Memorial Tower, you have to walk for about 15 minutes from the entrance to the top. Colorful lights connected along the paths with stories, such as Starlight Walk and Memory Garden, will entertain your eyes.

Address: 84, Subongan-gil, Michuhol-gu

Guide to the Starlight Festival | Where Starlight Stays : Subong Byeolmaru

Lighting Hours Sunset to 23:00

Parking Use the parking lot at the entrance of Subong Park

Spot 1.

A Night View Created by the City Central Park

Central Park, a landmark of Songdo International City, is particularly known for its beautiful night view. Buildings in Songdo beautifully fill the darkness with light, and lights installed in the park create a more elegant atmosphere. You can find many residents taking a walk all over the city. Since it is a famous spot, it is frequented by visitors from other areas. You can enjoy water leisure facilities such as water taxis and canoes. There are also accommodations and various tourist attractions nearby. We recommend you take time to explore Songdo from day to night.

Address: 160, Convencia-daero, Yeonsu-gu

03

Night View

Lights
of Incheon

Spending Cozy Winter in Incheon

Indoor
Healing
Spots of
Incheon

Winter began in earnest. We are getting reluctant to go out. However, even when the cold wind blows, there are places where you can spend the winter cozily in Incheon. Here are two indoor spaces to boost your energy.

Healing Spot 1

Cool Run on Skates Roll Cat

It has become a less familiar space now, but many people recall a roller skating rink. There is one in Incheon, too. Located in Sungui-dong, 'Roll Cat' is a place for fun activities where you can enjoy a cool run on roller skates in a large space. For safety, there are guards of various sizes for adults and children. Also, various snacks, instant noodles, and beverages are available for you to rest with a full stomach. Many visitors come with their families or lovers to enjoy the exciting mood.



1. Roller Skating Rink
2. Snack Bar

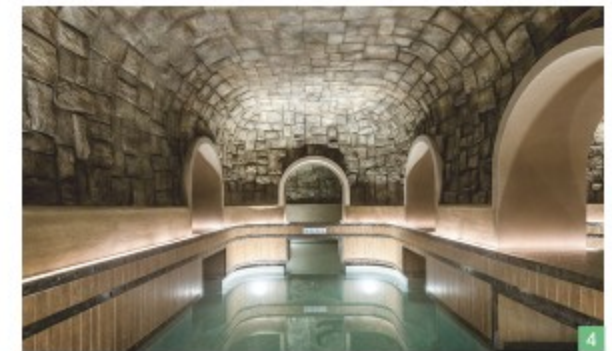
Address B1, 443, Dokbae-ro, Michuhol-gu
Cost Adult 12,000 won, Child 10,000 won

Healing Spot 2



When You Need to Take it Easy, Paradise City Cimer

'Paradise City Cimer' is great for relaxing the cold body in winter in the hot spring spa and indoor swimming pool. It is a spa space that combines Korea's unique 'Jjimjilbang (dry spa)' culture with European sensibilities and has resting facilities on various themes. There are several spaces, such as 'Virtual Spa,' where the walls are filled with LEDs to give a mysterious feeling, and 'Water Plaza,' where you can enjoy swimming indoors. Depending on your preference, you can enjoy anything you want - a spa, swimming, and dry sauna - or simply rest.



3. Water Plaza (Indoor Pool)
5. Virtual Spa

4. Cave Spa

* Photo : Courtesy of © Paradise City Cimer

Address 186, Yeongjonghaeannam-ro, 321beon-gil, Jung-gu
Cost Aqua Spa 50,000 won, Dry Spa 30,000 won (Adults)
Homepage www.p-city.com/front/cimer/overview

The Strength to Live in Incheon, the Warmth of Family



Interview

Reazul Ahsan & Farhana Haq Family

Bangladeshi Australian couple Reazul Ahsan (45, "Reazul") and Farhana Haq (41, "Farhana") moved to Songdo three years ago. This global family came to Incheon, the city they were not familiar with, through a year-long plan. We wonder how they have lived in Incheon. We met Reazul and Farhana and talked about how they settled down in Incheon and the strength of family that makes them endure the cold winter.



'Global Family' Getting Stronger

Before coming to Korea, Reazul and Farhana had been traveled many countries for their jobs and travel. Reazul has taught and researched at prestigious universities in various countries. His wife, Farhana, worked for more than eight years in social work and in the human resources department of a company in Australia. She worked as a producer for state-run broadcasting company in Hungary and worked at the news agency while living in England, building up various talents. Farhana, currently concentrating on raising the children, is leading a busy life with various social activities and she also served as a Vice President of Class Parents group at the Canadian International School in Songdo, where her children attend.

