

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 offer updates on local news, upcoming holidays and events, IBS news, useful language tips, as well as a point of contact. All GHD newsletters are available online at the Living in Korea website at www.ibs.re.kr/livinginkorea. Hosted by IBS, this website features a rich collection of content and photos to help you thrive, not simply survive.

Living in Korea Highlight

In 2021, the Alien Registration Card, more commonly known as ARC, was renamed Residence Card. This year there was an overhaul in the design of the card. Click here to see the new design and get more information about the card.

https://centers.ibs.re.kr/html/living_en/overview/arc.html


National Holidays in October



Gaechonjeol (National Foundation Day): 3 Oct.

Gaechonjeol is a public holiday in South and North Korea on 3 October. Also known by the English name National Foundation Day, this holiday celebrates the legendary formation of the first Korean state of Gojoseon in 2333 BC.

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Hangul Day (Korean Alphabet Day): 9 Oct.

The Korean Alphabet Day, known as Hangeul Day in South Korea, and Chosŏn'gŭl Day in North Korea, is a national Korean commemorative day marking the invention and proclamation of Hangul, the Korean alphabet, by the 15th-century Korean King Sejong the Great.

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IBS News and Events



Trajectory: a shape that rolls along the desired path

Normally when we think of a rolling object, we tend to imagine a cylinder (like a bicycle wheel) or a sphere (like a tennis ball) that will always follow a straight path when rolling.

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IBS Community Work Day in October: Blood Donation

Time and date: 14:00–16:00 Fri. 6 Oct. 2023

Location: Blood donation bus in front of the main entrance of IBS HQ

For more information, please see the IBS portal notice, titled “Community Work Day”



Pilot Operation of Science Library on Sundays

Period: 15 Oct. 2023–31 Dec. 2023

Closed on every Monday, statutory holidays including temporary holidays, and IBS holidays

Day	As is	To be
Sat.	Open (10:00–17:00)	Open (10:00–17:00)
Sun.	Closed	Open (10:00–17:00)
Mon.	Open (10:00–19:00)	Closed

Regional Events




2023 Great Baekje Festival

Period: 23 Sept.–9 Oct. 2023

Venue: Buyeo-gun, Gongju-si, Chungcheongnam-do

Subject: Great Baekje Communicates with the World

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2023 Seoul International Fireworks Festival

Date: 7 Oct. 2023

Venue: Yeouido Hangang Park

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Let's Learn Korean!



Click here to learn some sentence endings that you can commonly see Korean people use in day-to-day conversations.

Helplines and Support

Global Help Desk
If you have any questions working at IBS and living in Korea, we are here to help. You can get in touch with the GHD by emailing us.

Other Helpline Resources

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

Website

24/7: English, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, French, Russian, Italian, German, Portuguese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mongolian, Polish, Turkish, Swedish, Thai, Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Bahasa Malaysia and Swahili

Events in Korea

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