

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

With the changing of the seasons, winter clothes and thick bedding will be put away until the end of the year. As it's best to put away clean items, this is the time when people wash their blankets and jackets. If your washing machine isn't big enough, you'll need to visit a coin laundry. And for washing jackets, it's best to get them dry-cleaned. [Information on both is here.](#)

Domestic News and Notices



Quarantine mandate could be reduced to 5 days

The seven-day quarantine mandate in Korea for anyone who tests positive for the coronavirus might soon be reduced to five days. Local health authorities on Sunday said they were reviewing changes to one of the country's last-remaining Covid restrictions, adding that a final decision was expected within the coming days.

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Festivals Calendar - April 2023

SEOUL, March 27 (Yonhap) -- The following are the major cultural and tourist festivals to be held in South Korea in April.

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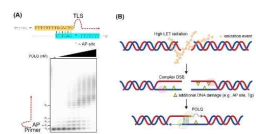
IBS News and Events



IBS Research 19th

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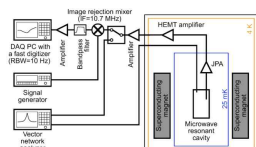
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How Cancer Cells Repair DNA Damage Induced by Next-generation Radiotherapy

The work by Yi and Sung et al in the research team led by Dr. Kei-ichi TAKATA, the Section Head of the Molecular Cancer Research Section (MCRS) at the Center for Genomic Integrity (CGI) within the Institute for Basic Science (IBS), has discovered a novel mechanism to process DNA damage induced by a next-generation cancer therapy (heavy ion therapy).

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South Korea Debuts First Search for DFSZ Axion Dark Matter

A South Korean research team at the Center for Axion and Precision Physics Research (CAPP) within the Institute for Basic Science (IBS) recently announced the most advanced experimental setup to search for axions. The group has successfully taken its first step toward the search for Dine-Fischler-Srednicki-Zhitnitskii (DFSZ) axion dark matter originating from the Grand Unification Theory (GUT). Not only that, IBS-CAPP experimental setup allowed for far greater search speed compared to any other axion search experiments in the world.

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Regional Information



Jeju City travel guide

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Title: Joseon White Porcelain, Paragon of Virtue

Period: 28 February 2023–28 May 2023

Venue: Leeum Museum of Art, Seoul

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