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All About [Treasure Island]



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All About Treasure Island

The first impression of the island that embraces the West Sea is cozy. It welcomes those it encounters for the first time as well as those who return because they cannot forget it. The magnificent light reflected in the blue sea, the sunset light instantaneously turning the sky scarlet, the sunlight that rises brightly after early dawn... This summer, Incheon's treasure island, with its endless lights and stories, calls to you.



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lille Beach, Seungbongdo Island
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Enjoy holidays in the Treasure Island of Incheon!

Trip to the Islands of Incheon, More Joyful Together

When summer comes to Incheon's Islands, people from all over the country come and share time and warmth because the islands offer lovely scenery, festivals, and new experiences. Let's take a memorable vacation to Incheon Islands, which presents beautiful memories like treasure.

Jawoldo Island (© Hong Seung-hoon)

TREASURE ISLAND

1 Feel the Islands: Music Festival

2 Enjoy the Islands: Tour Program

① FEEL THE ISLANDS

: Music Festival

1 ---- Joosum Joosum Concert
 2 ---- Daeijakdo Island (© Hong Seung-hoon)
 3 ---- Island Village Band Music Festival

Joosum Joosum Concert

Location Seopo-ri Beach,
Deokjeokdo Island, Ongjin-gun

Opening July

Homepage www.joosumjoosummusic.co.kr

DMZ Peace i Land Music Festival

Location Gyodongdo Island,
Ganghwa-gun

Opening August - October

Island Village Band Music Festival

Location Daeijakdo Island, Ongjin-gun

Opening October



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How to Get Closer to Incheon's Islands ▲

The 'festival' is the greatest way to enjoy the open nature of Incheon's Islands. Countless festivals are held worldwide, but the venue on an island is particularly distinctive because a lush forest and a cool sea surround it. In Korea, surrounded by the sea on three sides, particularly in Incheon, where you can see the gorgeous West Sea, each island hosts a unique music festival.

Romance Offered by the Sea with Music that Touches Emotions ©

Every July, the 'Joosum Joosum Concert' begins at Seopo-ri Beach on Deokjeokdo Island, which translates to 'Big Water Island.' You may take in the show while feeling the sea breeze on the lovely coast. The 1st DMZ Peace i-Land Music Festival is a relay music performance from August to October. It includes busking, exhibitions, K-pop performances, a PR center, and walking in the DMZ border area with four themes: Love, Eco, Art, and Peace. In October, Daeijakdo Island hosts the 'Island Village Band Music Festival,' which includes classical acts such as guitar and saxophone. It is a place of harmony where local musicians, residents, and visitors may all communicate.



ENJOY THE ISLANDS

:Living Like an Islander in an Island in Incheon

More Interest, More Islands! ↑

'Living Like an Islander on an Island in Incheon' is an experience-based tour program where guests participate in various activities using the island's resources and interact with the locals daily. It began in 2021 and will be considerably expanded and operational in 14 islands in Ongjin and Ganghwa this year. It exposes the actual charm of the islands to visitors through programs that use accommodations and restaurants operated by islanders.

New Way of Traveling, Locals and Tourists Together 🚩

The program for this year began on May 29. Not only the number of islands increased, but also the programs, such as the 'Milky Way Experience,' where visitors can look at the Milky Way with expert explanation, the 'Island Village Tour,' guided by residents, the 'Float Fishing Experience,' with the village head, and the 'Transparent Kayak and Paddle Boat,' were newly organized. In addition, Incheon will ease the burden on travelers this year by increasing funding for tour program costs by up to 50%. You can apply online (smart store) for 'Living Like an Island in an Island in Incheon,' which revitalizes the island's economy and provides tourists with unforgettable memories while interacting with locals.

Living like an islander in an island in Incheon

Period May 2023 -
Until the budget allows
[Instagram/blog](#) @incheondodolife



Ongjin-gun

- Bukdo-myeon (Sindo Island, Sido Island, Modo Island, Jangbongdo Island) / Yeonpyeong-myeon (Yeonpyeongdo Island) / Baengnyeong-myeon (Baengnyeongdo Island) / Daechyeong-myeon (Daechyeongdo Island) / Deokjeok-myeon (Deokjeokdo Island, Mungapdo Island, Soyado Island) / Jawol-myeon (Jawoldo Island, Soijakdo Island)

Ganghwa-gun

- Boreumdo Island, Jumundo Island



1 --- Dumujin Point, Baengnyeongdo Island
2 --- Muuido Horyonggoksan Forest Trail



ISLANDS OF INCHEON

viewed in indicators

Incheon is home to 168 jewels of islands, each with its own unique geographic and historical significance. Through INFO, you can learn everything from the basic information about Incheon's Islands, which you may not be familiar with, to the features of each island.

Number of Islands of Incheon

Total **168** islands
 40 inhabited / 128 uninhabited islands

Ferry Usage Rate

Nationwide Coastal Ferry Transport Record

2021: Approximately 11.46 million
 2022: Approximately 13.99 million
 Increased by **22%**



Incheon Coastal Ferry Users

2022: **1,727,422**
Rank by Route
 • Sammok-Jangbong 463,195
 • Incheon-Baengnyeong 325,840
 • Incheon-Ijak 233,715
 • Incheon-Deokjeok 215,128



Increased by **9.8%** compared to the previous year
 Largest number of passengers for the **second time** in history

'Bridge,' a convenient means that connects you to islands

Island-to-Island Bridge: A bridge between islands

- **Sindo Island - Sido Island** (Sinsido Bridge) length **240** m
- **Seonjaedo Island - Daebudo Island** (Seonjaedaegyo Bridge) length **550** m
- **Jamjindo Island - Muuido Island** (Muuido Bridge) length **1.1** km
- **Daeijakdo Island - Soijakdo Island** (Planned) length **555** m
- **Sido Island - Modo Island** (Simodo Bridge) length **431** m
- **Seonjaedo Island - Yeongheungdo Island** (Yeongheung Bridge) length **1,250** m
- **Muuido Island - Somuuido Island** (Somuuido Footbridge) length **414** m
- **Yeongjongdo Island - Sindo Island** (planned) length **3.5** km

