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All About Culture & Arts

We constantly see, touch, and feel something. Various senses become art, and the past becomes culture and remains in the gaps of daily living. Stop for a moment if you're fantasizing about an oasis in your treadmill-like life. Culture and art will introduce a "comma" in the name of leisure and happiness into our modern-day existence.



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The National Museum of World Writing Systems, the world's third and Korea's first.

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Path of culture and arts leading to Incheon

For modern people, culture and arts are healing beyond hobbies. On weekends, people flock to museums, libraries, and concert halls to bring life into their daily lives. This is why cultural spaces must be located within our living sphere. Incheon, which has many historical products and cultural heritages, is now set to be at the center of culture and arts. Let us follow Incheon's dedication to becoming a cultural and art city.

Begin

① Begin : A new space is born



Incheon Culture and Arts at a crossroads

All About [Culture&Arts]

Again

② Again : A splendid return of concert venues

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Begin

A new space is born

National Museum of World Writing Systems

Location 217, Central-ro, Yeonsu-gu
Opening June 2023

Museum

Birth of a museum, the blossom of culture and art

The phrase "first ever" cannot be overstated when describing Incheon. Incheon is the doorway through which new civilizations arrived from the outside world and the location of numerous early records. The title of 'first' was recently carved once more in Incheon. Museums containing a breadth of regional traits and expertise are in the works.

The National Museum of World Writing Systems, which opens in June of this year in Songdo Central Park, is the grand finale of Incheon's culture and art road. It is significant since it is only the third in the world and the first in Korea to open. The 'Incheon National Maritime Museum,' which will open in 2024 and become a new feature of Wolmido Island, is the metropolitan area's first national maritime cultural center and will exhibit a museum that only Incheon, a port city, can show.

Port

A 'port' that has become a cultural and artistic landmark

Incheon's lack of a public art museum has disappointed art lovers. However, with the opening of the Incheon Museum Park in 2027, a signal flare is launched for Incheon's culture and arts. This is the year the 'Sangsang Platform,' which includes everything from culture and arts to tourism and convenience, is made available to citizens. The Sangsang Platform, which will be built on Piers 1 and 8 of the Inner Harbor, will serve as a springboard for the Jemulpo Renaissance Project, which intends to establish a "harbor city that embraces culture and art." It intends to offer a unique experience of appreciating the beauty of the harbor city of Incheon, as well as cultural and creative content.

Sangsang Platform

Location 353 Seohae-daero, Jung-gu
Opening Scheduled for the second half of 2023

- 1 ---- The National Museum of World Writing Systems, seen from above, embodies the shape of a scroll
2 ---- Bird's-eye view of the Incheon National Maritime Museum
3 ---- Exterior of Sangsang Platform



Incheon National Maritime Museum

Location 106-7, Bukseong-dong 1-ga, Jung-gu
Opening Scheduled for 2024



 Performance Facilities

Performance facilities facing major changes

Incheon Culture & Arts Center opened in 1994, and Arts Center Incheon (Phase 1) opened in 2018. They have established themselves as Incheon's representative culture and arts channels. The two spaces, which used to liven up the daily lives of citizens with numerous exhibitions, performances, and programs, are now given new looks to provide more comfortable facilities.



Again A splendid return of concert venues



Satisfying Visually and in Substance

ARTS CENTER INCHEON

Since the opening of the concert hall in 2018, Arts Center Incheon has established itself as a complex global cultural space where you can enjoy cool sea views and high-quality performances. With a positive response to the Arts Center Incheon's world-class sound and facilities, the second phase of construction will commence this year. It includes the opening of the four-stage 'Opera House' and the 'Art & Tech Center,' which will present creative content connecting numerous sectors such as art, daily life, and science, as well as more diverse cultural and art programs.

 Arts Center Incheon awaiting the second phase of construction.

Arts Center Incheon (Phase 2)

Location 222 Art Center-daero, Yeonsu-gu
Opening Scheduled for 2027
Composition Opera House, Art & Tech Center, etc

Safer and more comfortable

INCHEON CULTURE & ARTS CENTER

After 30 years of providing culture and arts across numerous genres, including municipal art troupes, symphony orchestras, and dance troupes, as well as musicals, performances in Korea, and art exhibitions, the Incheon Culture and Arts Center is undergoing remodeling. Due to the aging of stage facilities and architectural facilities, this aims to provide more comfort for workers, artists, and citizens. Remodeling will begin in July and be finished and reopened in stages beginning in 2024, including the municipal art group's practice hall and minor performance rooms.

 © Incheon Culture & Arts Center

Incheon Culture & Arts Center

Location 149 Yesul-ro, Namdong-gu
Opening January 2025 (Grand Theater)

※ During construction, performances will be hosted at nearby cultural facilities such as the Arts Center Incheon and the Dong-gu Culture and Sports Center.

[CULTURE AND ARTS]

