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It is said that history is a conversation between the past and the present. We cannot go unwaveringly into the future if we do not reflect on the past in the present. Because of this, Incheon frequently remembers and looks back on the past. Incheon has faced hardships, reflected on the past, and moved forward. We are starting fresh steps today in the direction of freedom and peace.



Cover Description
Palmido Lighthouse. It was essential for keeping the safety of the late-night landing troops during the Incheon Landing Operation.

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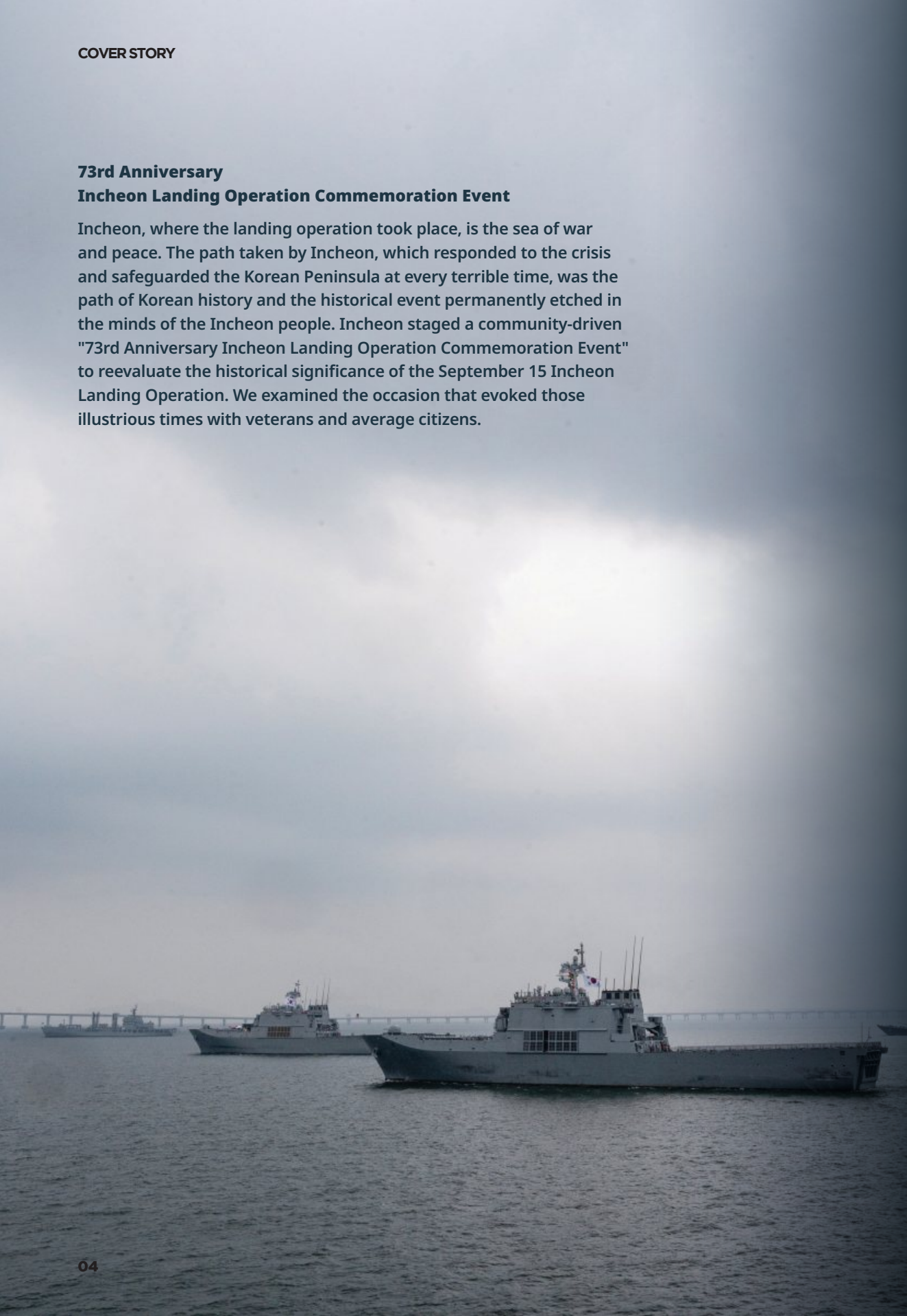
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73rd Anniversary**Incheon Landing Operation Commemoration Event**

Incheon, where the landing operation took place, is the sea of war and peace. The path taken by Incheon, which responded to the crisis and safeguarded the Korean Peninsula at every terrible time, was the path of Korean history and the historical event permanently etched in the minds of the Incheon people. Incheon staged a community-driven "73rd Anniversary Incheon Landing Operation Commemoration Event" to reevaluate the historical significance of the September 15 Incheon Landing Operation. We examined the occasion that evoked those illustrious times with veterans and average citizens.



Again and Forever

RUMINATING ON THE DAY



ALL ABOUT [HISTORY]

- ① Reliving the glory of the day with veterans
- ② Remembering the day with citizens forever

One

RELIVING THE GLORY

of the day with veterans

Incheon Landing Operation (Operation Chromite)

Date September 15, 1950

Meaning Under the command of UN Commander Douglas MacArthur, 75,000 soldiers and 261 naval ships landed in the sea off Incheon. In the Korean War, UN troops turned the tide by conducting an operation code-named "Operation Chromite" that allowed them to seize control of the Korean Peninsula's waist, including Incheon, and retake Seoul in 13 days.

