

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

Korea has [two distinct address systems in place](#) and both are still active. The older system is land-lot based and goes from city, to district, neighborhood, block, to finally building number and floor. The new system is based on the street name and then a number for the building and then floor. Further information, including examples of street signs, is available.

Domestic News and Notices



Joseon Royal Tombs Festival finally takes events offline

On Oct. 1 and 2, it will be performed again at Seoul’s Seonjeongnueng in southern Seoul, home to Seolleung for King Sejong, the 9th king of Joseon and his third wife Queen Jeonghyeon and Jeongneung for their son King Jungjong, the 11th king of Joseon.

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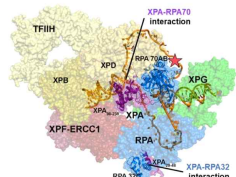


Giant Rubber Duck to take over Seoul's Seokchon Lake once again

A giant yellow rubber duck that took Seoul by storm eight years ago with its sparkling eyes and tangerine beak is making its way back to the city this fall.

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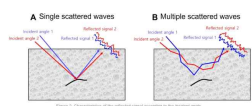
IBS News and Events



Scientists achieve a new understanding of the nucleotide excision repair process

A team led by Orlando SCHARER at the Center for Genomic Integrity (CGI) within the Institute for Basic Science (IBS) has uncovered how protein-protein interactions, specifically between the XPA and RPA proteins - contribute to nucleotide excision repair, a key pathway for genome maintenance.

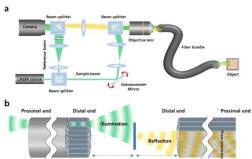
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A new holographic microscope allows scientists to see through the skull and image the brain

Researchers led by Associate Director CHOI Wonshik of the Center for Molecular Spectroscopy and Dynamics within the Institute for Basic Science, Professor KIM Moonseok of The Catholic University of Korea, and Professor CHOI Myunghwan of Seoul National University developed a new type of holographic microscope.

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The invention of a flexible ultra-thin endoscope thinner than a needle

If you are used to getting regular health checkups, you might be familiar with endoscopes. The endoscope is an imaging device consisting of a camera and a light guide attached to a long flexible tube. It is particularly useful for acquiring images of the inside of a human body. For example, stomach and colon endoscopy are widely used for the early detection and diagnosis of diseases such as ulcers and cancers.

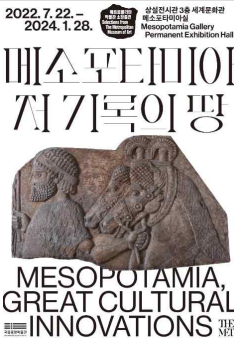
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Regional Event and Information



Title: Busan International Film Festival
Period: 5 October 2022–14 October 2022
Venue: Busan

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Title: Mesopotamia: Great Cultural Innovations,
Selections from The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Period: 22 July 2022–28 January 2023
Venue: National Museum of Korea, Seoul

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[Click here](#) to learn five Korean words that mean “place” and how they are different!

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