Land to Island Bridge: A bridge between land and island

- **Main Ganghwado Island - Seokmodo Island** (Seokmodaegyo Bridge) length **1.41** km
- **Main Ganghwado Island - Gyodongdo Island** (Gyodongdaegyo Bridge) length **2.11** km
- **Ganghwado Island - Gimpo** (Chojidaegyo Bridge / Ganghwadaegyo Bridge) length **720** m / **780** m
- **Yeongjongdo Island - Seogu** (Yeongjongdaegyo Bridge) length **4.4** km
- **Yeongjongdo Island - Songdo** (Incheon daegyo Bridge) Total length **18.38** km
- **Jesam Yeonyukgyo Bridge** (Planned) length **4.67** km

Islands of Incheon Appreciated for Their Values

Baengnyeong Daechong National Geopark

- July 2019, certified as the 12th national geopark in Korea
- Application for the 'UNESCO Global Geopark' nomination
- Baengnyeongdo Island, selected as a 'K-Tourism Island to Visit' by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism

Sindo, Sido, and Modo Islands

- Just 10 minutes from Yeongjong Island, exhibits various sculptures in front of the beach

Ganghwado Island

- The 4th largest island in Korea (302km²)

Mokseom Island (Seonjaedo Island)

- Selected by CNN as the most beautiful island in Korea

Daeijakdo Island

- Designated as an 'Ecosystem Preservation Area' in the waters around Daeijakdo Island
- 'Grassy Sandbank' that appears twice a day due to high and low tides

Island Festival, One-of-a-Kind Attraction

Island festivals in Incheon let you fight the heat in the cool sea background by the stage in midsummer and fall in love with the islands' charm on a chilly day while enjoying the mood of the sea. As interest grows, the festivals become more diverse and extensive every year.

Month	Festival Name	Location
June	The 1st Blue Crab Festival	Yeonpyeong Marine Park and Yeonpyeong Hall in Yeonpyeong-myeon
July	Joosum Joosum Concert	Seopori Beach, Deokjeokdo Island
August ~ October	DMZ Peace i-Land Music Festival	Gyodongdo Island, Ganghwa
September	Ganghwa Grape Festival	Choji Plaza in Gilsang-myeon, Ganghwa
October	Island Village Band Concert	Marine Eco Center in Daeijakdo Island, Ongjin

※ For more information about the festivals, see the websites of Ganghwa-gun and Ongjin-gun (Counties)

Incheon's Islands Continue to Develop

SHINING WITH 168 DIFFERENT CHARMS



Incheon's 168 islands embrace heavenly nature, which is a great advantage. Additional aspects such as infrastructure and a living environment are required to become an "island you want to live on." Incheon is trying everything it can to make its islands popular tourist destinations by maintaining the islands' natural nature, history, and culture and compensating for lack of facilities.



Interviewee Yoon Hyun-mo 윤현모 인천시 해양항공국장

(Director of Maritime and Aviation Bureau, Incheon)

Q As the head of the Maritime and Aviation Bureau of the city, please tell us your thoughts on the first year.

A As the head of the Maritime and Aviation Bureau of Incheon, I would say it was a year of continuous efforts to lead the urban air transportation and logistics industry and improve the quality of life for island and fishing village residents despite the prolonged COVID-19 and economic stagnation. We have spent the last year formulating policies for maritime and islands, aviation, logistics, and fisheries. Because these areas directly impact people's quality of life, we prioritized citizens' happiness above all else. We shall do everything possible to make Incheon a true marine and aviation center city and a gateway to peace leading to the sea and sky roadways.

Q We are curious about the achievements of the Maritime and Aviation Bureau over the past year.

A We approved the preliminary feasibility study for the construction of the Baengnyeong Airport (December 27, 2022) to lay a tangible foundation for improving settlement conditions, such as improving access to the five West Sea islands and responding quickly to emergencies, and increasing the settlement subsidy by 30% in 2023 to increase the desire to settle down. Furthermore, we are attempting to encourage the long-term growth of fishing villages by establishing a fishing school where city inhabitants can obtain training in fishing and aquaculture for the first time in a metropolitan metropolis. It will be open in the first part of next year. Furthermore, we intend to boost the competitiveness of small businesses in the Incheon area by implementing same-day delivery service in the metropolitan area and a nationwide next-day delivery system by visiting and collecting items from small businesses as part of a logistics service demonstration contest project.

Q What is the meaning of the 'Baengnyeong/Daechong UNESCO Global Geopark designation,' which you applied for recently?

A The UNESCO Global Geopark designation is projected to attract tourists and increase local income by raising international awareness and obtaining international brand value. The evolution of the Korean Peninsula's crust in Northeast Asia a billion years ago can be seen on Baengnyeong, Daechong, and Socheong Islands. It possesses excellent geological values, including Neoproterozoic sedimentary strata and mantle rocks, Korea's earliest stromatolite fossil, and the Okjuk-dong coastal sand dunes, which represent Incheon. Incheon proposed using international principles to revitalize the local economy through geotourism.

Q Could you tell us about the major projects for 'revitalizing Incheon Island tourism'?

A We will develop Baengnyeongdo Island, which has natural beauty, into a competitive island and plan to nurture it as a K-culture tourist attraction sought by people worldwide. The island is selected for the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism's K-Tourism Island I Want to Visit contest project, securing 10 billion won for the project. We chose Daeijakdo Island in Ongjin-gun for this year's new initiative, Incheon Island Attraction Development Project, as a differentiated strategy to develop and nurture the island's unique traits. The experience-based program 'Living Like an Islander on an Island in Incheon,' which has been running since 2021, involves spending a few days with island people. It started with five islands (1 in Ganghwa-gun and 4 in Ongjin-gun) in 2021, and this year it will expand to 14 islands. This year, we plan to provide a richer experience by adding various programs such as paddle board, Nordic walking, and kayak so that visitors can enjoy marine leisure in the West Sea, in addition to float fishing, tidal flat experience, and sweet pumpkin baking experience, which were highly satisfactory last year.