Peace, the Challenge Left Behind by War

The fierce battles on September 15, 1950, notably those involving Wolmido and Palmido Islands, were magnificently reenacted in Incheon. General MacArthur oversaw the execution of the Incheon Landing Operation at a time when the war was in a dire crisis. This operation, in which the understanding of Incheon's terrain was paramount, became a game-changer that turned the tide of the war. Incheon prepared a large celebration to mark this occasion this year. By transforming the scars of battle into a symbol of peace and elevating it to a worldwide event, the goal was to reexamine the meaning of history and discover new values for a global city.



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Celebrating Victory and Honoring Sacrifice

The reenactment must unquestionably be the focal point of the "73rd Anniversary Incheon Landing Operation Commemoration Event." The Incheon Landing Operation took place in the waters near Incheon, and several festivities were planned to celebrate the victory on a larger scale, including the "Flower Offering to the Statue of General MacArthur" and the "Combined Landing Operation Reenactment" Veterans' presence at the event gave it a more profound message. In addition to rejoicing in the victory, participants pondered upon the souls of those who had to make tragic sacrifices. On the same day, a flower-offering ceremony was held in Wolmi Park to remember the people of Wolmi Island who had died due to American bombing during the landing operation.



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- 1,2 — On September 13, the Incheon Landing Operation Reenactment Media Day (Inspection on the Sea)
- 3,4 — On September 15, a flower offering at the statue of General MacArthur was held at Jayu Park.



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REMEMBERING THE DAY

with citizens forever

Engraving Peace into Citizens' Memories

The number of events in which veterans and Incheon residents can participate in the "73rd Anniversary Incheon Landing Operation Commemoration Event" has dramatically expanded as it boasts the largest size ever. New memories transformed the perception of "pain" into "peace," from street marches to honor the nation's veterans to a special film screening, an online photo show, and a warship boarding event.



1, 2 — Citizens participating in the warship experience event
3, 4 — A street march to honor the country's veterans is underway in the Dongincheon area

Warship Sailing Experience for Incheon Citizens

On September 13 and 15, Incheon and the Navy allowed locals to board a warship over two days. The combined landing operation reenactment included a victory ceremony on the ship, a display of the Incheon landing operation, and a sea inspection. Citizens were permitted to participate in the historical scene on the demonstration ship (Dokdo), while the main event was on the sitting ship (Nojeokbong).

Location Incheon Port Cruise Pier (Dokdo)

Organized Incheon, Republic of Korea Navy, Incheon Love Movement Citizens' Council



Patriotic Street Parade

A splendid street parade that you only see in movies took place in the Dongincheon area of Jung-gu. On the event day, a march was held from the Jung-gu Art Platform to the Bupyeong-gu Camp Market, divided into walking and vehicle movements. First, in the 1.7km section from the Art Platform to Dongincheon Station, the Navy military band, honor guard, and equipment that citizens usually see, such as police motorcycles, tanks, armored vehicles, and armored search vehicles, appeared, arousing the curiosity of citizens. The event shined even brighter by the presence of the mayor of Incheon, the head of Jung-gu office, military personnel, and other officials and residents.

Location Art Platform - Square in front of Dongincheon Station - Camp Market Area B

Participation Marine Corps and Navy Honor Guard and Band, veterans groups, national movement groups, citizens, etc.



DECISIVE MOMENT FOR PEACE

The Incheon Landing Operation is a significant event in contemporary Korean history. Here are some images that will give you a clear picture of the period. Jemulpo Club built a venue and hand-picked photos from various media to showcase the historical events and procedures of the Incheon Landing Operation. It encapsulates the pivotal second of that day when we sacrificed all to advance toward a peaceful future.



August 1950, Incheon Landing Operation, U.S. 10th Army Corps Commander Almond, Marine Lieutenant General Shepherd.



This image was captured during the Incheon landing operation while gazing toward Incheon from Wolmido. Beyond the Wolmido embankment road that cuts across the middle are hints of factory and port infrastructure.



General MacArthur and his company aboard Admiral A. D. Struble's private boat at Wolmido Island.



Troops made a second landing on Wolmido Island, according to the landing command, to support the First Marine Division.



1950, Street Battle to Recapture Seoul.



General MacArthur and his staff directed the operation while looking at the bombing scene along the coast of Incheon from the US Navy battleship McKinley.



U.S. Marine Corps First Division soldiers are cautiously advancing to eliminate the remaining North Korean troops in Wolmido Island.



September 1950, operational meeting aboard 'Rochester' (Donated by the U.S. Navy Office of Military Inspector General).



Commanding for inspection of Incheon port facilities Rear Admiral O. P. Smith of the U.S. Marine Corps, greeting General MacArthur upon his arrival at Yellow Beach from the McKinley.



Houses in Wolmido Island burning after bombing.

Incheon has always been the stage for large and small wars that broke out in Korea, including the French Campaign against Korea, the United States expedition to Korea, the Incheon Landing Operation, and the Battle of Yeonpyeong. We are now living in the vibrant, sparkling city of Incheon because there were patriotic martyrs who sacrificed their lives to protect the Korean Peninsula. We met those who adorned a brilliant history until Incheon became a 'city of peace and harmony.'



Those who brought glory to Incheon, the city of peace

INCHON LANDING OPERATION (OPERATION CHROMITE), WALK THROUGH THE MEMORIES OF THE DAY

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Interviewee



Kang Yong-hee

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(Head of the Incheon Branch of the Korean War Veterans Association)



Lee In-cheol

이인철 이북오도민연합회장

(President of the Five North Korean Provinces Natives Association)

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Turning Point of the Korean War, Incheon Landing Operation (Operation Chromite)

At 06:33am on 15 Sep 1950. 261 vessels and some 75,000 U.N. troops, led by the U.S. 7th Fleet, landed in Wolmi Island (Green Beach) in Incheon. Two U.S. divisions and two South Korean regiments participated in the operation. 1/5,000 chance of success. Incheon Port's waterway was narrow and the current was fast. The 10-meter-long tidal wave and squalid mudflats were the worst conditions for landing operations. However, General Douglas MacArthur, the supreme commander of the Pacific Allied Forces, carried out an operation that everyone said was impossible, reversing the unfavorable situation at once. Our troops, who landed on Wolmido Island and secured a bridgehead, advanced along the Gyeongin National Road and restored Seoul in 13 days to seize the victory of the Korean War.