When they first came to Korea, they originally planned to stay for about a year and return. However, the couple is satisfied with their life in Incheon and planning to stay in Incheon for a few more years. Currently, Reazul is a professor at the University of Utah Asia Campus, where he oversees the process of building the Smart City Laboratory Platform. He said, "When I was teaching smart cities in other countries, I couldn't actually show them, but in Incheon, I feel worth because I can go out to the site and explain them directly."

Incheon, a City like Home

The most satisfying thing about Songdo, a global city, is 'safety' and 'neighbors,' who are always friendly. Most of all, because the couple's children, Ayesha and Ibrahim, spent their childhood in Incheon, it became their hometown. "I have lived in many countries, traveling the world, and I can say that Songdo is a very family-friendly city. These days, I spend time with my children in the park, and that makes me happy."

Last summer, they planned to send the children to Australia to attend school for a year. However, Ayesha and Ibrahim, who went to Australia, strongly insisted on going back to school in Korea. "They spent about a month in a school in Australia, and they cried because they missed their Korean friends and teachers. Eventually, we had to bring our children back to Incheon." For their children are popular among friends, they hang out with friends and their families every weekend. The Reazul and Farhana family is busy every week.

Their family is adored by the local and school communities, earning Songdo the moniker "liked place to be."



Family, Reassuring the Support for Each Other

COVID-19 broke out shortly after they came to Incheon for the first time. The past two years have been a difficult time for everyone. However, Reazul and Farhana family could spend more time with the families because of this. Sometimes the children comforted and supported the father who was having a hard time, and Reazul also strongly supported the children and Farhana. They say they feel the energy of becoming one with each other when they support each other. "After coming to Korea, I became closer to my family and felt that they are the source of my strength."

In particular, Reazul really looked out for Farhana, saying that the family would be in bad shape without her. It was cold when we had the interview. We could feel his love toward the family in the way he took care of his children and wife. "We have not decided any specific plans, but we are going to have new experiences in various countries." To Reazul's words, Farhana also added, "Wherever Reazul goes, I would love it." We support the life of the Reazul and Farhana family in Incheon who always support each other.



What about here today?

Hot places where foreigners gather regularly

The world is vast, and there are many restaurants, but it is difficult to find one that offers dishes and the atmosphere you like. So, we searched and found a restaurant in Incheon that captivates foreign customers with its taste and atmosphere. We went to a 'Hot Place,' which has become famous as a meeting place.



The magic that makes special memories, a bite of a delicious burger



Representative restaurant in Nonhyeon-dong to enjoy a variety of flavors

It has been six years since it opened in Incheon. Melting Room has become a restaurant that local residents cannot live without and a restaurant that people outside the city want to visit, even from far away. After studying abroad in Australia and working as a chef in hotels and restaurants, the owner, chef Sohn Jae-min settled down in Incheon and opened a restaurant in Nonhyeon-dong. It offers a variety of dishes, such as homemade burgers, pasta, tap beer (beer poured by 10ml), and other dishes that you can enjoy according to your taste.



Melting Room

Address 1F, 29-16, Eunbong-ro 312beon-gil, Namdong-gu
Hours 11:00-21:00 (Closed on Mondays)
Information 0507-1467-8012





+ Blue Ribbon Survey

It is a restaurant guidebook in Korea that was first published in 2005. It is considered the most trusted restaurant guidebook in Korea and is evaluated through a "survey method" that collects multiple opinions based on objective data. Melting Room was listed in the guidebook four times in a row from 2019 to 2022.

Chef's Confidence felt in the food

The characteristic of Melting Room is that the chefs prepare dishes with fresh ingredients from the local market. Ingredients are fresh, and the chef's sincerity can be felt throughout each dish. Even for bacon, most places use the 'injection method,' which is to make bacon by injecting the salt solution, but in Melting Room, the meat is directly trimmed, salted, and smoked. This elaborate cooking process makes the food taste special. It went viral in no time and was listed in the Blue Ribbon Survey, called the Korean version of Michelin, for four consecutive years.



Parisian Burger

Signature menu recommended by the Chef

Owner chef Sohn Jae-min picked 'Fresh Noodle Carbonara' and 'Pulled Pork Burger' as the signature menus. 'Fresh Noodle Carbonara' is a special delicacy that lets you enjoy the taste and fun by having fresh noodles with good texture, bacon, and sous-vide poached eggs together. The pulled pork burger has many loyal customers. After roasting, it is served with the signature barbecue sauce to give a savory taste. In addition, the 'Parisian Burger,' famous among customers of all ages, is prepared with a generous amount of mushrooms with a smoky flavor.



Fresh Noodle Carbonara

A Place to Share Delightful Taste with Precious People

Many customers visit Melting Room with families or lovers. The sound of chatter and smiles fill each table. On the wall is a handwritten "Letter of Appreciation" handwritten by a child customer. It has a message saying, 'Thank you for making a delicious hamburger.' Melting Room became a cozy place for customers by making and sharing many memories like this.

