

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.

IBS News



Happy New Year!

In celebration of the commencement of the New Year, IBS hosted a New Year's kick-off ceremony at the Science Culture Center, IBS Headquarters in Daejeon on 2 January. In his New Year's address, President Noh reflected on IBS's accomplishments in 2023 and outlined the goals for the Institute in 2024. Furthermore, the ceremony included the recognition of outstanding researchers and employees who received awards for their valuable contributions.

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Regional Events



Seoul Lantern Festival & Gwanghwamun Square Market

Period: Until 2024/01/21

Location: [Sejong-daero 171, Jongno-gu, Seoul](#)

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Pyeongchang Trout Festival

Period: Until 2024/01/28

Location: [Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do](#)

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2024 Korea Chestnut Expo in Gongju & Winter Gongju Roasted Chestnut Festival

Period: 2024/01/26—28

Location: [Singwan Park, Gongju-si, Chungcheongnam-do](#)

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Expo Civic Square Outdoor Ice Rink

Period: 12 Dec. 2023—04 Feb. 2024

Location: [Expo Civic Plaza, Daejeon](#)

Admission and rentals: KRW 1,000 per person per session (1 hour)

Session	Time	Session	Time
1st	10:00-11:00	5th	16:00-17:00
2nd	11:30-12:30	6th	17:30-18:30
3rd	13:00-14:00	7th	19:00-20:00
4th	14:30-15:30		



Chilgapsan Ice Fountain Festival

Period: 23 Dec. 2023—28 Feb. 2024

Location: [223-35, Cheonjangho-gil, Cheongyang-gun, Chungcheongnam-do](#)

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Let's Learn Korean!



[Click here](#) to learn "Where are you from?" 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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