Nongyeo Beach in Daechongdo Island. Incheon recently applied for a UNESCO Global Geopark designation.



Q Recently, the 'Baengnyeong Airport Construction Project' passed a preliminary feasibility study, and in 2024, the 'National Incheon Maritime Museum' in Wolmido Island is about to open. What changes will citizens feel?

A Because Baengnyeongdo Island is close to North Korea, night flights are restricted, and passenger cruises are frequently canceled owing to inclement weather. The inconvenience in basic daily living, such as tourist accessibility and the inconvenience of life on the island, is tremendous. By greatly improving tourist accessibility and ensuring the one-day life zone for Baengnyeong Island, the northernmost part of the West Sea, the development of Baengnyeong Airport is expected to lead to another

tourism renaissance in Incheon. Incheon is the first port of call in Korea's nautical history. The National Incheon Maritime Museum will become a representative maritime cultural facility that depicts Korea's history through the sea. When the Maritime Museum opens in 2024, it is planned to directly employ approximately 990 people and considerably reinvigorate the local economy, with an annual visitor count of approximately 1.2 million.

Q Please say something to foreigners living in Incheon or visiting Incheon frequently.

A Incheon has a variety of things to see, do, and eat, including high-tech new cities like Songdo, Cheongna, and Yeongjong International Cities, ancient Ganghwado Island, and the old downtown area around Incheon Port, where you can observe remnants of modern culture at the port's opening. Furthermore, there is Incheon International Airport, the entrance to Korea, as well

as a port, so accessibility is superior to that of any other city. It is also a tourist destination, featuring tidal flats that are impossible to find anywhere else in the world and 168 islands of varying charms. Above all, I believe that the genuine charm of Incheon is found in island tourism via the canal. Walking is enjoyable, and I strongly recommend taking a car or bicycle trip of Incheon Island.

Enjoy Special Experience

Unique Venue Incheon

④ 'World of Water Leisure' to Blow Away the Summer Heat

Even when sitting still in midsummer, we sweat. Staying at home simply because it is hot will not help. Incheon, a port city, reveals a world of water recreation that is both cool and thrilling to gaze at. Head to Incheon, where you can beat the heat and make many pleasant memories.



- 1 A 'jet boat' cuts through the current
- 2 'Hornbeam Habitat' adjacent to the beach
- 3 A cute 'little train' running along the beach

FROM BOATS TO TRAINS,
MAKING MEMORIES AT THE BEACH
IN SUMMER

Simmipo Beach

Cool run on the beach Simmipo Beach

Simmipo Beach, despite its small size, is known as the only beach in the country with unusually shaped trees and a forest of hundreds of years old hornbeams. A lovely train of cars glides through the coarse sand and round pebbles beach. The beautiful blue small train rattles as if running off the road. The seats are somewhat narrow. It is suitable for children. The 'jet boat' coolly crosses the sea; it is also a Simmipo specialty. The thrill begins as you swiftly cross the water and feel the fresh breeze. It opens at 2-3 p.m. when the water comes in. Keep it in mind when you go. Simmipo Beach also features a wooden deck road where you may have a stroll. Other programs like mud flat adventure and camping make it a popular family outing destination.

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Address 734 Nae-ri, Yeongheung-myeon, Ongjin-gun
Hours Varies by facility



ACTIVITIES IN THE SEAWATER PARK,
HEALING COMPARABLE
TO SEA ACTIVITIES.

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Songdo Central Park

- 1 Panoramic view of Songdo Central Park
- 2 To join the activity, you must go to the boathouse
- 3 Tourists enjoy various water leisure activities, such as boats and taxis

An Outing on Waterway in the City Songdo Central Park

Incheon features a seawater park in the city center where you may enjoy water activities. Songdo International City's representative tourist site is 'Central Park,' where sunlight falls on the river and softly sways. It is well-known for its expansive 1.8-kilometer-long site and breathtaking natural scenery. There are many visitors year-round, and various water activities, such as canoes and moon boats, are popular in the summer. It is nice to ride a bike or go

for a walk, but the genuine attractiveness of this place comes from the many water activities available, such as kayaking, water taxis, and boats. Canoes and family boats are available for rent at the East Boat House on the park's east side. Go to the West Boat House on the other side to take a water taxi. Let us look at the buildings and sculptures that border the canal of Central Park in the heart of the city from a different perspective.



Address 160 Convensia-daero,
Yeonsu-gu
Information East Boat House
032-831-4609 /
West Boat House
032-834-4609



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- 1 Rail bike to run along the open sea
- 2 Camping site inside Seaside Park
- 3 Breakers and rails automatically detected by sensors

Seaside Rail Bike Yeongjong



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A 5.6km round-trip track along the coast Yeongjong Seaside Rail Bike

The 'Seaside Rail Bike' on Yeongjong Island boasts a panoramic view of the West Sea and travels on a 5.6km round-trip track (Course A) along the shore with a 4-seater configuration. When you step hard on the pedal and begin running with the clear sea and blue sky as your companions, the stress sweeps away with the breeze. It takes around 40 minutes, and you can witness the typical Incheon panorama from Wolmido to



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Address 75 Gueup-ro, Jung-gu
Operation 09:00 ~17:20
Information 0507-1316-7778

A PLACE WITH A
CLEAR VIEW OF THE
OPEN WEST SEA

Incheon Bridge. After enjoying the rail bike, it is recommended that you make memories at Seaside Park, which opened in 2017 and offers a range of attractions, like an observatory, camping grounds, and tidal flats, and has become a Yeongjong Island landmark. On a bright day, how about running along Incheon's coast, which has many attractions, with a cherished relationship?