+ Mini Interview

Q. What are the things that are unique to 'Melting Room' and you are proud of?

Our chefs prepare food sincerely and with great effort. We ensure our customers have as healthy food as possible by using fresh ingredients purchased directly from the local market. We are involved in each process step, so it takes a lot of time to prepare the ingredients.

Q. What is the most popular menu among foreign customers?

Foreign customers' favorite is the 'Parisian Burger.' It's a mushroom burger with sauteed button mushrooms, king oyster mushrooms, onions, 150g patty, double sweet cheese, tomatoes, homemade pickles, and romaine. It is recommended to enjoy pulled pork cheese fries and tap beer together with the burger.

Q. If you could describe this space in one word, how would you do it?

I want it to be a 'local restaurant that people want to come with someone they love.' We hope that guests who visit Melting Room will make good memories in a pleasant atmosphere. We are constantly working hard so our customers can have a valuable time.

Q. Please say something to the restaurant customers and readers of <Incheon Now>.

Thanks to local customers who have always given us generous support, we could overcome the COVID-19 crisis. No need to say more. We will repay you with more delicious dishes. I hope you will make many good memories in beautiful Incheon.



Owner Chef Sohn Jae-min

My Language Journey as a Korean Studies Student

Julianne Porter (22) is an international exchange student from George Mason University in the United States who is currently finishing her Korean Studies degree with a minor in Business at George Mason University Korea in Songdo, Incheon.

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A Sprout

My introduction to the Korean language is probably like any other international student's first look at Korean culture: through Korean music and or Korean dramas and films. In middle school, several friends of mine loved all the major K-pop groups back in 2013, but I didn't develop my own interest in these topics until the next year when I entered high school. However, my interest didn't just end at K-pop and K-dramas. It rather fueled my desire to learn more about the country these products originate from, specifically what kind of culture Korea possesses.



A Budding Dream

When I entered George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, back in 2018, a Korean language major didn't even exist. I took a beginner's Korean language class as an elective. At the time, Korean content wasn't globally appreciated as it is now. So, the amount of content with English subtitles available was vastly smaller. International fans who didn't understand Korean relied on English translations from fellow fans, but the amount of accessible fan-made translations depended on how popular the content was among international fans. Due to this, I taught myself to recognize the names of my favorite topics in Korean to find more content. Thus, when my Korean language professor excitedly announced the establishment of a Korean Studies major, I was sold at the opportunity to focus on the only subject I had any real passion for at the time. Before even learning Korean, my professor explained the story of how Hangul was created and the significance it represents to Korea, Korean culture, and Korean people. I was pleasantly surprised at how easy it was to learn Hangul. After just a few lessons, I could read Korean, although I couldn't understand any of the words. There, my Korean language journey began.

The Growing Pains

Learning a new language from scratch comes with its challenges. For one, everything is mainly taught through a textbook. Consequently, my reading and writing skills advanced more quickly than my listening and speaking skills. Learning a new language without any real-life opportunity to utilize those new skills was the real difficulty I had to overcome. My professors did create opportunities to use Korean, but those opportunities were limited to the classroom, and they usually followed a script that wasn't always accurate to how Korean is actually used in everyday life. Additionally, retaining those lessons requires a significant amount of self-study time, but self-discipline has never been my strong suit, and the COVID-19 quarantine definitely did not spark any intense motivation to study Korean. Due to this, I felt myself gradually losing focus on my major, which led to some academic troubles in a few of my classes. Thus, I had to delay my college graduation by a year, but this setback gave way to a new opportunity: studying abroad in Korea and, in turn, a new study method.

Reaching for the Sun

After living in Korea for four months, I discovered several realizations about how I learned Korean. Specifically, I noticed that my Korean skills were not at the level they should be for someone with four years of Korean language learning under her belt. However, actually being in an area where everyone speaks Korean, besides on campus, has significantly improved these rusty skills of mine. I'm able to consistently practice my Korean in real-life situations, such as simply ordering food, although sometimes the employees will switch to English if they see me struggle. Yet these experiences, including the embarrassing ones, are vital to improving my Korean skills because it's a real-life situation rather than a simulated one in a textbook or in class. Thus, I always push myself to use Korean, even if what I say isn't a complete sentence or doesn't make grammatical sense. While English is easier to speak when I go off-campus, I need to endure all the challenges that come with using Korean in the real world if I truly want to improve my Korean language skills for the better.



All Ways [Settlement Environment]

06 Convenient and Safe Settlement Environment of Incheon

'All Ways Incheon' is the slogan for Incheon's city brand. It means 'All roads lead to Incheon.' On this topic, <INCHEON NOW 2022> will discuss six business strengths of Incheon, the city that is going global, through the series, 'All Ways Incheon.' The sixth competitiveness is the settlement environment.