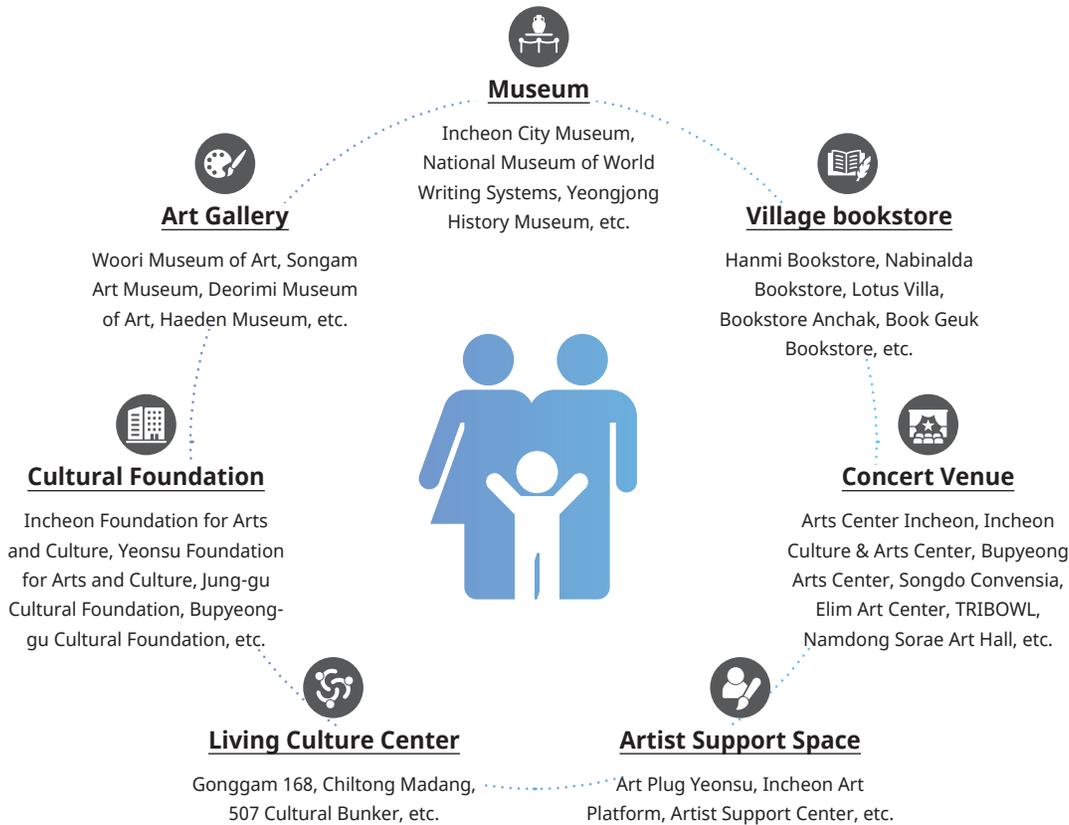
viewed in indicators

The winds of change are blowing in Incheon's arts and culture. Through INFO, learn about the current state of culture and arts in Incheon, which is transforming into a more substantial and plentiful cultural and arts metropolis.

Current State of Incheon Public Libraries (KOSIS statistics, as of 2021)



Cultural Facilities by Sector



'Museum' that connects the values of the firsts

Many first and best records have been accumulated in Incheon since the port's opening in 1883. Museums are no different. Starting with the Incheon City Museum, the first public museum in Korea, which opened in 1946, museums about to open under the label of 'first' await us.

1946 ~	Incheon Metropolitan City Museum	Korea's first public museum
2018 ~	Arts Center Incheon	Incheon's first hall dedicated to classical music
2020 ~	Gyeyang Mountain Fortress Museum	Korea's first museum dedicated to mountain fortress
2023 ~	National Museum of World Writing Systems	3rd in the world & 1st in Korea
2024 ~	Incheon National Maritime Museum	The first marine cultural facility in the metropolitan area

From tradition to rock, Incheon representative festival

April #Location: Dolmen Park and Goryeosan Mountain
Goryeosan Azalea Festival
 Azaleas, which herald the arrival of spring, are in full bloom every April, as if wrapping around Mt. Goryeo on Ganghwa Island. It is a major attraction at the Incheon Spring Flower Festivals.

April #Location: Incheon Grand Park
Incheon Grand Park Cherry Blossom Festival
 It is a festival where you can enjoy the event while watching the scattering cherry blossoms. Over 530,000 visitors were recorded this year in nine days when the flowers fully bloomed.

August #Location: Songdo Moonlight Festival Park
Pentaport Rock Festival
 At the Pentaport Rock Festival, one of the largest festivals in Korea, you can enjoy music performances of various genres, including rock, together with artists and audiences.

August - September #Location: Songdo Moonlight Festival Park
Songdo Beer Festival
 A festival that provides amazing coolness on a hot summer day by serving various international beers and food, as well as entertaining live performances, fireworks, and EDM parties.

September #Location: Incheon Munhak Stadium
INK (INCHEON K-POP) Concert
 It is a Korean Wave concert that has been going on since 2009 and is celebrating its 14th anniversary this year. It was chosen as one of the "100 K-Culture Tourism Events" by the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism and the Korea Tourism Organization.

September #Location: Haeoreum Square
Sorae Port Festival
 Various attractions and rich participation events can be held using the unique characteristics of the metropolitan area's sole traditional fish market, allowing tourists and residents to experience becoming one.

October #Location: Bupyeong-daero, Bupyeong Art Center
Bupyeong Pungmul Festival
 It is a one-of-a-kind street festival in which the 8-lane boulevard in the city center is transformed into a festival area. You can attend events such as traditional folk dances and street performances.

August, October #Location: Open Port Cultural District
Night Tour of Incheon Open Port Cultural Assets
 Colorful lights illuminate the night near the open port. You can see various cultural events and exhibitions, as well as walk around the open harbor where modern civilization first arrived in Korea.

※ The months indicated are for this year (2023)

Culture and Art in Incheon Style

DEVELOPMENT OF INCHEON'S CULTURE AND ART, FROM LOCAL IDENTITY

Culture and art in Incheon are undergoing significant transformation, including the establishment of cultural facilities as well as the integration and inclusion of major cultural facilities. Based on Incheon's distinct identity, all courses advance to the next level. We visited Lee Haeng-sook, Deputy Mayor of Cultural Welfare and Political Affairs for the Incheon Metropolitan Government, and learned about Incheon's culture and arts strategies to create a new asset termed 'culture and arts' as a global international metropolis in the future.

Interviewee

Lee Haeng-sook

(Deputy Mayor of Cultural Welfare and Political Affairs, Incheon Metropolitan Government)

Major career

July 2022 - Present	Deputy Mayor of Cultural Welfare and Political Affairs, Incheon Metropolitan Government
2004 - 2007 / 2009 - 2022	President of Korea Advanced Polices Institute
2017	Head of Liberty Korea Party Incheon Metropolitan City Party Gender Equality Committee
2013 - 2014	Head of Saenuri Party Incheon Metropolitan City Party Policy Planning Committee
2009 - 2010 / 2010 - 2016	Adjunct Professor, Chungwoon University
2007 - 2009	Chairperson of Incheon Seo-gu Facilities Management Corporation



Q The first anniversary of your term is approaching. Could you tell us about your opinions and accomplishments as the city's first female deputy mayor?