WORLD GOURMET TRIP
IN INCHEON

JAPAN



A Short Trip to Japan in Deokgyo-dong

In Deokgyo-dong, near Incheon International Airport, you can enjoy a short but wonderful trip to Japan. With a facade reminiscent of a Japanese house and an interior furnished with Japanese-style décor, 'Udon Matz' embodies the ambiance and the taste of Japanese food. In the afternoon, sunshine streams on the tidy hardwood interior, providing a peaceful mood within the store. You can dine alone at a bar table or with a group at a table and put your order at the kiosk.

덕교동 속 짧은 일본 여행

인천국제공항과 인접한 덕교동에서는 짧지만 임팩트 있는 일본 미식 여행을 떠날 수 있다. 일본 가옥을 연상케 하는 외관과 일본 풍 소품으로 꾸며진 '우동마츠'는 실내 분위기는 물론 음식의 맛까지 일본을 그대로 구현했다. 오후가 되면 정갈한 원목 인테리어 위로 별이 들어 가게에 나른한 분위기가 가득 퍼진다. 혼자 식사할 수 있는 바 테이블과 여러 명이 함께 앉는 다인 테이블 중 골라 앉은 후 키오스크로 주문하면 된다.



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+ '자매도시'란?

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Udon Matz

Address 57, Yongyu-ro 21beon-gil, Jung-gu (Deokgyo-dong)
Hours 11:00-20:00 (Break 15:00-17:00, Closed on Tuesdays)
Information 032-746-0771

우동마츠

주소 중구 용유로21번길 57 (덕교동)
운영 11:00-20:00 (15:00-17:00 브레이크타임, 화요일 휴무)
문의 032-746-0771

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 fourth choice is the 'Japanese Food.'

인천은 넓고 식당은 많지만, 내 입맛에 맞는 식당을 찾기란 어렵다. 하지만 <2023 인천 나우>의 독자라면 걱정 없다. 서로 다른 국적도 문제없는 인천의 외국 식당 시리즈. 그 네 번째, 「일본 음식」이다.





WORLD'S KITCHEN



Cheese Katsu
치즈카츠



Chicken Nanban
치킨난반

A spoonful of sincerity added to the authentic recipe

After falling in love with the rich flavor of udon while visiting Japan, CEO Baek Ho-won founded the store eight years ago. According to the owner pair, they offer dishes with sincerity. The main cuisine at Udon Matz is udon, although it also serves chicken nanban (fried chicken with tartar sauce) and tonkatsu (pork cutlet). There are numerous menu options, but there is no need to worry about the food quality because they use original Japanese recipes, and all dishes are prepared with sincerity and professionalism. The mission is to deliver healthy yet delicious food while avoiding chemical flavors.

정통 레시피에 정성 한 스푼 더

일본을 여행하던 중, 깊이 있는 우동 맛에 반한 백호원 대표가 가게 운영을 시작한 지도 벌써 햇수로 8년째다. 대표 부부는 여전히 진심을 담아 요리를 대접한다고 말한다. '우동마츠'의 주력 메뉴는 우동이지만 이외에도 치킨난반, 돈카츠 등 다양한 일식을 판매한다. 메뉴가 많다고 해서 맛의 퀄리티를 걱정할 필요는 없다. 일본 지역 본연의 레시피를 채용해 모든 음식에 정성과 전문성이 담겨 있다. 화학조미료를 지양하고 건강하되 맛있는 음식을 제공하는 것이 이곳의 신조다.

Enjoy Chewy Texture, Bukkake Udon

In Korea, udon with hot soup is ubiquitous, but the appeal of udon in Japan is that you can have it hot or cold, depending on your desire. Bukkake Udon is the signature dish of 'Udon Matz,' customer reviews frequently mention that the chewy noodles and refreshing soup are much like the ones they had in Japan. They spent a long time perfecting the recipe to provide the best flavor of the dish's most crucial components, the noodles and sauce. As a result, they produced the flavorful soup using anchovies and kelp from throughout the country, as well as chewy noodles from double age.

쫄깃하게 즐기는 붓카케 우동

한국에서는 우동을 뜨거운 국물에 먹는 것이 보편적이지만, 일본은 취향에 따라 '냉·온'을 골라 먹을 수 있다는 점이 매력이다. '우동마츠'의 시그니처 메뉴 역시 붓카케 우동으로 쫄깃한 면발과 시원한 국물이 일본에서 먹었던 그 맛이라는 평가가 주를 이룬다. 가장 중요한 면발과 소스를 최상의 맛으로 만들기 위해 레시피를 연구하는 데 많은 시간을 할애했다. 전국 각지의 멸치, 다시마 등으로 감칠맛 나는 육수를, 2차례에 걸친 숙성으로 쫄깃한 면발을 완성했다.



Mini Interview



**PARK SEUNG-MI,
BAEK HO-WON**

OWNER COUPLE

박승미, 백호원

부부 대표

PLEASE BRIEFLY INTRODUCE 'UDON MATZ.'

Matz (Matsu) is Japanese for pine tree. In other words, 'Udon Matz' signifies our unwavering commitment to providing nourishment. Also, 'Matz' means fool in German, hence a 'fool who fell in love with udon.'

'우동마츠'에 대해 간단히 소개해 주세요.

'마츠'는 일본어로 소나무를 의미합니다. 즉 '우동마츠'에는 변하지 않는 마음으로 음식을 제공하겠다는 저희의 마음이 담겨 있습니다. 또한 독일어로 '마츠'는 바보라는 뜻인데요. 따라서 '우동에 빠진 바보'라는 이중적 의미가 되기도 합니다.

WE ARE CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR SIGNATURE.

We recommend the Bukkake Udon, which fully allows you to enjoy the chewy udon noodles' texture. Pour tsuyu sauce that has been aged for 90 days, and you will feel the excellent savory taste inside your mouth.

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IF YOU COULD DESCRIBE 'UDON MATZ' IN ONE WORD.