A GREAT AREA TO LIVE IN, THE SETTLEMENT ENVIRONMENT OF INCHEON

There are many cities for companies to do business in, but there are not many cities that are great for businessmen to live in. Incheon has world-class educational, transportation, and cultural infrastructure, ensuring convenient and high-quality life. A city safe to walk even late at night, a complex shopping mall for high-quality shopping and cultural life, and nature-friendly elements with beautiful waterfront spaces and green areas. All these support a livable environment.



'Incheon, Safety Capital' Around the Clock, All Year Round

- An ICT-based state-of-the-art smart safety network that operates continuously
- 24-hour disaster safety situation room and integrated control center, and 'Safe in' app
- Introduced the 'Citizen Safety Insurance' for the first time among metropolitan cities in 2019
- Certified as a role model city by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) for the first time in Korea in 2020



Incheon, Environmental Capital

- Presented a global standard for eco-friendly resource circulation
- Innovated the energy production system for carbon neutrality by 2050
- Created 150 urban oases (carbon sinks, such as parks and particulate matter blocking forests)



2018

- Selected as an excellent institution based on National Safety Assessment

2019

- Introduced the 'Citizen Safety Insurance' for the first time among metropolitan cities from 2019



Premium Shopping Mall

- Songdo Hyundai Premium Outlet
- Triple Street
- Costco
- Cheongna Starfield (Scheduled)



Waterside Parks and Green Spaces

- Incheon Grand Park
- Wolmido Island
- Songdo Central Park
- Gyeongin Ara Waterway



Transportation Hub

- Incheon International Airport
- Extension from Seongnam Station on Seoul Subway Line 7
- Early commencement of GTX-B construction, construction of additional stops (Scheduled)
- Extension of Seoul Subway to Gyeongang, Geomdan, and Cheongna (Scheduled)



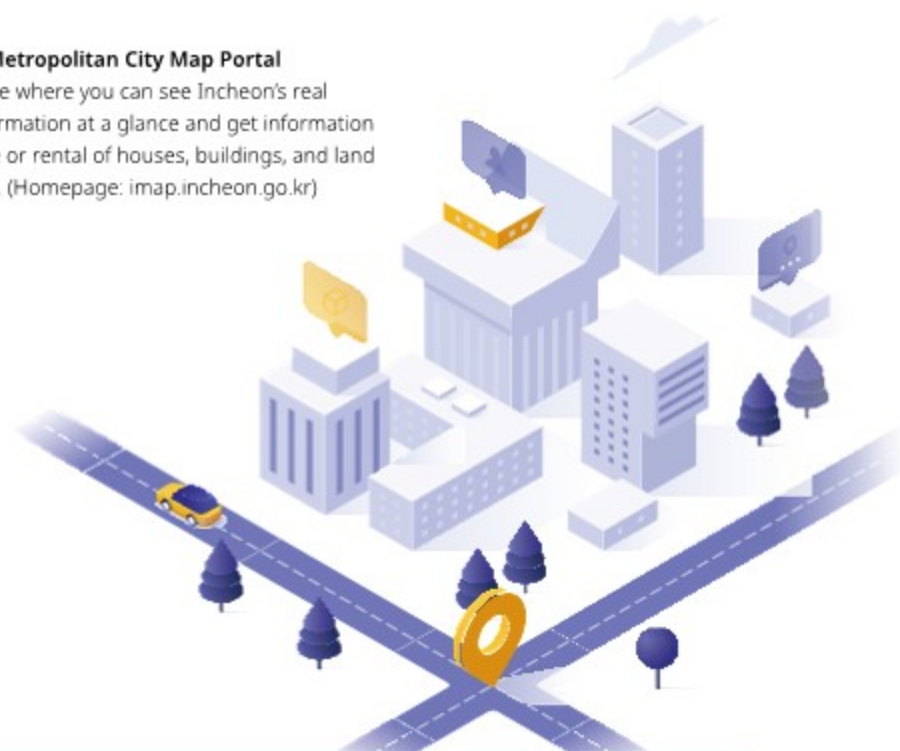
KOREAN REAL ESTATE SYSTEM AT A GLANCE

Each country has a different real estate system and living environment. Before learning about Incheon's settlement environment, you must first understand real estate in Korea. We explained unfamiliar terms and related systems, such as types of buildings, how to purchase a house, and renting.

Tip!

