

# GHD Monthly Newsletter

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The Global Help Desk (GHD), a part of the Office of Global Relations and Communications within the Institute for Basic Science (IBS), presents this monthly newsletter providing insights into life in Korea and offering updates on local news, upcoming holidays and events, IBS news and helpful language tips.





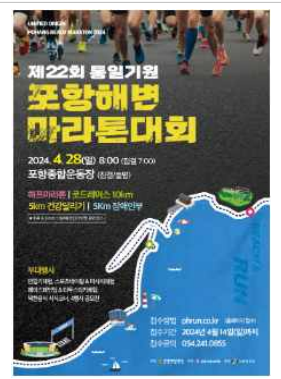
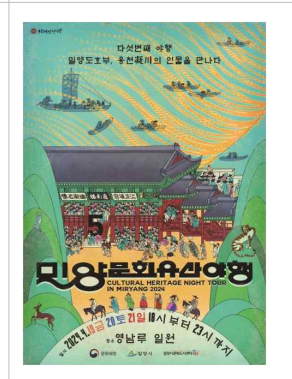
## National Event: General Election Scheduled for April 10

On April 10, South Korea will hold its general elections from 6 am to 6 pm. This crucial democratic process will see Korean citizens exercising their right to vote to elect the 22nd National Assembly, comprising 300 members. These elected officials will undertake their responsibilities as representatives of their respective districts for a four-year term. Notably, Election Day is designated as a public holiday.

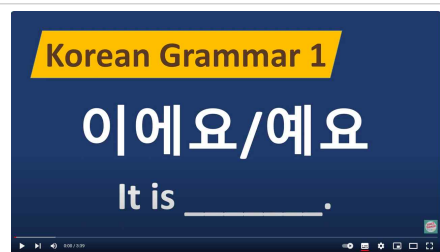
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## Regional Events

(Please note that the following websites do not offer English services; therefore, Google Translate is recommended.)

	<p><b>2024 Daedeok Water Light Festival</b></p> <p>Period: 03/29-05/06</p> <p>Venue: Daecheong Park, Daedeok-gu, Deajeon</p> <p>Opening ceremony: 04/13, 7 pm (featuring drone art and fireworks)</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>		<p><b>2024 Relax Week</b></p> <p>Period: 04/01-04/30</p> <p>Programs: Meditation, yoga, temple stays, etc.</p> <p>Venue: Relaxation spots across the country</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
	<p><b>63rd Great Admiral Yi Sun-sin Festival</b></p> <p>Period: 04/24-04/28</p> <p>Venue: Multiple locations in Asan, Chungcheongnam-do</p> <p>Programs: Media arts show, dance competition, fireworks, etc.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>		<p><b>Gyeongbokgung Starlight Tour</b></p> <p>Period: 04/03-05/04</p> <p>Venue: Gyeongbok Palace, Seoul</p> <p>Booking: April 12, from 2 pm (first-come, first-served)</p> <p>Admission: KRW 60,000 per person</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
	<p><b>2024 Pohang Beach Marathon</b></p> <p>Date and Time: 04/28, 8 am</p> <p>Venue: Pohang Stadium</p> <p>Races: Half-marathon, 10 km, 5 km</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>		<p><b>2024 Miryang Cultural Heritage Night Tour</b></p> <p>Period: 04/19-04/21</p> <p>Venue: Yeongnamru, Miryang, Gyeongsangnam-do</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>

## Let's Learn Korean!



### Korean Grammar 1

[Click here](#) to learn how to use 이예요/예요.

## 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)

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#### 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: [Website](#)

Performances: [Website](#)

## Danuri



[Danuri Portal](#) provides basic information about Korean life and latest multicultural community news in 13 languages.