

# GHD Monthly Newsletter



## September 2023

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](http://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.

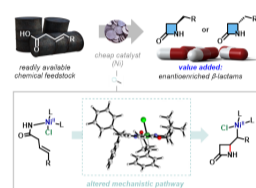
### Living in Korea Highlight

Citibank Korea is in the middle of winding down its services with a full closure scheduled for 2026. Make sure you look at the [other available banks](#) if this will affect you.

### Domestic News and Notices

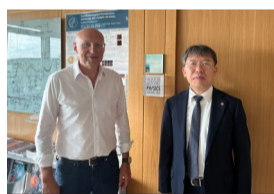
 <p><b>추석</b> Chuseok 2023</p>	<p><b>Chuseok is coming</b></p> <p>September 28–30</p> <p>Celebrate and learn about the Korean Mid-Autumn harvest festival!</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>		<p><b>Seoul Metro to offer unlimited 1-day, 3-day travel passes</b></p> <p>Later this year, Seoul Metro will introduce new travel passes that provide unlimited subway access for one day and three days.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
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### IBS News and Events



#### Breakthrough in $\beta$ -Lactam Synthesis Using Nickel Catalysts

Researchers shed light on efficient chiral  $\beta$ -lactam production using nickel catalysts that are abundant on Earth. [Read more](#)



#### President Noh of IBS participated in the Europe-Korea Conference on Science and Technology

President Noh of IBS participated in the Europe-Korea Conference on Science and Technology (EKC), which took place in Munich, Germany, from August 14 to 18. Within this gathering, he delivered a plenary presentation spotlighting IBS's endeavors and introduced the institute to researchers based in Europe. In addition, President Noh facilitated dialogue aimed at strengthening collaborative ties with Max Planck Institutes. [See photos](#)

(Photo) President Noh with Dr. Stefan W. Hell, Director of the Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences

### Regional Events



#### 2023 Daejeon International Wine Expo

September 3–10  
Habit Tower, Expo Bridge and Daejeon Convention Center II  
[Learn more](#)



#### Frieze Seoul 2023

September 6–9  
COEX, Seoul  
[Learn more](#)

#### Seoul Light DDP 2023 Autumn

Aug. 31–Sept. 10  
Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP), Seoul  
[Learn more](#)

### Let's Learn Korean!



[Click here](#) to learn two different ways to say "bye" in Korean.

### 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



#### Festivals

[Website](#)

#### Exhibitions

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#### Performances

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