The Memorial Hall for Incheon Landing Operation



Twenty and Went to the Battlefield

"I went to the battlefield thinking that I would not exist if I did not have a country. I was ready to fight for my life." Kang Yong-hee (92), Head of the Incheon Branch of the Korean War Veterans Association, joined Unit 8240* at age 20 and fought countless battles. After a fierce battle, half of his troops disappeared. He also has been through the crossroads of life and death numerous times. "War must never happen again. All citizens must come together to create a richer and stronger country. This is what I want to tell our descendants." Wolmido, the island in front of Incheon Port, defended the Korean Peninsula. Standing in front of the 'Green Beach Sign Stone' in the early morning at dusk, he feels numb and poignant. The roars of patriots that shook the land and sea 73 years ago seem to be heard at a distance.

Kang Yong-hee, Head of the Incheon Branch of the Korean War Veterans Association



*Unit 8240 An intelligence and guerrilla unit against North Korea that carried out guerrilla warfare in the islands in the West Sea, inland areas of Hwanghae-do, and the East Sea.



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People who Survived the Life's Ordeal

After the ceasefire, refugees who fled from the north to the south settled in Incheon. With native Incheon people they endured the pain of separation and hardships and built a new life by working relentlessly. They gathered mainly in Manseok-dong, Bukseong-dong, Subong Park, and Dokjaengi (Yonghyeon-dong), built huts, and formed a slum called 'Kkobang Dongne.' Dokjaengi is the hometown of Lee In-cheol (72), President of the Five North Korean Provinces Natives Association. His parents, who defected from Hamgyeong-do to South Korea immediately after liberation, fled to Busan with their newborn son on their back and returned to Incheon as soon as the war ended and settled there. The war damage was devastating. But there was no time to recover from the damage. "We had to survive in a ruined city. We survived on leftover food from US military bases and sujebi (clear soup with dumplings) made with coarse feed ingredients from flour mills... Even that, we could only have it once a day."

Lee In-cheol, President of the Five North Korean Provinces Natives Association



Sea Becomes Home for Displaced People

The sea embraced the displaced people who came to the south empty-handed. "I barely made a living by unloading cargoes at the dock or working at the Incheon Port construction site. "People without jobs made a living by gathering and selling coal that fell from a freight car from the coal dock in Manseok-dong or chopping and selling firewood from the mountains." When Lee was ten, everyone installed a briquette furnace in their houses. As their lives stabilized, the displaced people, who longed for their hometown, organized a hometown alum association to keep in touch with each other starting in the late 1950s. The association promoted scholarship programs for children of displaced people, the construction of the Mangbaedan Altar, and the establishment of a cemetery park for their families. This year, as part of the commemoration event for the 73rd anniversary of the Incheon Landing Operation, the 'Incheon North Korean Provinces Natives Cultural Festival,' an event for the unity of the displaced people, was held. Peace is displayed in Incheon by overcoming the pain of war and division at the Sangsang Platform at Pier 8 of the Inner Port on September 16 and at the Ganghwa Peace Observatory the next day.



Bukseong Port, site of Red Beach during the Incheon Landing Operation



The hot summer is over, replaced by a refreshing wind. The once-intensely-green trees and flowers abruptly transform into a spectrum of vibrant colors, exhibiting just as much grandeur as spring blossoms. We went to a park in Incheon, where the city center is infused with the scent of fall.

Enjoy Special Experience

⑤ A park in the city to feel the autumn vibe

Unique Venue Incheon

A PLACE TO FEEL THE GREENERY IN
THE CITY CENTER AND THE CHANGE OF
SEASONS

- 1 The view of downtown Songdo International City from the park
- 2 The bike path and walking path are separated

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A space of rest in the crowded city center, Haedoji Park

With more than 200,000 trees, a hill, a pond, and a musical fountain, Haedoji Park, which is 210,000m² broad, serves as a representative ecological park for Songdo International City. Haedoji Park, which connects the east, west, south, and north with green areas, is themed after Incheon, the city where modernization first started. The park is a well-liked hangout for families with kids since it contains a jogging track, workout equipment, and a sizable lawn. Please be aware that there are

statues and kid-friendly play areas that will make your walk more enjoyable. The park has a small hill, as implied by its name, Haedoji (Sunrise) — a sky as deep and blue as fall opens up as you climb the hill. The Metasequoia Road at Haedoji Park is a great place to go if you want to experience fall more fully. You can heal yourself with a simple stroll beneath the red maple trees. Enjoying the park with a book would be wonderful since the Haedoji Library is located there.

Address 51 Haedoji-ro, Yeonsu-gu



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Haedoji Park

Cosmos of various colors blooming in Gyeyang Kkonmaru (Flower Field)

Consider spending the autumn at Gyeyang Kkonmaru (Flower Field), where the cosmos produces a massive wave of flowers blooming all at once. Gyeyang Kkonmaru is well-known as a prime location for seeing flowers in Incheon, with fields bursting with cosmos in September and October and vivid yellow rape flowers in May and June each year. Seeing the yellow and pink cosmos in full bloom creates a breathtaking vision. The trail is lined by daepssari, which changes color based on the season, and the cosmos dances with the breeze.