A As the deputy mayor of cultural welfare and political affairs in Incheon, I am delighted to be able to direct transformation in our city. I have spent the last year focusing on crafting policies for culture and arts, adolescents, women, and young people, which is the mission that has been assigned to me. Citizens' happiness was given top importance because it is an area that directly influences their quality of life. Our efforts are yielding concrete effects. During my inauguration, I declared, 'I will work without rest, exert effort without rest, and communicate without rest.' We will do all in our ability to hasten the change that citizens can perceive, and we will keep our pledge to citizens until the end.

Lee Haeng-sook, Deputy Mayor, spoke to a child who approached her with a smile





Q So far, what has been the most rewarding in the domain of culture and arts?

A I'd like to bring out that Incheon was finally chosen as the venue for the '43rd Korean Theater Festival in 2025', a public project by the Arts Council Korea under the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism, after a hard struggle with Busan (14 Incheon: 12 Busan). The 'Korea Theater Festival,' which has been running since 1983, is a national performing arts festival that is celebrating its 41st anniversary this year. Large and small events will be held across Incheon over 20 days from June to

July 2025, with the Incheon Culture and Arts Center serving as the focal point. It is projected to stimulate domestic demand by attracting more than 60,000 people. It will be a fantastic opportunity for Incheon citizens to appreciate diverse cultures by branding Incheon as a city of culture and arts through collaboration with various international events such as the invitation of the Office of Overseas Koreans and the invitation of the APEC Summit in 2025 (scheduled).

Q What are the key culture and art objectives and ambitions of Incheon's eighth popularly elected government?

A First and foremost, we are preparing to establish a foundation (corporation) and combine the operation of Incheon's worldwide cultural institutions, including the Incheon Culture & Arts Center, Songdo TRIBOWL, Arts Center Incheon, and Phase 2 of the Arts Center. We are also organizing a festival that embodies Incheon, a large-scale festival fit for an international metropolis like Incheon. It will be a global festival where people from all over the world will gather

for a month to experience diverse genres in Incheon, which boasts a world-class airport, sea, city, and tradition. Another source of concern is the difficulties in developing new talent. We gathered wisdom from artists and devised a support strategy. To begin, we intend to activate educational initiatives that can identify talented individuals, such as one in which regular folks can acquire art education through our local network.

Q What changes might citizens and cultural artists expect this year?

A We will promptly push the aforementioned culture and arts policies, resulting in visible changes for people and cultural artists. At festival scenes such as the upcoming 'Citizen's Day event,' we intend to provide an opportunity to experience a diversity of culture and arts befitting the dignity of Incheon, an international metropolis. Furthermore, we will take the lead in supporting programs such as 'Fostering an Incheon-style Art Fair' and 'Producing an Audition Program

(Sold-out) to Discover Visual Artists,' with the major focus being visual arts, which have been generally devalued in the public sector. From September to November, you can see them at Incheon cultural spaces and on global OTT. This project will provide the groundwork for the development of local artists and enhance possibilities for citizens to enjoy culture, as well as provide an opportunity to strengthen the brand image of 'Incheon, the city of culture and art,' both domestically and internationally.

Q How do you anticipate Incheon changing in the sphere of culture and arts in the future?

A In the medium to long term, we are working hard on numerous projects to raise the level of culture and art in Incheon (pledge of the eighth government elected by popular vote - culture and art budget increased to 3 percent). We intend to promote cultural and arts policies that can evolve into a global international metropolis based on Incheon's identity in partnership with the Office of Overseas Koreans, which will open in June. We are also encouraging the construction of the Incheon Museum Park, which is scheduled to

open in 2027. It is a comprehensive cultural center that integrates art galleries, museums, and art parks, and it is the most cherished wish of three million Incheon residents and the local art community. Incheon is evolving as a city with a high-quality cultural and arts infrastructure, where inhabitants can enjoy a wide range of culture and arts. People from all over the world will gather along the city silhouette, history, culture and art infrastructure and stories unique to Incheon. Incheon's future looks promising.

Q Please say something to foreigners living in Incheon

A As international residents (members) of the global city Incheon, we warmly welcome you. Incheon is still Korea's gateway and central metropolis. It is an outpost that introduces other civilizations to Korea, such as religion, culture, sports, and education. Today, foreigners from all over the world joined residents from eight provinces around the country to develop Incheon. Incheon's characteristic and strength is a location like a vast sea that embraces everything. Incheon Port has been open for 140 years, and the city is working hard to become a first-class city. It is growing to the rest of the globe, based on Incheon International Airport, Incheon Port, and Korea's largest free economic zone. Please keep an eye on and support our city as it takes an active role on the global scene.



Enjoy Special Experience

③ Complex Cultural Spaces between Alleys

Unique Venue Incheon

The aroma of culture and art pervades every lane in Incheon, where ancient buildings become art and creators and citizens converse. Here are complex cultural spaces that stay in one place, inspire visitors, and provide a warm haven.

Where creators and travelers meet, PODIUM 126

PODIUM 126 is a complex cultural space maintained by Inthelocal Cooperative that develops local content using Dongincheon's varied resources. The name is a little unique. It is a mix of the architectural term "podium," with the numbers representing Incheon's longitude and latitude. The area, converted from a modern building built in the 1920s, retains the comfortable ambiance and traces of that age. Operated as a cafe and accessory shop, it is also a meeting space for creators and travelers in Incheon. On the second floor, there is a wide table for creators to work comfortably. It is ideal for working on the laptop or for educational and experiential activities in a neat atmosphere. Incheon artists' artworks and postcards are available on the first floor. PODIUM 126, a single building yet offers various excitement, is warmly received by residents and travelers.



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Address 19-8, Sinpo-ro, Jung-gu
Hours 10:00-22:00
 (closed on Monday)
Information 0507-1335-7863

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PODIUM 126

A HOME FOR LOCAL CREATORS,
 A COMFORTABLE CULTURAL SPACE FOR
 RESIDENTS

- 1 PODIUM 126 with two floors
- 2 Ample space for creators
- 3 First floor, cozy cafe space



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CoSMo40

ABANDONED FACTORY,
TRANSFORMS INTO ART THROUGH THE
COLLABORATION OF MANY HANDS.

