

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 content and photos to help you thrive, not simply survive.

Living in Korea Highlight

While not the catchiest of topics, knowing the difference between a *gu*, *do*, and *gun* can occasionally come in handy. [Click here](#) to read about how the country is divided into the various administrative divisions and the names for each.

Domestic News and Notices



Dive into Four Cool Summer Escapes in Korea!

As the temperatures rise and the sun shines brightly, it's time to dive into some summer adventures! During this season, escaping the heat and humidity is a priority, and luckily, Korea offers many great ways to get a refreshing break.

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Beware of Heat Stroke

As a heat wave is currently hitting the country, some people's lives — even of those who are young — are being lost due to exposure to the high temperatures. Doctors stress that heat stroke can be life-threatening.

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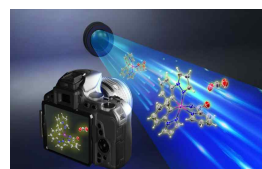
IBS News and Events



Director KOH Gou Young of the IBS Center for Vascular Research receives the 2023 Republic of Korea's Top Scientist and Technologist Award

The Ministry of Science and ICT and the Korean Federation of Science and Technology Society announced that Director KOH Gou-Young of the Center for Vascular Research has been selected as the recipient of the 2023 Republic of Korea's Top Scientist and Technologist Award.

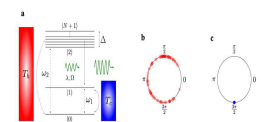
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Observing the Long-postulated Intermediate of Catalytic Amination Reactions

Researchers at the Institute for Basic Science (IBS) in South Korea have made a groundbreaking discovery by identifying the structure and reactivity of rhodium-acylnitrenoid intermediates in catalytic hydrocarbon amination reactions. By studying rhodium-dioxazolone coordination complex using photoinduced single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis, they captured the fleeting moment of Rh-acylnitrenoid intermediate formation.

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Unveiling Synchronization Preferences of Quantum Thermal Machines

Researchers from the Center of Theoretical Physics of Complex Systems within the Institute for Basic Science (PCS-IBS) made an important discovery that describes the relationship between synchronization and thermodynamics in quantum systems.

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Regional Information



Title: Daejeon Cosmopolitan Music Festival 2023

Period: 21–27 August 2023

Venue: Daejeon Arts Center

Program: Refer to the website (Korean only)

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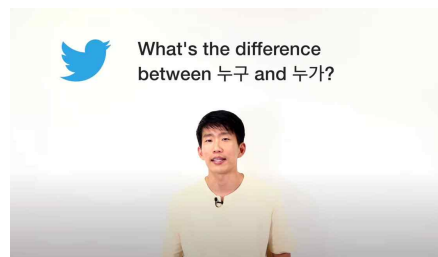
Title: NEXTCODE 2023: Diver, Surfer, World-Builder

Period: 27 June–10 September 2023

Venue: Daejeon Museum of Art

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Let's Learn Korean!



What's the difference between 누구 and 누가?

[Click here](#) to learn the difference between 누구 and 누가. Both mean “who”.

Individual Support

Phone Numbers

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

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1588-5644

Website

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