Incheon Metropolitan City Map Portal

This is a site where you can see Incheon's real estate information at a glance and get information on the sale or rental of houses, buildings, and land in Incheon. (Homepage: imap.incheon.go.kr)



1. Type of Housing

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Apartment | A five-story or higher collective residence. There are convenience facilities such as a shopping mall and a parking lot. |
| Studio Apartment | A combination of office and apartment. It comes with a parking lot. ※ It is a building for residence and office use, divided into one-room, two-room, three-room, hotel-style one-room, and apartment-style one-room, depending on the number and type of rooms. |
| Detached House | A house built alone on private land (a house without partition registration, in other words, owned by a single person) |
| Row House / Multiplex Housing | A western-style mansion or low-rise building. The space is smaller than the apartment complex. |

2. When Buying a House

Consulting a licensed real estate agent

- You must sign a contract after checking the credit and experience of the authorized real estate agent.

Preparing a property transaction contract based on a brokerage contract

- All procedures, such as ownership transfer registration, are carried out by the licensed real estate agency.

Before contract

- You must check the certified copy of the register. (You will need the foreigner registration card and passport when visiting the registry office in the jurisdiction)

info

- Applicable laws vary for foreigners depending on the 'Status of Residence' and the 'Purpose of Purchasing Real Estate.'
- You can prepare the property transaction contract in English.



3. When renting a house

Lease on Deposit Basis (Deposit System)

You sign a 1-2 year lease contract and pay the deposit in advance.

- After the end of the contract, the deposit must be returned in full.
- At the time of the contract, 10% of the deposit is paid as a down payment. (Pay the balance when you move in)

Monthly Rent

You sign a 1-2 year lease contract, pay a fixed deposit and pay monthly rent. (The deposit is about 10 to 20 times the monthly rent)

- At the time of the contract, 10% of the deposit is paid as a down payment.
- Pay the balance and a month's rent in advance when you move in.
- In principle, the deposit is fully returned after the contract is terminated. Still, the deposit minus the corresponding amount is returned under particular circumstances, such as a delay in monthly rent.



Information about INCHEON

WEATHER

Located in the middle of the Korean peninsula and facing the West Sea, Incheon shows both continental and maritime climates. The lowest recorded temperature in Incheon was -21.0°C (-5.8°F), and the highest was 38.9°C (102.02°F). The average temperature is 12.1°C (53.78°F), 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

In the geographic coordinate system, Incheon is located at $126^{\circ}37'$ East and $37^{\circ}28'$ North. It is located in the middle of the Korean Peninsula, downstream of the Hangang River, facing the Yellow Sea. Incheon is located 28km away from Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea, and at a latitude similar to that of San Francisco, Washington, and southern Spain.

TOTAL AREA

Incheon was 201.21 km^2 when it was promoted into a city directly under the direct control of the central government in 1981. Later it expanded to 310.83 km^2 by incorporating Gyeyang-myeon, Gimpo-gun, and Yeongjongyongyu-myeon in Ongjin-gun in 1989. It grew to 955 km^2 as it became a metropolitan city in 1995 and incorporated Ganghwa-gun, Ongjin-gun, and Geomdan-myeon in Gimpo-gun. It has reached $1,066.46\text{ km}^2$ since December 31, 2021, due to landfills since 2000. It boasts the largest area among the eight major cities in Korea.

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



TERRAIN

The mountainous areas of Incheon are hilly areas within 300m above sea level, except for about ten mountains, including Manisan Mountain (469m), Gyeyangsan Mountain (395m), and Samgaksan Mountain (343m), with no significant river development. Incheon has a rias coast, a long and complicated coastline with 168 islands, of which 128 are uninhabited.

BRAND

all ways INCHEON

Incheon opens the way for Korea, connects the way to the world, and becomes the way for you and me. Incheon's brand, 'all ways INCHEON,' carries the meaning, 'all roads lead to Incheon.' Incheon's core value is 'First Ever,' which means Korea's first and Incheon's best. It is the spirit of the dynamic Incheon that announces the beginning of the Republic of Korea and takes on new challenges. This strength made the Republic of Korea what it is today.

LIFE AND POPULATION

Incheon comprises two counties: Ganghwa-gun and Ongjin-gun, and eight boroughs: Jung-gu, Dong-gu, Michuhol-gu, Yeonsu-gu, Namdong-gu, Bupyeong-gu, Gyeyang-gu, and Seo-gu.