Gyeyang Kkonmaru has uncommon flora rarely seen in Korea and is divided into three themes: Fragrant Forest, Evergreen Forest, and Wind Forest. With its silver grass and colorful maple trees, the Wind Forest is where you can experience the spirit of fall. Take fantastic shots with the flower field in the background while in one of the park's many photo spots.

- 1 Rest in the pavilion located in the middle of the flower field
- 2 Pink cosmos in full bloom



Address 106-1 Seoun-dong, Gyeyang-gu

BLOCKS OF COSMOS
ANNOUNCES FALL

Gyeyang Kkonmaru



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A trail filled with the scent of autumn Seogot Neighborhood Park

Seogot Neighborhood Park, which has persistently kept its status as the park for residents, is renowned as a park where you can thoroughly experience fall. In the fall, yellow carpets are placed in the park. Old trees with vibrant fall foliage guide us to a true autumn. Every time you go along the trail, the rustle of the leaves under your feet will arouse your five senses. Sculptures in the European style can be found here and there throughout the park, which was designed with a Greek garden theme. Additionally, there are numerous locations where you may take nature to the fullest

and multiple sports facilities for residents' health, including a football field, sledding hill, basketball court, and foot volleyball court. Seogot Neighborhood Park is also the starting point for hiking trails. It is also connected to Dulle-gil (Incheon Dulle-gil Course 2) and Seorioeum-gil Course 4, which combines Hannam Jeongmaek (Mountain Ranges), so you can continue the joy of walking a little longer. Thanks to the flat forest path, anyone, regardless of gender or age, can climb it without too much effort.

Address 151 Simgok-ro, Seo-gu



- 1 Autumn in Seogot Neighborhood Park, dyed in yellow



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Seogot Neighborhood Park

WHERE GOLDEN AUTUMN
LEAVES RAIN

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WORLD GOURMET TRIP
IN INCHEON

MEXICO



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 fifth choice is the 「Mexican 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 다섯 번째, 「멕시코 음식」이다.

+ Mexico

It is located in the southwestern end of North America, and its capital is Mexico City. The Mayan, Toltec, and Aztec Indian civilizations all thrived there. Spain colonized it in 1521, but the Agreement of Cordoba of 1821 gave it its independence.

+ 멕시코

북아메리카 남서단에 있는 나라로, 수도는 멕시코시티다. 마야, 톨텍, 아스텍의 인디오 문명이 번영했던 곳으로, 1521년부터 스페인의 식민 지배를 받다가 1821년 코르도바 협정에 의해 독립했다.

+ What is "sister city"?

It means establishing a special friendly relationship between cities to deepen mutual understanding through cultural exchanges. The city that has a sisterhood relationship with Incheon City is 'Merida.'

+ '자매도시'란?

도시 간의 문화교류 등으로 서로의 이해를 깊게 하기 위해, 특별한 친선우호 관계를 맺는 것을 뜻한다. 인천시와 자매결연을 맺은 도시는 '메리다'다.

Hola!, Mexicoria

A unique signboard with a vivid combination of chili, beef, and vegetables stands out among the old spaces. The "TAXCO MARKET" is located in the open port area of Incheon, where there is a wealth of modernization-era culture. The emergence of this location that pays respect to Mexico is congruent with the history of TAXCO MARKET, a well-known traditional market still in operation in Mexico. Because of this, TAXCO MARKET has a clear competitive edge thanks to its stylish façade, intense interior, and unique Mexican cuisine. To put it simply, "TAXCO MARKET is Mexico."

Hola!, 멕시코리아

오래된 공간들 사이로, 칠리와 비프, 채소 색을 한껏 버무린 이국적 간판이 유독 눈에 띈다. 한국의 근대화 문물이 즐비하는 인천 개항장에 자리한 '타스코마켓'이다. 타스코마켓은 실제 멕시코에서 운영 중인 유명 재래시장으로, 멕시코를 오마주한 이곳의 탄생비화에도 일맥상통한다. 덕분에 타스코마켓은 맛있는 외관, 강렬한 실내 인테리어, 오리지널 멕시코 푸드라는 차별화된 경쟁력을 갖췄다. 거두절미, '타스코마켓은 곧 멕시코'인 셈이다.



TAXCO MARKET

Address 75-1, Gaehang-ro, Jung-gu (Deokgyo-dong)
Hours 11:30-21:00
(Break 15:00-17:00, Closed on Tuesdays)
Information 0507-1360-1039

타스코마켓

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운영 11:30-21:00
(15:00-17:00 브레이크타임, 화요일 휴무)
문의 0507-1360-1039

Real Mexican Food, Born through a Period of Hard Work

Food that captivates the public's appetite is never created in a day. It can only be finished once the insight attained after many tries and errors has been experienced. This is well demonstrated by the Mexican food at TAXCO MARKET, which has captured the palates of locals and visitors. The owner of TAXCO MARKET, Han Jin-gyu, has spent much time studying recipes. In addition to learning Spanish, he also acquired and read every book on Mexican cuisine. As a result, "Tacos, Quesadillas, and Burritos," three authentic Mexican menus, were developed. They are currently offered as well-liked dishes at TAXCO MARKET and fascinate Koreans and tourists with their robust and thrilling flavors.

인고의 시간을 거쳐 탄생한 리얼 멕시코 푸드

대중의 입맛을 사로잡는 음식은 결코 단기간에 완성되지 않는다. 수많은 시행착오 끝에 얻은 깨달음을 맛본 후에야 비로소 완성된다. 내·외국인 모두의 입맛을 사로잡은 타스코마켓의 멕시코 푸드는 이 법칙을 보란 듯이 증명한다. 타스코마켓의 한진규 대표는 오랜 시간 레시피 연구를 이어왔다. 스페인어 공부를 비롯해, 멕시코 음식 관련 서적은 모조리 구매해 연구하고 또 연구했다. 그 결과 '타코, 퀘사디아, 부리또'라는 리얼 멕시코 푸드 3대장이 탄생했다. 이들은 강렬하고도 자극적인 맛으로 내·외국인 모두의 혀끝을 매료시키며, 현재 타스코마켓의 인기 메뉴로 절찬 판매 중이다.



