

GHD Monthly Newsletter

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The Global Help Desk (GHD), a part of the Office of Communications within the Institute for Basic Science (IBS), presents this monthly newsletter to introduce you to life in Korea and let you know some recent domestic news, holiday or event information, language support, recent IBS news, and free phone numbers to get help and support. All GHD newsletters are available online at the website Living in Korea at www.ibs.re.kr/livinginkorea. Hosted by IBS, it has hundreds of pages of contents and photos to help you thrive, not simply survive.

Living in Korea Highlight

As we end this year you might want to be clearing out your closet. If you want to get rid of clothing, [there are boxes located in various neighborhoods](#). If you want to donate clothing, toys, other items to a NGO and also get tax credit at the same time, you will need to drop off items to a thrift store directly.

Domestic News and Notices



Looking for stars on a clear, cold night

YANGPYEONG, Gyeonggi Province -- Autumn is peak season for stargazing in Korea, as the arrival of chilly weather also brings clear skies.

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Farmers' decades of hard work transform rugged Gangwon terrain into scenic alpine village

GANGNEUNG — As its name suggests, the highland village of Anbandegi, which stands 1,100 meters above sea level in the eastern coastal city of Gangneung, is known for its unique landscape. The name was coined from its distinct topography.

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IBS News and Events



German Federal President Steinmeier participates in Korean-German climate roundtable discussion in Busan

Overlooking the breathtaking scenery of the Nakdong Estuary near Busan, a group of Korean climate activists from Green Environment Youth Korea (GEYK), scientists from the IBS Center for Climate Physics (ICCP) at Pusan National University, South Korea and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), Germany met with the German Federal President Frank-Walter STEINMEIER to discuss the climate crisis.

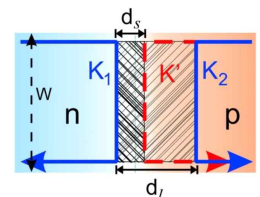
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Antiviral substances discovered within native plants in South Korea

Codonopsis lanceolata, more commonly referred to as “deodeok”, is used as a medicinal herb in South Korea. It is cultivated in large quantities and has been an integral part of Korean cuisine across history. Aster koraiensis, or Korean starwort, is a common flower that resembles a daisy, which is only found in the Korean peninsula. What can these two different types of plants have in common?

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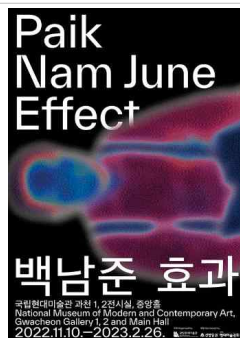


New platform for electronic Mach-Zehnder interferometer

Hybrid graphene structures consisting of two different areas of graphene layers, e.g., partly monolayer graphene (MLG) and partly bilayer graphene (BLG), present a lot of interesting physics. For example, the Hall resistance across such graphene hybrid structures shows quantized plateaus switching between those of MLG or BLG quantum Hall plateaus depending on the type of carriers.

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Regional Event and Information



Title: Paik Nam June Effect
Period: 10 November 2022–26 February 2023
Venue: National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon Gallery

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Title: Open Storage for Art
Period: 4 October 2022–31 March 2023
Venue: Daejeon Museum of Art

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