

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

Despite driver shortages due to COVID-19, there are many taxis in Korea. Across the world, there is an unfortunate stereotype of having a bad story in a taxi. If you ride them enough in any country, you're bound to have a bad story or two. [If you ever have an issue with a taxi](#) then you can call 1330 which is the Korea Travel Hotline & Complaint Center. The service can provide interpretation and can assist in disputes. If you experience an emergency, call 119.

Domestic News and Notices



Cherry Blossoms In Korea 2023: Forecast, Festivals & Guide

Imagine yourself draped in beautiful Korean hanbok, walking around historic palace grounds whilst cherry blossoms gently fall to your feet. Discover the best places to see cherry blossoms in Korea this spring.

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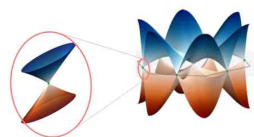


Coffee so cold it's hot: Korea's love of iced Americano

Koreans take their coffee seriously. The average Korean drinks 353 cups per year, more than double the global average, according to a 2019 study by the Hyundai Research Institute. Coffee culture has even spawned its own language.

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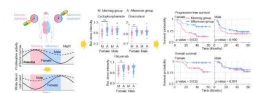
IBS News and Events



Scientists observe "quasiparticles" in classical systems for the first time

Starting with the emergence of quantum mechanics, the world of physics has been divided between classical and quantum physics. Classical physics deals with the motions of objects we typically see every day in the macroscopic world, while quantum physics explains the exotic behaviors of elementary particles in the microscopic world.

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Chemotherapy in the afternoon dramatically improves treatment outcomes in female lymphoma patients

The value of chemotherapy delivery at specific times of the day to optimize efficacy and minimize adverse effects in hematologic malignancy remains unknown. An interdisciplinary research team in South Korea discovers its benefit for the first time by analyzing cohorts of diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL)* patients: Chemotherapy in the afternoon significantly improves treatment outcomes of female patients while there is no difference depending on treatment time in male patients.

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New study showed how people interacted with chatbots during COVID-19 pandemic

Researchers at the IBS Center for Mathematical and Computational Sciences found that chatbots can help provide health information and emotional support amid a pandemic. The findings are based on real conversations between AI chatbots and humans during COVID-19 and have been published in the "Chatbots and COVID-19" series, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR).

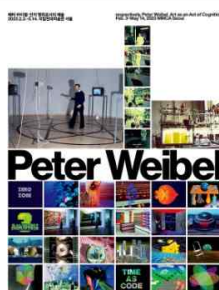
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Regional Information



Title: Free Guide Service
Time: Refer to the link
Venue: Deoksugung Palace, Seoul

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Title: respectively, Peter Weibel. Art as an Act of Cognition

Period: 3 February 2023–14 May 2023

Venue: National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul

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And [click here](#) for a good introduction to the Korean language.

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119 or interpretation provided by 1330 Korea Travel Hotline

Korea Travel Hotline & Complaint Center

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