'Udon Matz' is where everyone may try Sanuki udon. We want to provide a healthy environment where anyone can come and enjoy Japanese food's authentic taste.

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As restaurant owners, we have met many clients, and we are grateful to each and every one of them. It is meaningful to be able to convey how we feel in this way. We still have a lot to work on, but we always serve enthusiastic dishes. Please come and see us!

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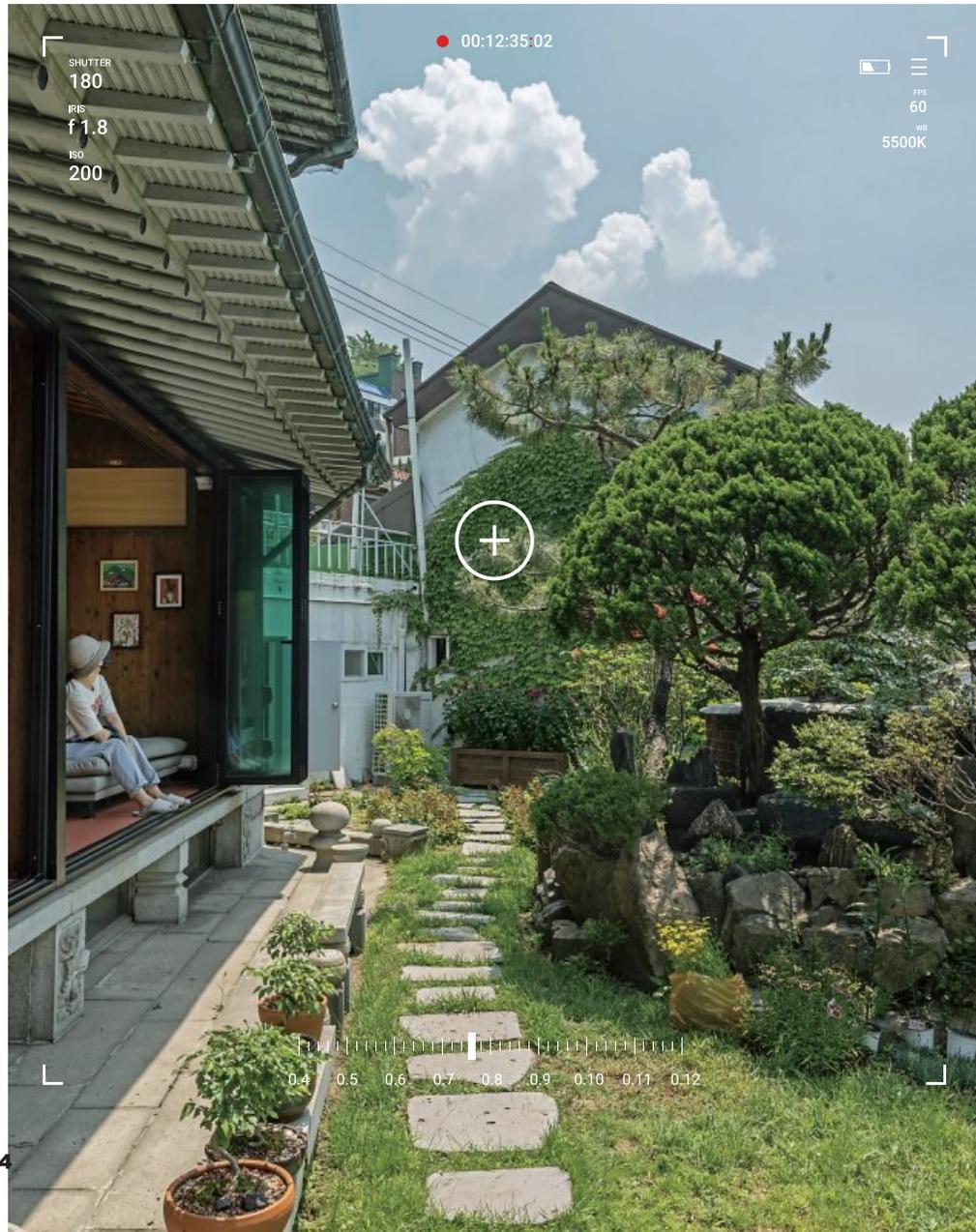
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100-year-old Stone Wall Capturing Old Stories

GINDAM MOTUNGI GIL

The same folks may be found in the lanes around the 'Gindam Motungi Gil,' which connects Sinheung-dong, Jung-gu, and Ssarijae Pass. Houses, trees, and people in the alleys were getting old together on the 100-year-old stone wall road in early summer, standing in the bright sunlight.

Written by Choi Eun-jung | Photograph by Yoo Seung-hyeon



#Old_Mayor'sResidence #Rebirth

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The old mayor's residence in Sinheung-dong becomes a complex cultural space.

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+ Gindam Motungi Jip

Address 10 Dapdong-ro
12beon-gil, Jung-gu

Information 032-765-0261



#ForCitizens #SpaceToEnjoyCulture

Sinheung-dong Old Mayor's Residence, Gindam Motungi Jip

A modest two-story building survives in the alleyway leading up to Yulmok Park, which the Japanese referred to as cultural housing in the 1930s. The ancient mayor's residence in Sinheung-dong was a well-known 'excellent house' in Incheon. Its position and size set it apart from the other premium homes on the street. The former mayor's residence in Sinheung-dong, which had been relegated to a lonely lane and housed a glorious prosperous era, has been reopened. The city of Incheon purchased this property in 2020 and refurbished it into a complex cultural facility. The first-floor living area retains much of its original form from the time of construction and is furnished with space for cultural experience programs and a study. The front of the living room is completely open to the yard, and the second floor still has remains of a Japanese-style tatami room.



Gindam Motungi Gil

'Gindam Motungi Gil' is a slow uphill road from Sinheung-dong past Incheon Christian Hospital to Ssarijae Pass. This stone wall road was laid in 1907. It is Korea's first road that Japan constructed to travel comfortably between Chukhyeon Station (now Dongincheon Station) and Gyeongingado (Baedari side).