There is an Interesting Display Stand at TAXCO MARKET

TAXCO MARKET is a grocerant* that serves Mexican dishes and imports and sells local Mexican products. The grocery display counter at the front of the store serves as its defining feature. The most popular spices, seasonings, and snacks from the US and Mexico are among the uncommon delicacies that must be flown for 17 hours to reach the shelves. People from Mexico are occasionally quite amazed by this and experience intense nostalgia. The gastronomic culture of Mexico has been brought to Korea via TAXCO MARKET. Let's take full advantage of this place's compelling and intense Mexican moments.

타스코마켓에는 신기한 진열대가 있다

타스코마켓은 그로서리* 매장으로 음식뿐만 아니라, 멕시코 현지 물품을 병행수입해 판매한다. 매장 입구에 비치된 식료품 진열대가 그 원천이다. 진열대에는 미국·멕시코에서 가장 인기 있는 향신료와 조미료, 과자 등 약 17시간을 날아가야 볼 수 있는 진귀한 식료품이 가득하다. 가끔 현지인들이 이 광경을 보고 매우 놀라며, 진한 향수에 빠져든다고 이처럼 멕시코의 식문화 자체를 옮겨다 놓은 타스코마켓 이곳이 전하는 강렬하고도 자극적인 멕시코의 시간을 온전히 품어보자.

* Grocerant A compound word for Grocery+Restaurant, a food culture space that sells a variety of food ingredients and allows you to taste food prepared with them. It is also called a 'complex food store.'

* 그로서리 Grocery+Restaurant의 합성어로 다양한 식재료를 판매하고, 그 식재료를 이용한 음식을 맛볼 수 있는 식문화 공간. '복합식품매장'이라고도 한다.

TAXCO GROCERY



MINI INTERVIEW

HAN JIN-GYU OWNER 한진규 대표

Q WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO OPEN 'TAXCO MARKET' IN THE OPEN PORT AREA?

I considered the aesthetic of the area when creating the brand. This is because indoor and external settings stimulate people's interest in food. The store's identity may be most expressed in the open port area, where the past and present coexist. Additionally, we anticipate reviving the market in the future.

Q WHAT ARE YOUR SIGNATURE MENUS?

There are plenty, but I'll pick "Suadero Taco" from the list. It is our signature taco and a representation of Mexican street food. Toppings include tortillas, green salsa, and onions. It is made with deep-fried beef brisket, tripe, and sausage.

Q COULD YOU DESCRIBE 'TAXCO MARKET' IN ONE WORD?

'Mexicoria,' which means Korea's little Mexico. It is the only word to explain the store's concept that has transported part of Mexico to Incheon.

Q PLEASE SAY A WORD TO YOUR CUSTOMERS AND <INCHEON NOW> READERS.

I've been managing the shop for eight months now. I appreciate the love and support I have received, although I still have a lot of shortcomings. We will continue to do research and work to become "Mexicoria, TAXCO MARKET" so that more people may conveniently enjoy Mexican cuisine. You will always receive the best rewards from us. Many thanks!

Q '타스코마켓'이 개항장에 자리를 잡은 이유는 무엇인가요?

브랜드를 만들 때, 공간에 대한 이미지를 생각했습니다. 외적 공간과 내적 공간이 음식에 대한 호기심을 자아내기 때문인데요. 과거와 현재가 공존하는 개항로는 가게의 이미지를 가장 잘 표현할 수 있는 동네입니다. 앞으로의 시장 활성화가 기대되기도 하고요.

Q 이곳의 시그니처 메뉴가 궁금합니다.

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From remote locations to your neighborhood. You do not need to go very far from Incheon to have a productive day excursion. A look at the ten counties and boroughs of Incheon is provided in 2023 Incheon Now. We traveled to Central Park, a place of cultural respite where nature and the city coexist, to explore this topic. We were joined by Ray, a George Mason University student who has been working with Incheon Now this year as a "global reporter."



Going around **THE TOWN TOGETHER**

Exploring Yeonsu-gu 「Central Park Area」



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SONGDO CENTRAL PARK, A PLACE TO FEEL AT EASE!

Songdo is my home, not only because I live here but also because it feels like it. When the weather is as great as it usually is, I enjoy visiting Central Park and taking in the scenery. I can let my mind wander, whether by the water or over a delicious coffee and cake in a cafe. Living so close to the sea is truly a blessing. I love it when I can enjoy the view in the distance. I am thankful that I can live and love here in Songdo.

WALK AROUND

A Quiet Walk in All Seasons

CENTRAL PARK

When visiting Songdo, you absolutely must check this place out. At whatever time of day or night, Central Park, a marine park that embraces the water, offers a breathtaking vista. This expansive park, which is 1.8 km long and provides a welcome respite in a city of lofty buildings, is constantly crowded with tourists. Water sports, including canoeing, kayaking, and moon boating, are popular here. The best part about Central Park is undoubtedly strolling across it in the cool fall air.

Location 160 Convensia-daero, Yeonsu-gu

#Holy_place_for_walking #Rest_area_in_the_city #Seawater_park



Time to Explore Unique Appearances
TRI-BOWL

The Tri-Bowl is the emblem of Songdo Central Park and is distinctive from the outset due to its fan shape. It is the only construction in the entire world to have an inverted shell shape that widens toward the top. This describes Korea's topographical features, which include a lot of hills and valleys. The Tri-Bowl hosts a variety of events and art exhibitions since it is a dynamic cultural space.