The population of Incheon is approximately three million which makes it the third largest city in Korea by population next to Seoul and Busan. Currently, 66,364 foreigners live in Incheon. (December 2021, based on the Republic of Korea Public Data Portal)

CHARACTERS

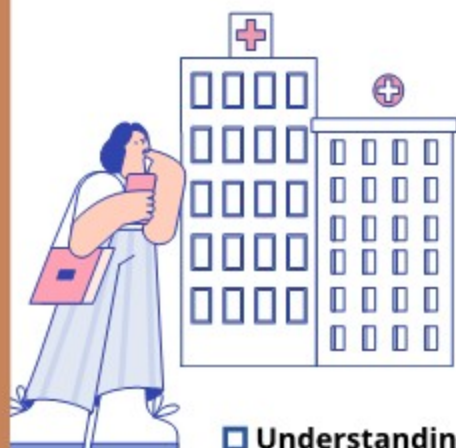
Spotted Seals in Love with Lighthouse

The characters of Incheon were designed based on a lighthouse and spotted seals. The lighthouse used "Palimdo Lighthouse," Korea's first light, as its motif and represents the connection between the past and future of Incheon, an advanced industrial city.

The spotted seals of Baekryeongdo Island, the natural monuments of Korea and endangered species, represent the nature-friendly city of Incheon.



A to Z of How to Use a Hospital in Incheon



Receiving medical treatment is not always easy, even for a foreigner familiar with living in a foreign country. Incheon has attracted the fourth-largest number of foreign patients nationwide. It provides multilingual support, including English, and offers optimized treatment services for foreign patients. Here is some information on how foreigners can use the hospital with ease.

Understanding Medical Institutions

| Stages of Medical Care Benefits | Primary Care | | Secondary Care |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Relevant Medical Care Institutions | Clinic, Public Health Center | Hospital, General Hospital | High-level General Hospital |
| Treatment Details | Outpatient Treatment, Vaccination, Health Management | Comprehensive Examination, Inpatient Treatment | Close Inspection, Disability or Disease Treatment, Management |
| Relevant Medical Institutions | Public Health Center, Oriental Medical Clinic, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Health Examination Center, Etc. | General Hospital with Multiple Departments | University Hospital, Etc. |

Oriental medicine hospital, oriental medical clinic

| Departments | Major Treatment Areas |
|--|---|
| Oriental Internal Medicine, Oriental Gynecology, Oriental Pediatrics, etc. | Treat diseases of all fields with the medicine developed in the East. Treatment and medicine-preparing methods are different from ordinary hospitals. |

Using a Medical Institution

| Using Primary Care | Using Secondary Care |
|--|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Submit your health insurance card or identification card at the reception/payment counter and wait. 2 When your name is called, go into the examination room and tell the doctor about your condition. 3 Ask questions about the doctor's directions. 4 After examination, pay for examination/treatment and receive a prescription. 5 Go to a pharmacy near the hospital, give a prescription, and purchase medicine. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Receive a medical treatment request from a primary care medical institution. 2 Submit your health insurance card and the medical treatment request from the primary care medical institution. 3 Go to the relevant department and receive treatment. 4 Receive a prescription and make an appointment for the next treatment, if necessary. 5 Pay for examination/treatment at the payment counter. |

- ※ For prescription drugs, you must submit a doctor's prescription at a pharmacy.
- ※ Over-the-counter medicines (digestive, painkillers, nutritional supplements, etc.) can be purchased at pharmacies or convenience stores without a doctor's prescription.



If there is a sudden emergency accident?

119
Emergency Rescue

129 Area code + 129 when calling from a mobile phone
Health and Welfare Call Center

1339
Emergency Medical Information Center

Medical Support for Foreigners



- **Target** : Foreign workers and their children (less than 18 years old), female marriage immigrants and their children before acquiring nationality, refugees and their children, homeless people (Koreans)
- **Support Details** : Hospitalization and surgery expenses (including same-day outpatient surgery)
- **Medical Institutions Participating in Medical Support Projects** : Incheon Metropolitan City Medical Center, Incheon Red Cross Hospital, Nazareth International Hospital, Bupyeong Serim Hospital, Hallim Hospital, Geomdan Top Hospital, Naeun Hospital, Seongmin Hospital, Hyundai UVIS Hospital, Mediplex Sejong Hospital

+Tip Disaster Information Guide App for Foreigners Emergency Ready

It is an application that helps tourists visiting Korea and foreigners staying in Korea to quickly and accurately receive disaster safety information, such as emergency text messages, national action instructions, shelters, and emergency medical centers. Services are available in English and Chinese.

DOWNLOAD THE APP



App Store



Android

Cry of a Father Who Lost His Daughter



Concert opera <RIGOLETTO>

The opera <Rigoletto> by the Italian composer 'Verdi' is reborn as a concert opera and will be put on stage at the Incheon Culture and Arts Center. <Rigoletto>, which premiered in 1851, was a turning point in Verdi's musical life, and his unique personality and profound emotional expression reached their peak. Since then, Verdi's operas have become a permanent repertoire of opera houses worldwide.

The drama based on Victor Hugo's <Le Roi s'amuse (The King Amuses Himself)>, revolves around 'Rigoletto,' a court jester who is physically and mentally imperfect but has a heart for his daughter. A curse and tragedy begin when Rigoletto's daughter, Gilda, falls in love with the libertine, the Duke of Mantua.