#Opening_Port #HanokCafe_in_Residential_Area_EastIncheon

**Preserved the residence
Changed to a new leisure space**

Cafes have begun springing up one after the other in the lanes near Gindam Motungi Gil. CEO Lee Chan-woo (29), born and raised in Sinheung-dong, has a location called 'Cypress Cafe' on the street corner of Royal Dapdong Mansion. Three years ago, the old mansion was refurbished and reopened. The structure is a typical two-story Western-style house erected in the 1970s during the New Community Movement. It must have been the home of the hardworking Incheon people that boosted Korea's economy throughout industrialization. Representative Lee made the most of the situation. He injected new life into the old home, where even vestiges of its glory days had faded.

+ Cypress Cafe
Address 18 Jemullyang-ro
130beon-gil, Jung-gu
Information 032-777-8993



**Chapel Hill remembers
good days and bad days**

If you climb Dapdong Hill west of the stone wall road, a Romanesque-style building may be found. Dapdong Cathedral, the second in Korea and the first in Incheon, was completed in 1897. It was expanded in 1937, damaged during the Korean War, and repaired. For almost 120 years, the Dapdong Catholic Church has shared the inhabitants' joys and sorrows. Incheon has refurbished its historic church to serve as a resting place for locals. It contains parking, rest spaces, and night illumination, and the fourth basement floor is linked to the Sinpo Underground Shopping Center. A zig-zag path also leads to the sidewalk beneath the hill. We wish Incheon a better tomorrow, leaving the difficult days behind.

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*We will protect this space
where the memories of
Incheon people reside.*

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+ Opening port
Address 6-6 Dapdong-ro
12beon-gil, Jung-gu
Information 032-765-1883

+ Dapdong Cathedral
Address 2 Uhyeon-ro
50beon-gil, Jung-gu



#Dapdong_Cathedral #RomanesqueStyle #PrayerAndRest

#Preserve_Old_House_As_it_is #Café



Global Reporters Contribution ③

WHAT I GAINED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF Utah Asia Campus

Incheon Global Campus students study at the main campus outside the country for one year out of four. Campus life in another country is an experience that can develop broad thinking in the wider world. Hannah of UAC, who currently stays in Utah, USA, told the story from the main campus.



Written By
Hannah Paik

- Member of the 'Incheon Now Global Reporters'
- University of Utah Asia Campus Psychology Major

① Studying in both Incheon and Salt Lake City

All students at the University of Utah Asia Campus must attend the main campus located in Salt Lake City, Utah at least a year; there isn't any minimum you have to stay at the Asia Campus. You can change campus after your first academic semester if you want to. I thought this was a great advantage of this school. I wanted to study at a US education-based school, but at the same time, since I've never lived overseas without my family, I was a little bit scared. So to me, it was the best option to stay in Incheon with my family around then move to Salt Lake City whenever I felt ready.

② Benefits of the U of U Asia Campus

Thinking about the pros of the U of U Asia Campus, the first thing that comes to mind is the small class size and active support from the faculties and professors. Once, I was trying to apply for the UAC Global Trailblazer Scholarship, which is a scholarship that is open to all UAC students who are transferring to the main campus. I planned on creating a video, but as a psychology major, I didn't know where to start. Then Dustin, a professor in film major, gave me a hand. He helped me brainstorm and gave me some tips on recording the narratives in specific. Due to the small class size and thanks to all the supportive faculties and professors, I could reach out to professors in other departments.

③ Cosmopolitan city, Incheon

I love how our campus was located in Incheon. Incheon is known as a global city with the biggest international airport and port. The Incheon Global Campus emphasizes that Incheon is a global city regarding the trade and distribution industry and culture.

Personally, Seoul was the only place I've ever lived in Korea. So I loved adventuring to new places in Incheon with my friends. My favorites were the Incheon China Town and the National Museum of World Writing Systems. The museum especially had perfect English explanations; it even has a website in English. Those were good places to go with friends who came from different countries.



④ Advantages of the U of U Salt Lake City Campus

I came to the U of U Salt Lake City Campus in January 2023. I think the main campus's advantage is its diverse majors and club activities. I'm also planning to do a double degree in QAMO (Quantitative Analysis of Markets & Organizations), a major only the U of U has.

Also, various clubs and associations hold tremendous events, from language learning clubs like French and Spanish to sports clubs like tennis and water polo. Also, they have many associations with minorities. I've been to the Asian American Student Association a few times, and my friend used to be involved in the Association of Latino Professionals for America. This diversity will broaden my view and help me grow as an intercultural person.



ADDING PEACE OF MIND TO SAFETY IN DAILY LIFE



'Incheon Safety Situation Room' for the Safety of Citizens

It is Sunday morning, and a heavy rain watch has been issued due to the prolonged rainfall. All Incheon Citizen Safety Headquarters staff and related departments worked all night in the Safety Situation Room to manage the Disaster Safety Headquarters and worked hard to prevent rain damage by continuously working with fire and police stations. We went to the 'Incheon Safety Situation Room,' which is operating 24 hours a day.

