

# GHD Monthly Newsletter



## September 2022

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](http://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

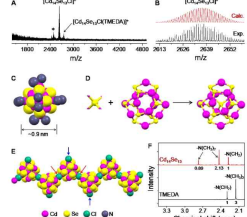
Most of the world uses square meters, some countries use square feet, and others have different systems entirely. While Korea predominately uses square meters, they do still on occasion use pyeong. [A conversion chart and information on what is counted as your living space and what isn't is available here.](#)

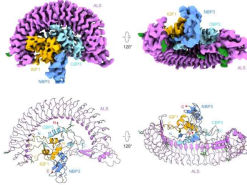
### Domestic News and Notices

	<p><b>DMZ Peace Trail to reopen in September</b></p> <p>Eleven hiking trails along the Demilitarized Zone, which separates the two Koreas, will open to the public next month. DMZ Peace Trail routes in 10 regions-Ganghwado, Gimpo, Goyang, Paju, Yeoncheon, Cheorwon, Hwacheon, Yanggu, Inje and Goseong- will be fully open from Sept. 13 to December, according to the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>		<p><b>Walking tour of Gwanghwamun Square, Cheong Wa Dae</b></p> <p>The city of Seoul and the Seoul Tourism Organization are adding new routes on the "Seoul Guided Walking Tour" program starting Tuesday. The three new courses are the "Gyeongbokgung Stonewall Walkway and Cheong Wa Dae Course," the "Gwanghwamun Square Course" and the "Yulgok-ro Palace Wall Road Course."</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
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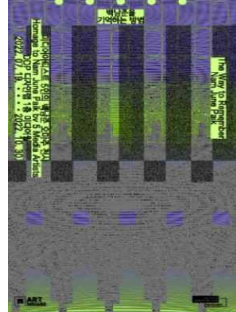
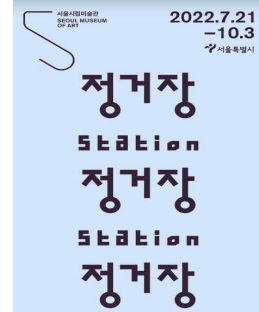
### IBS News and Events

	<p><b>IBS discussed collaboration with two renowned institutes in the U.S.</b></p> <p>The Institute for Basic Science (IBS) recently visited the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and announced its collaboration with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in the U.S., with the aims of increasing virus research capacity and ability to respond to infectious disease outbreaks.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
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	<p><b>The structure of the smallest semiconductor was elucidated</b></p> <p>Knowledge of the atomic-level structures of materials is extremely important for correlating the properties and functions of material in any scientific discipline, including chemistry, biology, and physics. However, the determination of the structures of the magic-sized nanoclusters, which typically serve as nuclei of the semiconductor nanocrystals, remains highly challenging largely due to instability and inhomogeneity.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
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	<p><b>Uncovering the Secret of Insulin Growth Factor Ternary Complex</b></p> <p>Insulin-like growth factor (IGF) is a hormone that greatly influences growth in fetuses and children, but also body maintenance and metabolism in adults. IGF regulates cell proliferation, differentiation, and survival by activating IGF receptors distributed in cell membranes of various tissues. However, IGF is so unstable that its half-life is less than 10 minutes in its free state.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
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### Regional Event and Information

 <p>Title: The Way to Memorialize Nam June Paik Period: 19 July 2022–30 October 2022 Venue: Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP), Seoul</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>	 <p>Title: The 12th Seoul Mediacity Pre-Biennale 《Station》 Period: 21 July 2022–3 October 2022 Venue: Nam-Seoul Museum of Art</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>
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### Let's Learn Korean!



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##### Emergency

119 or interpretation provided by 1330 Korea Travel Hotline

##### Korea Travel Hotline & Complaint Center

1330 or +82-2-1330

##### Website

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

##### Before Babel Brigade Korea (BBB Korea)

1588-5644

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### COVID-19



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