This performance is going to be a concert opera, easy to appreciate for audiences who find operas difficult. With the star-studded cast including Conductor Hong Seok-won, Director Eom Suk-jeong, Gyeonggi Philharmonic Orchestra, Noi Opera Chorus, etc., it is expected to be a wonderful performance.

Date Saturday, December 28 – Sunday, December 29, 2022
Time 19:30
Venue Incheon Culture and Arts Center Grand Hall
Price VIP 99,000 won / R 77,000 won / S 55,000 won

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



Let's Live Together on the Blue Planet, Earth!

An exhibition is held at the Incheon Urban History Museum, which delivers the message that the environmental problems are serious and we need to improve them together amid rapid climate change worsening due to environmental degradation. With the display of original works of picture books, such as 'Black Rabbit,' '09:47,' and 'Snowstorm,' and animated films, such as 'Stars on the Sea,' the exhibition was planned to make it easy to understand the climate crisis.

Period Tuesday, July 26, 2022 – Sunday, January 29, 2023
Location Aam Hall, Soam Hall, 2F, Incheon Urban History Museum
Information 032-850-6031



Christmas Concert <Music Clef Soloist Ensemble>

Beautiful musical songs and carols will resonate on Christmas at the Elim Art Center. The 'Music Clef Soloist Ensemble,' which has performed various special concerts with outstanding classical music performances, will perform familiar songs such as 'Phantom of the Opera,' 'Memory,' and 'Mamma Mia' with musical actor Kim Bo-kyung.

Date Sunday, December 25, 2022
Time 16:30
Ticket Adults 30,000 won / Teenagers 20,000 won
Venue Elim Hall, Elim Art Center
Information 032-289-4275



News Brief

This month's city hot news



I-VISION Center, Opening on Weekends

The I-VISION Center on the 33rd floor of the G-Tower is reopening on the weekends from November 19. The I-VISION Center was closed due to COVID-19 but reopened on weekdays in early May. It is popular among citizens as you can see the development of IFEZ at a glance, along with its panoramic view, which includes Songdo Central Park and the Incheon Bridge. It is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. on weekdays and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekends. However, the center is closed on Mondays for facility and equipment inspections.

I-VISION Center ☎ 032-453-7882

Incheon Provides Safe Home Set to Single Female Households for Crime Prevention



Incheon provides safe home sets for security to single female households and stores to expand safe unmanned delivery services. Security items (spare keys, door open sensors, portable emergency bells) are provided to 100 low-income single female households and 100 small stores. Incheon plans to select one or two counties and boroughs next year to conduct a pilot project and expand it to all counties and boroughs after evaluation. In addition, for the

safe unmanned delivery service currently operated at 70 locations, the service will be operated in five to six new additional locations next year.

Women's Policy Division ☎ 032-440-2757

Korea's First 'Smart Convergence Manufacturing Support Center' Opens in Namdong Industrial Complex in Incheon



A support center to lead the smart convergence industry opened in Namdong Industrial Complex in Incheon. It is 3,524 m² (approximately 1,066 pyeong) with one basement floor and nine aboveground floors. It has test rooms, training rooms, offices, lounges, etc. There is also an open lab with equipment used in the fields of EMC, wireless testing, and video security performance test evaluation. The support

center is part of the 'Manufacturing Sector Eco-Friendly Management Infrastructure Development Project,' which was selected for a public contest by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy last year and is currently in progress. By 2025, a total of 23.9 billion won will be invested in support centers across the country's three regions (metropolitan, southeastern, and southwestern).

Industrial Promotion Division ☎ 032-440-4287

Thermo Fisher Opens Biopharmaceutical Distribution Center



Thermo Fisher Scientific, a world-class scientific company, opened a bioprocess supply center in Yeongjong International City. It was constructed on a 7,930m² scale in Yeongjong Arenas. To control the quality of raw and subsidiary materials for biopharmaceuticals, it is furnished with state-of-the-art temperature control facilities for constant temperature and freezing, an automated logistics management system, and a quality control system specialized

in bioprocesses. Thermo Fisher Scientific is a global company in the field of raw and subsidiary materials for biopharmaceuticals, supplying more than 1 million types of products and cutting-edge technologies to the world.

