# **GHD Monthly Newsletter**

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The Global Help Desk (GHD), a part of the Global Relations Team 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

One of the most seemingly random pages is on elevators. Sometimes knowing the small things is the key to avoid between getting frustrated when living overseas. Page includes the meaning of the F floor, what the crashing wheelchair icon means, why some elevators are covered in fabric or thick plastic held by magnets, how to check out of a motel without visiting the front desk, and which floors it stops on and which it skips.

### **Domestic News and Notices**



### PCR test requirement for travelers being junked

It will soon be a little easier to enter Korea from abroad. Starting May 23, cheaper and more easily-found rapid antigen Covid-19 tests will be accepted for boarding a flight to Korea and entering the country, not just polymerase chain reaction (PCR) results.

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#### Cheong Wa Dae opens to public after 74 years

Cheong Wa Dae, the presidential office and residence for more than seven decades, has been transformed from a secluded place for the president and presidential staff, to an open space for everybody.

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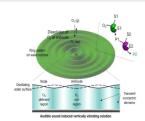
#### **IBS** News and Events



#### A decade of new discoveries

IBS is a leading basic science research institute in South Korea. Here we meet the three past and present presidents: 1st President OH Se Jeong, 2nd President KIM Doo Chul, and 3rd President NOH Do Young, who led the institute.

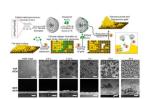
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#### Using sound to control enzymatic reactions

Spatiotemporal regulation of multistep enzyme reactions through compartmentalization is essential in studies that mimic natural systems such as cells and organelles. Until now, scientists have used liposomes, vesicles, or polymersomes to physically separate the different enzymes in compartments, which function as 'artificial organelles'.

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## Reliable diagnostics at the tip of your finger

Biomarkers are components that may be present in biological samples and are related to specific diseases. Therefore, doctors can analyze biological samples from a patient to check their health condition or to monitor the progress of a specific therapy.

### **Regional Event and Information**



Title: Grid Island

Period: 26 May 2022-15 August 2022 Venue: Seoul Museum of Art

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**Individual Support** 

Title: 2022 Saturday Gugak Concert

Period: 8 June 2022-24 December 2022

Venue: Umyeon-dang, National Gugak Center, Seoul

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### Let's Learn Korean!



Click here to learn common sentence endings in Korean!

And click here for a good introduction to the Korean language.

Emergency

Phone Numbers

Korea Travel Hotline & Complaint Center

1330 or +82-2-1330

24/7: Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese, Thai, and Malay 08:00-19:00: Russian, Vietnamese, Thai, and Malay

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Website

24/7: English, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, French, Russian, Italian, German, Portuguese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mongolian, Polish, Turkish, Swedish, Thai, Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Bahasa Malaysia and Swahili

### Global Help Desk

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### COVID-19



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