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Address 9, Janggogae-ro
231beon-gil, Seo-gu
Hours 10:00-20:00
(until 21:00 on weekends)
Information 0507-1317-8862



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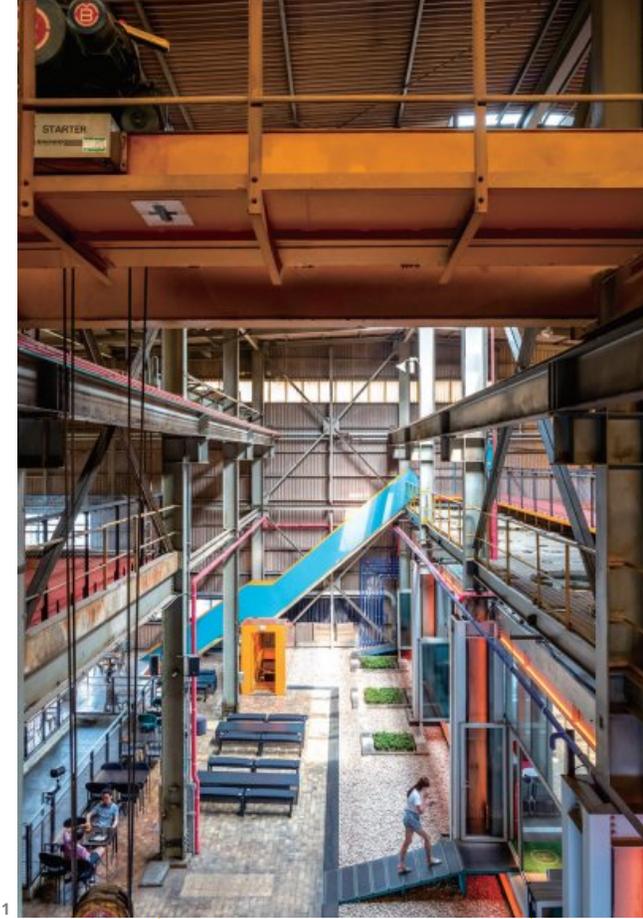


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A chemical factory that has been converted into a cultural venue, CoSMo40

A long-neglected chemical plant in Seo-gu was revived as a new cultural venue through an urban generation project. Opened in 2018, it currently consists of a main hall, cafe lounge, and community hall, providing visitors with cultural and artistic life such as cafe, exhibitions, events, and performances. The characteristic of this place is 'space without boundaries,' and it is intended to be used in appropriate scenarios without

dividing the space. It has four stories and is distinguished by high ceilings and container walls that remind one of an old factory. It is also a great location to chat while enjoying coffee, beverages, and pastries in a relaxing setting. Each season, a variety of unique exhibitions and performances are held. If you are interested, look up the location online and visit the place.



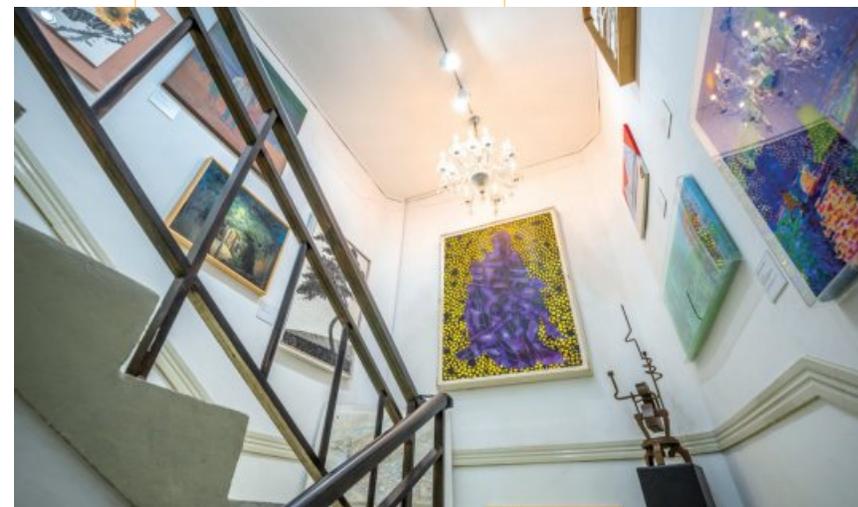
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- 1 Traces of the factory, such as iron pillars and container walls
- 2 Remodeled for a more aesthetically pleasing appearance
- 3 Selection of desserts

Enjoy Style and Taste at the Same Time, Millet

A restaurant with a varied menu, a cafe where you can relax with a drink, and a gallery where you can find artistic inspiration are all housed in the same place, providing diverse experiences ranging from food culture to art. 'Millet,' located in Sipseong-dong, Bupyeong-gu, is a multi-purpose place with various pleasures, including live concerts on Thursday evenings and monthly exhibitions of artists' works. This location was named after the painter 'Millet' and was constructed with the expectation that culture would flourish in Shipjeong-dong. It is decorated with European-style interiors that create a magnificent atmosphere. It acts as a platform for artists to expand their wings and a cultural hub for locals, adding joy to their daily lives and spreading the seeds of culture and art with which everyone may communicate.

- 1 Exterior of Millet with a panoramic view
- 2 Refreshing drink to accompany cultural activities
- 3 Various pieces of art are displayed across the space



ENJOY WITH YOUR EYES,
EARS, AND PALATE
PLEASE YOUR SENSES

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Address 7, Gyeongwon-daero
1130beon-gil,
Bupyeong-gu
Hours 10:30-22:00
Information 032-502-1600

Millet



Nice Time
Address 203, Art Center-daero, Yeonsu-gu Hours 11:30-22:00

WORLD GOURMET TRIP
IN INCHEON

ITALY

Incheon is vast and has many restaurants, but finding a restaurant that suits your taste buds is not always easy. But if you are a reader of <2023 Incheon Now>, it is a different story. This is a series of restaurants serving foreign cuisines in Incheon that you can visit regardless of where you are from. Our third choice is the 'Italian Food.'

NICE TIME

Common Menu Uncommon Taste

There are many restaurants serving Italian cuisine all around the world. However, there are only a handful of places where you can taste authentic Italian flavors. In this regard, you are lucky to have 'Nice Time' in Incheon. Nice Time, a modest restaurant near Songdo Central Park, offers mouth-watering visual presentation and great taste. During lunchtime, you can enjoy your meal with the bright sunlight through the window.