IFEZ New Bio-Industry Division ☎ 032-453-7654

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 : _____

I-VISION CENTER

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

- Anne: Jeremy. Are you doing something this weekend?
- Jeremy: I'm going to Songdo Central Park for a date!
- Anne: Sounds great. Don't miss the G-Tower nearby!
- Jeremy: I've heard about the G-Tower! That's the one with an observatory, right?
- Anne: Right, but that's not all. Recently the I-VISION Center has also started operating at normal hours. It reopened in May but only on weekdays, and now, from November 19, it says it will also open on weekends.
- Jeremy: I see. What do they have in the I-VISION Center?
- Anne: You can see the progress of IFEZ by year, media video show, and future vision at a glance.
- Jeremy: The G-Tower, right? What floor is it on?
- Anne: It's on the 33rd floor. You can also see the panorama of Songdo, including Central Park, from there.
- Jeremy: Wow, that must be beautiful. Do you know the hours there?
- Anne: Yes. It is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekends. It is closed on Mondays.
- Jeremy: Then I should stop by the I-VISION Center and then go to Central Park in the evening!

Q. Which building and which floor is the I-VISION Center located on?

- ① G Tower, 12th floor ② T Tower, 33rd floor
③ G Tower, 33rd floor ④ L Tower, 40th floor

Q. When is the I-VISION Center closed?

- ① Saturday ② Monday
③ Sunday ④ Tuesday

Q. What is the name of the city that has the I-VISION Center?

- ① Songdo ② Jung-gu
③ Cheongna ④ Yeongjong

Answers : ①, ②, ③

MULTICULTURAL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

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

- Jackson: Gloria. It's been almost six months since you came to Incheon. How are you doing?
- Gloria: It's getting better compared to when I arrived here! But it's not that easy.
- Jackson: No? What's the matter?
- Gloria: Since I am from a foreign country, raising children and adapting to the culture is difficult.
- Jackson: It must be difficult. How about using the 'Multicultural Family Support Center'?
- Gloria: What is it? Is there such a place in Incheon?
- Jackson: Sure. It provides services for multicultural families, such as family counseling and cultural programs. It helps married immigrants adapt to Korean society, and multicultural families have a stable life.
- Gloria: Wow! I see. Is there one in Yeonsu-gu?
- Jackson: Yes, I looked it up and found one in Yeonsu-dong. Currently, there are nine locations in Incheon: Jung-gu, Dong-gu, Michuhol-gu, Yeonsu-gu, Namdong-gu, Bupyeong-gu, Gyeyang-gu, Seo-gu, and Ganghwa-gun.
- Gloria: I needed help, and it's great. Is it okay if my Korean is not good enough?
- Jackson: Sure. They provide interpretation and support for Korean language education, so there is nothing to worry about!
- Gloria: Thanks, Jackson! I'll go there.

Q. Which place helps multicultural families adjust to living in Korea and provides services, such as family counseling?

- ① Danuri Call Center ② Multicultural Family Support Center
③ Foreigner Support Center ④ Foreign Worker Support Center

Q. Which does not have a multicultural family support center within Incheon?

- ① Ongjin-gun ② Yeonsu-gu
③ Ganghwa-gun ④ Namdong-gu

Q. Which of the following is not offered at the multicultural family support center?

- ① Korean cooking program ② Korean language education
③ Family counseling ④ Cultural program

Answers : ②, ③, ④

Cultural Heritage of Incheon for Tourist Attraction

Incheon has built up a long history. You can find cultural assets without traveling far. The value that history has shines with the interest of modern people. Tourists continue to visit Incheon's cultural heritage to discover the beauty of the old things.

Dapdong Cathedral



Romanesque building

#MeetWest_inIncheon #BestShotOfLife
#First_Cathedral_inIncheon

Address: 3-3, Dap-dong, Jung-gu

Jemulpo Club



Foreigners' social gathering place

#CulturalSpace_Now #BestShotOfLife_
FamousPlace #Drama_Goblin_
ShootingLocation

Address: 11-1, Songhak-dong 1-ga, Jung-gu
Hours: 09:30-17:30 (Closed on Mondays)

Woninjae



Feel the elegance of a hanok

#LeeHeoGyeom's_graveyard
#HarmonyBetweenNatureAndHanok
#Early19thCentury

Address: 584, Yeonsu-dong, Yeonsu-gu



INCHEON NOW REVIEW EVENT

It's time to look back on the year ahead of 2023. We prepared the 78th edition of <INCHEON NOW> to help you spend this winter better with a variety of information. How did you like it?

Reader Reviews

These are the reviews from our 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>. We will draw a winner among those who sent their opinions and send a small gift certificate.



Eliana (Gonghang-ro)

I felt the autumn of Incheon properly at 'Incheon Grand Park' introduced in <InStar>. I hope you introduce great places to visit in Incheon in a compact way!



Mason (Cheongna-daero)

It's nice to see a restaurant I've visited in <Hot Place>. I guarantee you. The dishes at Santa Barbara are really good! :)



Lucas (Woninjae-ro)

An LP bar to find old LPs and music from Korea! It sounds so interesting. I'm thinking of going there with my friends. Thanks for the recommendation.

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