Location 250 Incheon Tower-daero, Yeonsu-gu

#World_First #InverteShellStructure #Magnificent #CulturalSpace



Full of European Atmosphere

ART FORE

A brick building in the European style will be seen after a five-minute stroll from the Tri-Bowl. "Art Fore" is a street mall that has a foreign country-like feel to it, from the streets to the building's facade. There are numerous spaces in one location, including restaurants, cafes, workshops, and academies. Visit "Art Fore" if you visit Central Park or the Art Center Incheon, where you may find everything in one location.

Location 257 Incheon Tower-daero, Yeonsu-gu

#EuropeInSongdo #VariousStores #StreetMall



Secret Garden Only for Us
CAFE GAD

A little garden at Art Fore serves delectable coffee and pastries. Cafe Gad is a hidden gem in Art Fore, where you can experience a vintage atmosphere. From the moment you enter, the interior's wood tones, soft lighting, and plenty of live plants create a pleasant atmosphere. The owner, who smiles warmly as he welcomes clients, has a variety of scones on the stand in front of him. Encre coffee, the house specialty, has the appearance of someone sprinkling ink on white cream drawing paper.

Location #B-104, 1st floor, Building B,
257 Incheon Tower-daero, Yeonsu-gu

#Garden-likeCafe #CoffeeAndDesserts #CozySpace



Stairway to Heaven

OCEAN SCOPE

You may get a panoramic view of the sea off Incheon at "Ocean Scope," an observatory you should not miss in Songdo, by simply climbing up the shipping container stairs. This sculpture of a container serves as a representation of Incheon, the hub of marine logistics. There are two containers towards the city center and three containers facing the lake. Even though it is getting harder to see, the Incheon Bridge nevertheless provides a place where locals can temporarily feel better.

Location 385-1 Incheon Tower-daero, Yeonsu-gu

#Landscape_sculpture #Photo zone #Sea_Landscape

Global Reporters Contribution ④

ENGLISH WRITING SKILLS IMPROVED IN COLLEGE

Writing well in your native language is not easy. Writing in a foreign language is even more challenging. However, if you constantly try, brighter days come at last. We traced the intense and long journey of 'Ui-jeong,' who found it difficult to order something at a restaurant in the United States, up to the days before graduation from SUNY Korea.



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Experiencing America for The First Time in My Life

In my final year of high school, I lived and studied in school and crammer. But part of me imagined spending my days swimming and relaxing on a beach in America. I had always dreamed of living abroad, and after taking the college entrance exam, I prepared for a language course in the United States as if it were a reward for the days I had to give up everything to study. My life in America began abruptly and can be perfectly described by a common saying, "Those who are ignorant are brave." Because my English was poor, I used my body language when ordering, and for a while, Korean often came out while trying to speak English.

From the First Level Test to Class Assignment

In America, there are different races of people, different lifestyles, and different ways of seeing life. As I experienced and learned many things besides English at an American university, I realized I wanted to continue studying abroad. I returned to Korea and enrolled in the Applied Mathematics and Statistics department at SUNY Korea. After admission, the class level for English and math is determined through a level test. The test results showed that my math was okay, but my English writing was problematic. There are four levels: WAE192 → WAE194 → WRT101 → WRT102, and you must pass WRT101 at the end to graduate. My English level was WAE194. At the time, I felt a dire need for English writing skills.



English Writing, Improving Step by Step

I thought writing skills depended on how much I was exposed to. I set aside some time daily to read internet news, etc., increasing the time gradually, like 10 minutes at first and 30 minutes after a month. Afterward, I copied down and memorized sentences I liked and sometimes made references to YouTube videos on writing. After becoming familiar with English sentences, I wrote a short story about my daily activities or a diary. After about three months of doing this, my fear of writing in English disappeared, and good sentences began to be imprinted in my mind. If I am not consistent, I can go back to the beginning. I must always keep writing and not lose my sense of it.

Completing All Writing Classes

I only knew how to write short sentences, but I could write five pages this way. This is a way to improve your writing skills in a short time. If you have your own study method, you can also combine it with this method. When I first enrolled, I only dreamed of a happy campus life, but in reality, it was not easy because there was a lot to do, from department assignments to writing. I was regretting at some point, but a friend told me, "You decided to come to this school, so hang in there." In the end, I passed the final writing course, and I am about to graduate. All this became a positive episode in my life, showing that I worked hard.





KOREANS IN JAPAN : THE HISTORY OF OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

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



"Koreans in Japan: the history of overcoming adversity" is the title of a special exhibition that the Museum of Korea Emigration History, the Dongnong Memorial Association Kang Deok Sang Data Center, and the Museum of Korean Japanese History are co-hosting. It depicted the struggles of Koreans living in Japan under the name "Zainichi" for more than 100 years.

Koreans in Japan : the history of overcoming adversity

Location Special Exhibition Hall,
The Museum of Korea Emigration History

Period August 29 – December 3, 2023



ENDURING OVER 100 YEARS WITH A HEART FOR THE MOTHERLAND

Koreans first arrived in Japan during the colonial era. Korean colonial immigrants faced a harsh, risky, and hard life in Japan after crossing the sea to escape their poverty. After being liberated, the Koreans who remained in Japan assimilated into Japanese society, battling racial and institutional prejudice and referring to themselves as "Zainichi." They never wavered in their affection for their native land despite their constant struggles for survival.