Awaken Delicate Senses and Have a Nice Time!

"Our restaurant offers a new culinary experience by using various ingredients and sophisticated cooking techniques," owner-chef Han Ye-chan explains. Nice Time is well-known for its unique flavor and aroma, which spreads with each bite. The signature dishes are 'Hummus Dips' and 'Scallion Cream Gnocchi,' created after considerable thought and research. It is natural to have a nice time with a pleasant ambiance where you can relax comfortably and have courteous service.



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- 1 — An open kitchen managing food items and the kitchen area more neatly
- 2 — Green onion cream gnocchi with green onion's freshness combined with sweet and salty cream
- 3 — Various kinds of wine are on exhibit

MINI INTERVIEW



OWNER CHEF **HAN YE-CHAN**

Please briefly introduce 'Nice Time' — When I worked at Nomad, a restaurant in New York, the tagline was 'Make it Nice.' Inspired by this, I came up with a name that means providing 'nice' dishes and time. We mostly serve contemporary and fusion Italian dishes.

I am curious about the cuisine unique to this place. — We adapted the familiar Italian dishes into our style and created a new taste. Furthermore, we recommend the best food and wine pairings based on the customer's taste.

Is there anything you would like to say to the customers at the restaurant and the readers of <Incheon Now>? — We aim to serve good food in a casual and comfortable space. We will always listen to our customers and strive to provide delicious dishes and friendly service.

LGRE ESPRESSO CAFFÉ

Leisurely time

like in the middle of the day in Italy

A café with an exotic exterior in contrast to a typical commercial building catches the eye. This is 'Lgre Espresso Caffé,' which serves authentic Italian espresso. When you enter through the large gate, you can see the barista brewing coffee in the open main hall. You can spend your spare time at the standing bar next to the hall or at the table.

Taste of coffee that invites compliments

The cafe's name, 'Lgre,' combines the Italian word 'Lode,' which means to praise, and the English word 'Grade,' which means quality. It translates to a 'cafe worthy of admiration.' It symbolizes Lgre's pride in serving high-quality coffee. You can choose and drink high-quality coffee to your liking, by adding cream or adjusting the sweetness of the espresso.



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- 1 — There is a 'coffee bar' in the center of the cafe, which adds to its grandeur
- 2 — Café's exterior makes you feel like you are in Europe
- 3 — 'Café Romano' with refreshing lemon and 'Café Lgre' with sweet cream on top



Address #101, 24 Incheon Tower-daero 132beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu Hours 11:00-22:00
※ All menus can be decaffeinated (except granita menu)

Lgre Espresso Caffé

MINI INTERVIEW



OWNER **LEE CHANG-HYUN**

I am curious about how you began to sell authentic Italian espresso.

— I've always liked coffee. I used to drink sweet lattes mostly. Meanwhile, I had a chance to taste espresso and fell in love with it. I opened a cafe to share the taste of espresso with many more people.

Please introduce each menu you recommend to foreign and Korean customers.

— I recommend 'Café Brano' for foreigners since it is smooth and sweet. It is also the most popular espresso menu. The sweet taste of 'Chocolate Tea' and 'Café Lgre' seems to appeal to Koreans more.

Is there anything you would like to say to the customers at the restaurant and the readers of <Incheon Now>?

— It may still be unfamiliar, but I would like to tell you that espresso is a coffee you can enjoy comfortably and deliciously. Please come feeling comfortable. As always, I will be more than happy to treat you with a cup of coffee.

Going around THE TOWN TOGETHER

Exploring 「Sorae Port」 in Namdong-gu

Without traveling far, you can enjoy a wonderful day trip in Incheon from unfamiliar locations to your neighborhoods. <2023 Incheon Now> explores all charms of Incheon's ten counties and boroughs. In this issue, we introduce you to Sorae Port, where you may buy various fish while enjoying the history and a walk. Jennifer Christiana, a SUNY Korea FIT student working as a 'Global Reporter' with Incheon Now this year, introduces the location.



Reporter

Jennifer Christiana

- Member of the 'Incheon Now Global Reporters'
- Student of SUNY Korea FIT (Fashion Business Management Major)

JENNIFER'S PICKS

SPOT 1

Enjoy fresh seafood on the spot

SORAE FISH MARKET

Sorae Fish Market, which opened in 2011, is a place where you can enjoy fresh, sliced raw fish at any time. Regardless of the season, many visitors gather, and local festivities draw a large population in the fall. It offers a clean and pleasant shopping atmosphere, two floors below and three stories above ground. You can enjoy it immediately after paying for table setup if you proceed to the second and third levels with your own selection of fishes, ranging from flatfish and sea bass to clams, octopus, and small octopus.

Location 12 Soraeyeok-ro, Namdong-gu
Hours 07:00-01:00 (open all year round)

#Fresh_seafood #Clean_facility #Enjoy_immediately_after_purchase



SORAE PORT, PLACE FOR NEW EXPERIENCE!

Sorae Port is where I want to be when I need to get out of the hectic modern city. The area gives me a sense of both cultural and natural peace. The fun traditional fish market excites me, while the ocean's water and wind calm me. Visiting the museum was also very interesting since I learned about the location's history and growth. My visit not only heals but also inspires me as a fashion student through the elements I observed from the culture and nature of Sorae Port.



#History of Sorae #Suin Line_narrow-gauge_train #Experiential_exhibition

SPOT 2

Time to get to know Sorae

SORAE HISTORY MUSEUM

Sorae History Museum, which opened in 2012, is the first public museum in Namdong-gu, and it displays old photos of Sorae Port and its changing history. It's divided into four sections: Sorae Mud, Sorae Port, Sorae Salt Pond, and Suin Line. From learning about Sorae's history to visiting salt ponds and snapping photos at photo spots, your visit will be fruitful. A narrow-gauge steam locomotive ('Hyeogi-7') registered as Incheon Metropolitan City Cultural Heritage No. 4 is displayed outside.

Location 1605 Aam-daero, Namdong-gu
Hours 10:00-18:00 (Closed on Mondays)



SPOT 3

Parade of pinwheels embroidering the port

HAEOREUM SQUARE

Haeoreum Square, commonly known as a waterside square, is located along Sorae Port. The broad view of the port can be enjoyed while feeling the cool breeze. A walk along the road with multicolored pinwheels, in particular, adds to its allure. It is well-known as a site for couples to meet and for family trips, and many people enjoy walking about Sorae Port by themselves.