Written by Choi Eun-jung | Photograph by Yoo Seung-hyeon

Incheon Living Safety App "Safe in"



Android



App Store



Team members



Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, Yoo Jeong-bok

INTEGRATING 20,000 CCTVS, INCHEON SAFETY SITUATION ROOM

The 'Safety Situation Room' is a safety management organization that analyzes safety risk variables in real-time and notifies linked departments of the situation in the event of an incident for a quick initial response. It is the only department in City Hall that operates on a 24-hour, 365-day basis. Various information, such as 20,000 CCTV images from Incheon, citizen reports, and radar images from the Korea Meteorological Administration, are continuously displayed on 24 monitors that cover the entire wall of the situation room. Six CCTV images around the reporter are automatically displayed when a report is received. When a disaster or a safety accident is confirmed, the situation is communicated to residents via various media, including the homepage, call center, SNS, citizens, and broadcasting businesses. Even while the ambulance is dispatched, you can check the video of the surrounding CCTV and the fire truck by simultaneously displaying them. All Safety Situation Room staff are on alert 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

DETECTING RIVER LEVEL IN REAL-TIME, INTELLIGENT WATER LEVEL DETECTION SYSTEM

Local and unexpected heavy rains are becoming more common as a result of climate change, and the risk of river flooding is increasing on a daily basis. Incheon City responded by developing an 'intelligent water level detection system,' which can measure river levels in real-time and respond promptly to crisis events. Water level measurement sensors were installed at ten river bridge locations in residential areas, including Jangsucheon Stream in Namdong-gu, Galsancheon Stream in Bupyeong-gu, Seobu Expressway in Gyeyang-gu, and Gyeyangcheon Stream in Seo-gu, in addition to the existing three points. The measured water level of the river is received in real-time at the city hall safety control room and is displayed on the control panel along with CCTV images. When the measured value hits a critical threshold, an alert sounds in the control room. Preventive measures such as access restriction are achievable by sounding 'caution' when sidewalks such as waterside pathways near rivers are submerged, 'warning' in the middle of the embankment, and 'danger' at the endpoint.

What is 'Safe in' App?

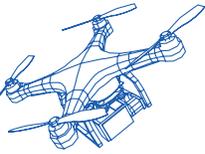
It is an application responsible for safety in the daily life of citizens. In connection with the integrated control centers of ten counties and districts, it closely monitors and responds quickly to the safety issues of citizens, such as women returning home late at night, children, and single-person households.

Explore App Features

Safe return	When you set a destination and start the service, it shows your location to your family and friends in real-time who have registered in advance.
Request for Emergency Help	Press the button to make an emergency call in an emergency, and the police will be dispatched. The user's location, photo, and contact information are transmitted to the integrated control center, and the surrounding CCTV screens are immediately displayed, enabling a quick initial response.
Others	It also offers functions such as viewing the location of your friend (child) and searching for nearby CCTVs, fire brigade, and Safe House (convenience stores).

DRONE-FRIENDLY CITY

INCHEON, EMBROIDERING A NEW SKY



Drones that fill the sky are becoming increasingly prevalent in our daily lives. Incheon, which has world-class technology and has moved one step closer to the future industry, has been chosen for the '2023 Drone Demonstration City Development Project,' which is broadening the scope of drone applications from UAM development to drone training for citizens and response to marine and air pollution.

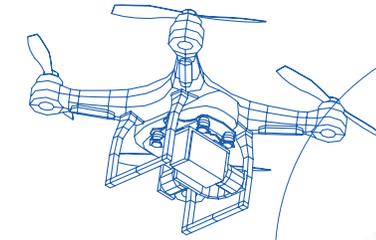
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Drone, Becoming a Light in Everyday Life

Drones embracing light filled the night sky of Songdo, Incheon, the nation's first 'night tour city.' Last May, the 'all nights INCHEON Multimedia Drone Show' at Songdo Central Park featured 500 drones and water drones. On the first day, a welcoming message was presented in conjunction with the start of the ADB Annual Meeting, and several drone displays depicting the history and charm of Incheon were held. A drone performance was also held with the Drone Expo, which ran for four days beginning May 17.

The '2023 Korea Drone UAM Expo,' showcased Korean drones' technological prowess and brilliance, was co-hosted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Incheon. Symposiums, familiarization tours, and seminars were held on the theme of 'New Daily Life by Drones and UAM, Drone Transportation and Delivery, and Leisure Sports.' Incheon demonstrated at the expo that it is the finest location for drones and UAMs, a mobility revolution.

2023 Multimedia Drone Show (Central Park)



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Incheon Drone Business, Now, Not Tomorrow

Incheon has been developing a drone pilot project in the public sector since 2017. Drones were employed in a variety of situations, including the search for missing people along the coast and hills, the monitoring of forest fires, the crackdown on illegal farmland burning, and the suppression of fires. Drones, a cutting-edge technology, have emerged as a new answer to social concerns.

Then, Incheon collaborated with Soombi, a drone startup, on the PAV development project. 100kg class CAVs (Cargo Air Vehicles) will be deployed to transport cargo centered on Incheon Port by 2025. Drones are also assisting in the management of marine litter, which is a persistent issue. Operating marine litter cleanup vessels on the most efficient path will contribute to carbon neutrality. Furthermore, Incheon is implementing 'drones in everyday life' by constructing a drone data center that centralizes public data collected by drones and educating citizens about drones.

+ PLUS

What is the 'Drone Demonstration City Development Project'?

It encourages the demonstration of drone use that is appropriate for the specifics of each location. This year, 40 local governments from across the country submitted for the initiative, and 15 of them, including Incheon, were ultimately chosen.



2023 Korea Drone UAM Expo (Songdo Convensia)



PAV of 'Soombi,' a company specializing in drones



Scene of Hyperspace 6G Development and Demonstration Cooperative Agreement Ceremony