The exhibition hall showcases unique, original artifacts from the Great Kanto Earthquake of September 1923, including pictures, calligraphy, paintings, and photographs of Japanese vigilantes and Korean victims, as well as press coverage from the time. In addition, a lot of photos, videos, as well as actual abacus and pachinko, are used to decorate everything in three dimensions, from the lives of forcibly mobilized Korean workers to the strong appearance of Zainichi, who continues to make one improvement after another while leading a challenging life amid discrimination that does not change even after liberation.



LOOKING INTO THE HISTORY OF KOREANS IN JAPAN

The exhibition spans the historical constraints of Japanese colonial authority and the separation of the Korean Peninsula with the opening display, "Koreans Crossing the Strait to Escape Poverty," and the closing display, "Koreans Japanese' Love for Motherland." Despite prejudice and hardship, Koreans living in Japan provided assistance to Korea in a variety of ways. With no military service numbers, 642 young Koreans living in Japan at the time of the Korean War took part in the Incheon Landing Operation and the Pyongyang Recapture Operation as the so-called "Volunteer Army from Japan."

Beginning in the 1960s after the ceasefire, people began to financially assist their homeland. The launch of the Guro Industrial Complex, the fundraising effort for the 1988 Seoul Olympics, and the currency remittance drive during the IMF foreign exchange crisis all received their full support. Their passion for their own place also inspired the breathtaking views of Jinhangjae cherry blossoms and the mandarin oranges on Jeju Island.



INCHEON OPEN PORT CULTURE NIGHT,

TAKING STEPS TOWARD AN ECO-FRIENDLY FESTIVAL

Operate eco-friendly programs for visitors

Incheon's efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045 continue at the festival. A number of carbon-neutral initiatives were carried out by <2023 Incheon Open Port Culture Night>, including using reusable containers and promoting public transit throughout the festival. We went to the festival grounds, where many attendees were taking action to become carbon-neutral.

Photograph Courtesy of Jung-gu Office



Open Port Night, More Beautiful than Day

With more than a century of history, the Open Port Street in Jung-gu, Incheon, is a unique location that grants the gift of time travel simply by walking. Here and there, you can still witness remnants of the past and different cultural artifacts. Every fall, the Jung-gu Office hosts a festival to honor this, with the elegantly illuminated night of the harbor as a backdrop. The "Incheon Open Port Culture Night" is jam-packed with events that let you take advantage of the open port's cultural assets in numerous ways. Eight programs were run under the "Eight Nights" concept during the first night tour last August. For the occasion, cultural institutions representing the open port's contemporary value, such as the Modern Architecture Museum and the Incheon Open Port Museum, were opened at night, and several experiential activities were planned to provide participants a chance to learn about the port's past. Additionally, the "Media Art Show" featured a vibrant LED performance deserving of the moniker of a night tour. There were also other activities in which the public could take part, including "Storytelling Walking Tour," "Incheon Easy (App) Mobile Stamp Tour," and "140-person flash mob."

Eco-friendly Night Walk for Carbon Neutrality

This year's "Incheon Open Port Culture Night" will feature a brand-new activity. The festival's theme was "eco-friendliness." In addition to Incheon City's commitment to becoming carbon neutral by 2045, residents could engage in a modest and simple carbon neutrality exercise at night at the open port. By putting together various carbon-neutral programs like the "Use Container Challenge," which was the first night trip to carry food in a reusable container, and the "Open Port Eco Friends" program, which lowers carbon footprints by promoting the use of public transportation, it was positively evaluated as an example of a "eco-friendly night trip." With the second night tour, which will take place in October, the "2023 Incheon Open Port Culture Night" will end. On a crisp fall night, visit the Incheon Open Port to admire stunning lights and cultural landmarks. More specific information is available on the website and SNS for the Incheon Open Port Culture Night.



+ 2023 Incheon Open Port Culture Night

Host	Incheon Jung-gu Office, Cultural Heritage Administration
Organizer	Incheon Tourism Organization
Sponsored	Incheon Metropolitan Government
Period	First Night Saturday, August 26 – Sunday, August 27, 2023 Second Night Saturday, October 21 – Sunday, October 22, 2023
Location	Incheon Open Port Cultural District
Website	www.culturenight.co.kr

- 1, 2 Incheon Open Port Culture Night (Photograph: Courtesy of Jung-gu Office)
3 Eco-friendly Program: Eco Station
4 Eco-friendly program: Container Station

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

인천의 꿈
대한민국의 미래

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

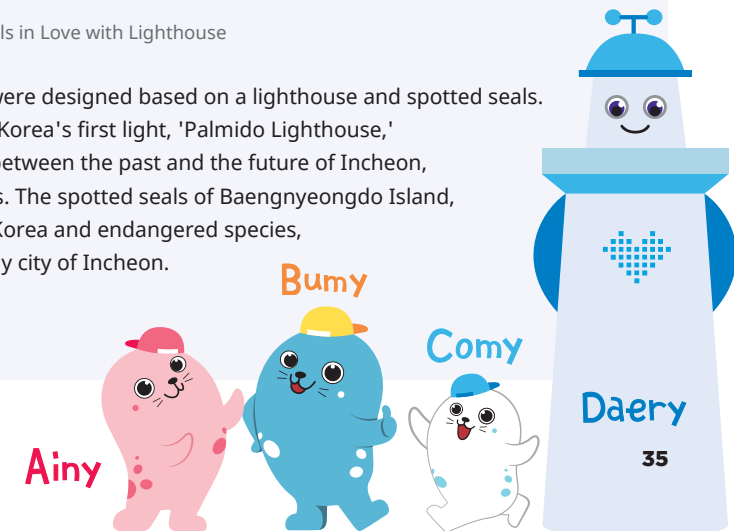
all ways INCHEON

Incheon opens the way for Korea, connects the way to the world, and becomes the way for you and me. Incheon's brand, 'all ways INCHEON,' 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 73rd Anniversary Incheon Landing Operation Commemorative Event Ended in Success

With participation from people from all walks of life, the "73rd Anniversary Incheon Landing Operation Commemoration Event," which was staged on the largest scale ever, was a success. The Incheon Landing Operation of September 15 was reviewed for historical significance and value during the month of September, and events honoring the sacrifice and commitment of UN forces who took part in the war were held throughout Incheon, including the waters off Incheon Port and the Camp Market. Both a street parade in honor of the Patriots and the ceremony commemorating the 73rd anniversary of the Incheon Landing Operation's victory were held. It will be promoted in 2025 as a significant international occasion, and the leaders of eight nations that took part in the Korean War will be invited.