Location 1550 Aam-daero, Namdong-gu



#walk_course #pinwheel #View_of_port



#Specialty #Photozone #Sorae_Port_Landmark



SPOT 4

An observatory to make special memories

SHRIMP TOWER

Walking all the way around Haeoreum Square, you will come across the Shrimp Tower, which is shaped like a shrimp. It is a large-scale sculpture that stands 21 meters tall and 8.4 meters wide and depicts the characteristics of Sorae Port. Shrimp is a Sorae Port specialty, and the Shrimp Tower recreates the shrimp from the head to the long curving beard. Standing on the third-floor open observatory, you can view the entire sea in front of Sorae, making it a new landmark.

Location 1550 Aam-daero, Namdong-gu
Hours 09:00-17:30

Welcome to Shrimp Tower-!



LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

with my sweet friend, Bella

Global Reporters Contribution ②



Thanks to globalization, diverse cultures and languages co-exist in the one community. Hannah's story is a case in point. When Hannah entered university, she became acquainted with different cultures and countries, gaining global experience. Here are her reflections on her experience and the story about her new friend Bella.



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LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

These days, as the world becomes more globalized, many people pursue learning other languages and cultures outside of their comfort zone. The international students coming to the UAC are from the USA and from all over the world, including Malaysia, Ghana, Taiwan, Mexico, and more. Even when considering the United States, every state has a distinct accent, culture, and nature. Because of these, I believe the UAC is a perfect place for cultural exchange. As a freshman, I had great aspirations of making new friends, especially international friends.

MY FRIEND, BELLA

When I first met Bella, she introduced herself in Korean. "안녕하세요. 벨라예요." (Hi, I'm Bella.) I know many international students at the UAC try to learn Korean, but Bella's fluency impressed me. It didn't take long for us to become friends. I was born in Illinois, USA, and lived in Indiana, Alabama, USA; Perth, Sydney, Australia; and Seoul, Korea. Bella was born and raised in Utah, USA. We talked a lot about the cultural difference between Western countries and Eastern countries.

We also discussed how each state in the United States differed. I learned so much about Utah from Bella, such as how there are mountains everywhere, the main religion is Mormon, the majority of people are white, and how the people don't pronounce the 't' in a Utah accent.



INTEREST IN LANGUAGE

Language is one of the most common interests I share with Bella. As you can see in the photo, Bella's dorm at IGC had this "한국어를 배울 계획" (Plans for Studying Korean) written on the wall. She even studied at the 부산대학교 언어교육원 (Language Education Institute, PNU) and the 이화여자대학교 언어교육원 (Ewha Language Center) while in Korea. I've also worked as a Korean-English interpreter for the "2022 Goyang World Taekwondo Poomsae Competition (April 21-24)" and the "2022 Formula E Seoul E-Prix (August 10-14)." We're both interested in interpreting and translating. We regularly chat about our plans to become interpreters or translators and discuss it.



NOW: IN SALT LAKE CITY

One thing I learned after arriving at the University of Utah's main campus is that it is difficult to meet new friends because the campus is so large. As a psychology major, most of my classes are lecture-style, so there aren't many opportunities for interaction among classmates. Here in Salt Lake City, Utah, I usually hang around with my friends from the UAC, particularly Bella. Bella and I just attended a Tulip Festival in Lehi, Utah. As a newcomer to Utah, I was unaware of this festival until Bella told me that it is one of her favorite festivals and that she goes every year. The Tulip Festival was lively, and enjoying a picnic there felt like a dream. Thanks to the UAC, I met a wonderful friend, Bella, and it has allowed me to live a lovely life in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Tour of Open Port and Songdo International City for Global Friendship



A "BIG STEP" TOWARD BECOMING A WORLD-CLASS CITY

Incheon successfully hosted the largest-ever ADB annual meeting, demonstrating the city's global standing. Finance ministers and central bank governors from 68 ADB member nations visited Incheon to discuss the development and future of the Asia-Pacific region, while praising Korea and Incheon for its technological prowess, infrastructure, and culture. As a result, the chances of attracting the APEC Summit in 2025, on which Incheon is focusing, have improved.

DEMONSTRATING GLOBAL MICE CAPABILITIES

"The Gyeongin (Seoul-Incheon) Expressway is Korea's first expressway built with ADB assistance. It is even more significant to hold the General Assembly in Songdo, Incheon, which has grown into a global city." President Yoon Seok-yeol, who attended the opening ceremony, began by highlighting the Incheon-ADB friendship. Participants expressed surprise at Korea's amazing transformation from an ADB recipient to a donor over the last half-century.

Incheon, as the host city, fully displayed its worldwide competitiveness. The four-day event (May 2-5), attended by over 6,000 people, the largest number of participants ever, was a success. A briefing session was actively organized to attract global investment for smart city, bio/semiconductor, and other sectors, and the successful promotion of 'New Hong Kong City' was also given the go-ahead through active promotion for IFEZ. The drone performance, which was staged with a night view of the city in the background, provided attendees with wonderful memories.

People from all over the world visited every area of Incheon through tours that mostly explored Ganghwa, Open Port, and Songdo International City. Choi Eun-yeong, the wife of Mayor Yoo Jeong-bok, also joined the tour and made the participants feel welcome.

STANDING STRONG AS A GLOBAL CARBON-NEUTRAL HUB

This general meeting resulted in practical changes for common prosperity in Asia. ADB announced its goal of rebirth as a 'climate bank,' and various discussions on carbon neutrality and quality green jobs, cooperation and solidarity, took place.

To respond to climate change in Asia, the 'Innovative Finance Facility for Climate in Asia and the Pacific (IF-CAP)' was officially inaugurated on May 4, and 'DATAxADB' will be hosted in Songdo, Incheon in June as an extension of the annual general meeting. It is a conference in which specialists from the GCF, GGGI, and climate and environmental institutes present on the topic of "Climate Change and Carbon Neutral Technology." As a result, Incheon City is leading the way in paving the way for global collaboration and solidarity for common prosperity.