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 ☀️

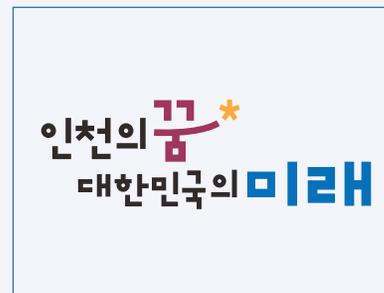
Fall 🍁 Winter ❄️

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

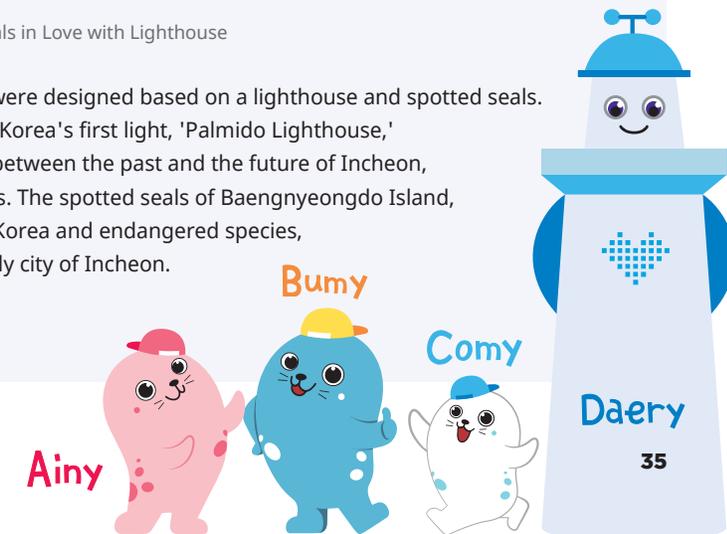


Incheon opens the way for Korea, connects the way to the world, and becomes the way for you and me. Incheon's brand, 'all ways INCHEON,' means that 'all roads lead to Incheon.' The core value is 'First Ever,' meaning that Incheon is Korea's first and the best. It refers to the dynamic spirit of Incheon, 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 Daeijakdo Island in Ongjin-gun, Selected as the 'Island Attraction Development' Project by Incheon

Incheon has chosen Daeijakdo Island in Ongjin-gun as the site for the 'Island Attraction Development' project. They intend to invest KRW 3 billion in Daeijakdo Island in order to increase tourism facilities and create content. First, they are examining a strategy to develop and market a tourism product based on a film about Daeijakdo Island. Daeijakdo Island is well-known as a filming location for the 1967 film "A Teacher in an Island," directed by Kim Kee-duk and based on Lee Mi-ja's hit song of the same name. 'Puldeung,' a massive sand shoal visible only at low tide, will also be utilized as a tourist attraction.

Island and Maritime Policy Division
☎ 032-440-4892

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Underground Road of Incheon-daero, Passes Central Investment Review... Aiming to Complete by 2027



The 'Gongdan Overpass - West Incheon IC Congestion Relief Project,' which involves the construction of an underground road on Incheon-daero (boulevard), has passed the Ministry of Public Administration and Security's central investment evaluation. This project will build a round-trip four-lane underground expressway (4.5 km in length) on Incheon-daero (between Gajwa IC and West Incheon IC), formerly known as the Seoul-Incheon Expressway, for a total project cost of KRW 504.1 billion. As the project moves through the central investment evaluation, Incheon hopes to finalize the basic plan for ordering the underground road construction project this year, begin construction the following year, and finish it in 2027.

Incheon-daero Regeneration Division ☎ 032-440-4182

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Incheon Opens 'New Middle Age Home' in Jemulpo Smart Town



On July 11, Incheon hosted a ceremony to inaugurate the 'New Middle Age Home' on the first floor of Jemulpo Smart Town in Michuhol-gu. The New Middle Age Home is 357m² in size and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Various projects will be carried out here to assist persons in their 50s and 60s in finding work and adjusting to their new surroundings. Regular recruitment briefings with the on-site recruitment center will be held, and the community contribution program and activities will be encouraged. People in their 50s and 60s accounted for 31.6 percent of the entire population of Incheon as of June this year.

Economic Policy Division ☎ 032-440-4273

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Twelve Athletes of the Red Rocks Thrill 1,000 People in Incheon



The Red Rocks' twelve members performed along K-Pop songs by Black Pink and BTS. They demonstrated their abilities in front of an audience of around 1,000 people in Incheon. The University of Utah Red Rocks athletes performed at the Songdo Global Campus in Incheon on July 1 at 2 p.m. The Red Rocks have won five Pac-12 titles and finished third in the NCAA for three years in a row. The showcase culminated with 12 competitors putting on a dazzling performance with powerful leaps. For an hour, the athletes distributed the University of Utah mementos to the adoring crowd.



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 that the culture can bloom in our daily lives.

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2023 Beauty & Health Care Show

The '2023 Beauty & Healthcare Show,' where you may learn about the latest beauty and healthcare industry trends, will be held for four days in September at Songdo Convensia. Since 2016, the 'Korea Beauty & Cosmetics Show,' a beauty show, has extended to include the healthcare industry. Visitors will be able to experience a variety of experiential events, including one-day classes, personal color, and skin diagnosis, on weekends in particular.

Period Thursday, September 7 –
Sunday, September 10, 2023
Price Admission 5,000 won,
free with pre-registration
Location Songdo Convensia
Information ☎ 02-3402-3102

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Healing Forest

The 2023 Artist View on City Exhibition will open with the theme 'Healing Forest.' It is a contemporary art exhibition that began in 2019 and is now in its fifth year. The subject for this year is a 'Healing Forest' found in a complex city. This exhibition, which gives a healing experience by displaying forests through artwork when many of them are dying due to urbanization, transforms the Incheon Urban History Museum into a green forest and brings the forests that have been driven out of the city back to the city center. Choi Seong-im's <Greenhouse> (Jaapmal), Kim Yoo-jeong's <Garden> (Soam Hall), and Min Byeong-hoon's <Mountain> comprise the show (Aam Hall).

Period Tuesday, June 20 –
Sunday, October 22, 2023
Location Jaapmal, Soam Hall, and Aam Hall
inside Incheon Urban History Museum
Information ☎ 032-850-6030

※ 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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Incheon Now is a fun magazine to read because it covers many areas of Incheon in one magazine. In the future, I aim to learn more about many aspects of Incheon.
- ✉ **Josh (Nonhyeon-dong)**
I am enjoying <Walk Around>, which was authored by international students. Thank you for informing us about areas familiar to Koreans but unknown to foreigners.
- ✉ **Alisha (Songdo-dong)**
Congratulations on the launch of the National Museum of World Writing Systems in Incheon! Conveniently, a text exhibition from around the world is being presented nearby in Incheon. I am dying to see the special exhibition.

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