General Affairs Division ☎ 032-440-2402

2 No Tolls for Yeongjong and Incheon Bridge for Residents of Yeongjongdo Island and Bukdo-myeon, Starting in October



Beginning on October 1, Yeongjong Bridge and Incheon Bridge will no longer require a toll for inhabitants of Yeongjong Island and Bukdo-myeon, Ongjin-gun. In addition, the Hi-Pass system exclusively for local residents is being implemented for the first time in the country. This policy supports one vehicle per household for one round trip per day. The Yeongjong-Incheon Bridge Toll Reduction Plan was created by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport in February, and Incheon started implementing the toll-free plan by adding support funds. As a result, residents' quality of life greatly improved.

Road Division ☎ 032-440-3795

3 'DMZ Peace i-Land Music Festival in Ganghwa'



The "2023 DMZ Peace i-Land Music Festival in Ganghwa" was held by Incheon Metropolitan City, Incheon Tourism Organization, and Ganghwa-gun from September 16 to 17 at Hwagae Garden on Gyodongdo Island. A variety of events were held during this festival in Incheon, the only island area bordering the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), including busking performances with themes of love, ecology, art, and peace, a K-pop concert wishing for peace, a peace talk concert, a peace sound play, hiking and plogging along the Ganghwa course of the DMZ Peace Road, promotions, and experience centers.

Tourism MICE Division ☎ 032-440-4004

4 Eco-friendly Electric Propulsion Boat Begins Operation in Songdo Central Park



The environmentally friendly electric propulsion boat "Central Canal" will start running in Songdo Central Park on October 15. The Central Canal was the first boat in Korea to be entirely powered by electric batteries, and IFEZ ordered it. Production started in December 2021 and took around a year and nine months to finish. Environmentally friendly and very fuel efficient, electric propulsion boats do not even emit any pollution. In addition, it produces less noise and vibration and demonstrates superb control performance, delivering a good riding experience. It is anticipated to make a significant contribution to promoting IFEZ, which is being built as a sustainable global city.

Environment and Greenery Division ☎ 032-453-7912



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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Koreans in Japan: the history of overcoming adversity

The Museum of Korea Emigration History hosts a unique exhibition about Koreans in Japan at the Incheon Metropolitan City Museum. This exhibition aimed to examine the 120-year history of Koreans in Japan. In Japan, there are 820,000 ethnic Koreans who go by the names Josenjin, Zainichi, etc. Despite adversity, Koreans who immigrated to Japan during the colonial era maintained their affection for their homeland. Through interviews with Korean residents of Japan and displays of historical items, this exhibition, which has five parts, offers a chance to learn more about Koreans in Japan.

Period Tuesday, August 29-
Sunday December 3, 2023
Hours 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location Special Exhibition Hall, B1, The Museum
of Korea Emigration History
Information ☎ 032-440-4710

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2023 Moonlight-filled Bupyeong Hyanggyo

A feast for Confucian scholars kicks up in Bupyeong Hyanggyo on a moonlit night (a local Confucian school). While strolling through Bupyeong Hyanggyo, you may participate in several cultural activities like a photo zone, the Brilliant Tradition Experience, and the Moonlight Outdoor Concert. Moonlight-filled Bupyeong Hyanggyo is a celebration that infuses Confucianism's birthplace and study center during the Joseon Dynasty with emotion and culture. You can appreciate Bupyeong Hyanggyo and develop your intelligence at the same time. Visit Bupyeong Hyanggyo if you wish to experience the genuine historical sentiment of Korea.

Period Friday, October 27, 2023
Location Bupyeong Hyanggyo
Information ☎ 032-450-5754

※ 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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Reader Reviews



Louis (Songdo 3-dong)

Reading Incheon Now made me appreciate the splendor of the Incheon Islands. It is incredibly educational because it provides a wealth of news and information about Incheon.



Jae-young (Bupyeong 4-dong)

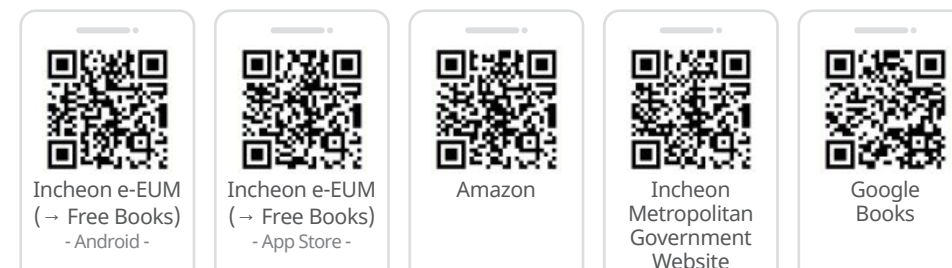
I realized how the drone business is advancing in Incheon. It seems fitting for a global city. I will root for Incheon, a city that welcomes drones!



Brooke (Guwol-dong)

This magazine appears to have been created and written in a way that makes it interesting and simple for foreigners to read. This is a really welcome piece of media as a foreigner living in Incheon.

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