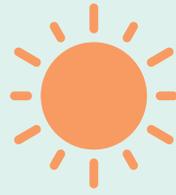
LARGEST ADB ANNUAL MEETING EVER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

Welcome speech of mayor, Yoo Jeong-bok (유정복 인천광역시장의 환영사)



Code Name: Solar Energy

A shortcut to a low-carbon city



Incheon actively utilizes solar energy

Solar energy continues to grow worldwide in the carbon-neutral era with increasing interest in renewable energy. Incheon has accelerated the installation of solar power systems. As a smart eco-city, it aggressively uses renewable energy sources to improve its environmental friendliness.



Photovoltaic facilities at Namdong Stadium

Closer to Citizens

Incheon Namdong Stadium, full-fledged power production from solar power generation facilities for public service

On April 26, Incheon installed the photovoltaic power generation facility in the second parking lot of Namdong Stadium in Incheon. The completion ceremony was attended by approximately 100 people, including the Incheon Metropolitan Government, Incheon Metropolitan Council, Incheon Sports Council, Incheon Sunshine Power Generation Cooperative, Korea Southern Power, and Korea Energy Corporation Incheon Regional Headquarters.

Last year, the Memorandum of Understanding was signed on Coexistence for Participatory Photovoltaic Power Facility Development and Operation at Incheon Namdong Stadium Parking Lot in a bid to expand the supply of sustainable renewable energy. This project was jointly promoted by the Incheon Metropolitan Government providing public property and administrative support and a public corporation and residents installing and operating the facility.

With a total photovoltaic power generation capacity of 965.5kW, it generates approximately 1.3GWh of electricity (enough for approximately 470 four-person households) and lowers greenhouse gas emissions by 560 tons each year, equivalent to growing 85,000 pine trees. Furthermore, it has the additional effect of providing citizens with convenience by acting as a shade in the parking lot throughout the summer.

Incheon intends to actively discover idle lands on public property, expand citizen participation projects to address climate change and share sustainable values.

For Cleaner Water

Operating 10 photovoltaic power plants and 1 small hydropower plant in 4 water purification plants in Incheon

Incheon started a 2.6MW photovoltaic power-producing facility at the Susan Water Purification Plant. As a result, 11 power generation facilities operate at four water purification plants, including 10 solar and 1 small hydropower generation facility. The water purification plant's photovoltaic power generation facility uses the upper area of the settling tank, filtration pond, and the rooftop of the water pump building. It generates 13,461MWh of power per year and significantly cuts greenhouse gas emissions.

The photovoltaic power generation facility of the Susan Water Purification Plant has a separate structure installed on the top of the settling tank to blend in with the natural environment around the water purification plant without damaging the existing green area. Because it can block sunlight, it is intended to help provide clean tap water while limiting algal growth.

Meanwhile, the Namdong Water Purification Plant has operated a small hydropower generation facility (capacity of 320kW) since 2009, producing 2,466MWh of electricity each year and gaining attention for its high-efficiency power generation. The Namdong Water Purification Plant's small hydropower-generation plant currently produces 2,466MWh electricity each year, enough for 10,031 households in Incheon to use for a month.



Solar power generation facilities at Gongchon Water Purification Plant

+ What is 'solar energy'?

It is a type of renewable energy that uses the sun's light energy to generate electricity. It is environmentally clean and noiseless because it produces no pollution or contaminants. Replacing fossil fuels, it is often considered an essential element for 'carbon neutrality'.

Information about INCHEON

Location 126°37'E, 37°28'N



Located in the very middle of the Korean Peninsula, Incheon is 28 km away from Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea. It consists of two counties, Ganghwa-gun and Ongjin-gun in islands, and eight districts in the land.

Population

Total population

3 million (Approximately)



Foreign resident population

6,364 (Approximately)



(Public Data Portal of the Republic of Korea, December 2021)

Terrain

Islands

168 (including 128 uninhabited islands)



Coast

Rias coast

Except for ten or more mountains, including Manisan Mountain and Gyeongangsan Mountain, it is a hilly area under 300m altitude. It has a long and complex coastline and 168 beautiful islands.

Area

1981

201.21 km²



Today

1,066.46 km²



Incheon boasts the largest area among the eight metropolitan cities in Korea. The area was 201.21 km² when Incheon was promoted to a municipality under the direct control of the central government in 1981. Today, it covers 1,066.46 km² after incorporations and reclamations of several areas.

Climate

Four seasons

Spring 🌿 Summer ☀️

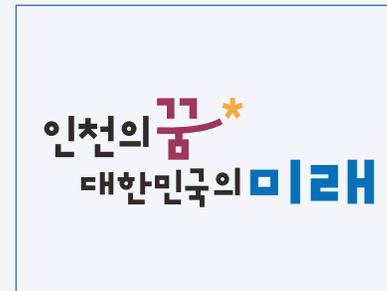
Fall 🍁 Winter ❄️

Situated in the center of the Korean Peninsula, Incheon is adjacent to the West Sea and has continental and maritime climates. The lowest temperature recorded in Incheon is -21.0°C (-5.8°F), and the highest is 38.9°C (102.02°F).

Infrastructure

Incheon has convenient transportation infrastructure, including airports and ports, according to the characteristics of a city that embraces the sea and the land. From Incheon International Airport and Baengnyeong Airport (to open in 2027) connecting the world and Korea, to subway lines and highways connecting Incheon and the capital region, Incheon's transportation infrastructure is becoming more compact. Incheon is also drawing attention as a MICE and tourist city where various attractions, such as mountains, downtown areas, and the sea, can be found.

Vision Slogan



The slogan of Incheon, the eighth government elected by popular vote, is the 'Dream of Incheon, the Vision of Korea.' The slogan's design has a 'star,' which symbolizes dreams and means that it will brilliantly illuminate the future of Incheon, where various information is exchanged mainly through the ports and an airport.

City brand

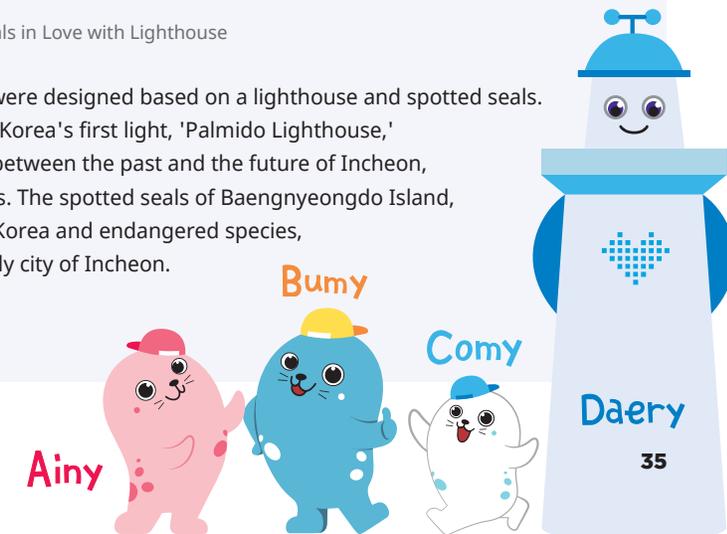


Incheon opens the way for Korea, connects the way to the world, and becomes the way for you and me. Incheon's brand, 'all ways INCHEON,' means that 'all roads lead to Incheon.' The core value is 'First Ever,' meaning that Incheon is Korea's first and the best. It refers to the dynamic spirit of Incheon, marking the beginning of Korea and taking on new challenges. It is this strength that has made Korea what it is today.

Character

Spotted Seals in Love with Lighthouse

The characters of Incheon were designed based on a lighthouse and spotted seals. The lighthouse, inspired by Korea's first light, 'Palmido Lighthouse,' represents the connection between the past and the future of Incheon, a city of high-tech industries. The spotted seals of Baengnyeongdo Island, the natural monuments of Korea and endangered species, represent the nature-friendly city of Incheon.



INCHEON NEWS

Delivering the latest major news from Incheon



1 Incheon successfully hosts the Overseas Koreans Agency

The Overseas Koreans Agency officially opened on June 5, 2023 in the city of Incheon. Through this achievement, Incheon has gained a new momentum to leap into a global city with the support of 10 million people including 3 million Incheon citizens and 7.5 million Koreans living around the world. According to the Incheon Institute's research findings, this new Agency is expected to generate the production inducement effect of 96.8 billion won annually and create 1,100 jobs in the region. The Overseas Koreans Agency is responsible for the works related to policy development and execution related to overseas Koreans and provides services and assistance for Koreans living abroad and their associations.

Global City Planning Division
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2 Incheon-style Reformation of Local Administrative System ... Supported by 84.2% of Residents in Jung-gu, Dong-gu and Seo-gu Districts



Incheon's restructuring of the administrative system was supported by 84.2 percent of respondents. According to the survey and opinion poll on 4,513 citizens in Jung-gu, Dong-gu and Seo-gu, 84.2 percent (3,782 persons) of the respondents favored the administrative system change. The reorganization of the administrative system would integrate and adjust Jung-gu and Dong-gu, divide them into Jemulpo-gu (tentatively named) and Yeongjong-gu (tentatively named), and reorganizes Seo-gu into Seo-gu (tentatively named) and Geomdan-gu (tentatively named). This restructuring is expected to help alleviate the residents' inconvenience created by the disparity in living areas and to lay the groundwork for a development strategy adapted to the distinct features of each region.

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3 Baengnyeongdo Island designated as a 'K-Tourism Island to Visit,' and Sinpo International Market as a 'K-Tourism Market.'



Baengnyeongdo Island, located at the northern tip of the West Sea, has been designated a 'K-tourism Island to Visit.' 'Baengnyeongdo Island, a Tourism Resort with 1 Billion-year-old Nature, a Star of the West Sea,' was finally chosen in a public contest conducted by the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism, winning the budget of 10 billion won for four years including five billion won from the central government. Furthermore, the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism named Sinpo International Market, Incheon's representative market with a 100-year history, as one of the 'Top 10 K-Tourism Markets (Traditional Markets Section),' granting Incheon 70 million won of project cost.

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4 SUNY Korea Museum of Modern Costume Holds Special Exhibition on World's Traditional Costumes



'Global Glamor: A Tour of Colorful and Exotic Costumes,' a special exhibition on the world's traditional costumes, will be displayed at the SUNY Korea Museum of Modern Costume in Songdo, Incheon, through September 27. This show will feature traditional garments that capture the cultural legacy and distinct beauty of 29 countries from Asia, the Americas, and Europe. The SUNY Korea Museum of Modern Costume offers free admission for all visitors on weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

※ The show will be closed from June 5 to 16 due to the Fashion Design AAS Exhibition of SUNY Korea FIT.



ENJOYING CULTURE IN INCHEON

Various cultures are flourishing in Incheon.
Enjoy culture and arts that suit your taste, such as concerts, exhibitions, and festivals, so the culture can bloom in our daily lives.

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<Mr. Trot 2> National Tour Concert - Incheon

It is time to bring out your inner excitement. The seven finalists of <Mr. Trot 2>, who sparked a national trot craze and became the center of attention, will take the stage at Songdo Convensia. A variety of stages have been prepared for the <Mr. Trot 2> event being staged as a national tour, since it is the first concert for the members to meet the audience directly. Let us enjoy live music and performances that touch the audience's latent excitement and profound emotions, ranging from cheerful tunes to sentimental songs.

Period Saturday, June 24 -
Sunday, June 25, 2023
Time 1 p.m., 6 p.m.
Price SR 154,000 won / R 132,000 won /
S 110,000 won / A 99,000 won
Venue Songdo Convensia

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Invitation to Depth II - Ahn Jong-do's Musical Play <Phèdre>

<Invitation to Depth>, a new drama series at Arts Center Incheon, is a project that transforms literary works into pansori, music, and play. Racine's <Phèdre> is recreated in Ahn Jong-do's unique music in the second season. The story of the Athenian queen 'Phèdre,' who falls into a disaster due to her yearning for her stepson 'Hippolyte,' is a masterwork that conveys the tangled emotions between love and social discipline. Jean-Philippe Rameau's music is used to round off the presentation.

Date Friday, June 30, 2023
Time 7:30 p.m.
Price All seats 30,000 won
Venue Arts Center Incheon
Multipurpose Hall
Information ☎ 032-453-7700

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



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