



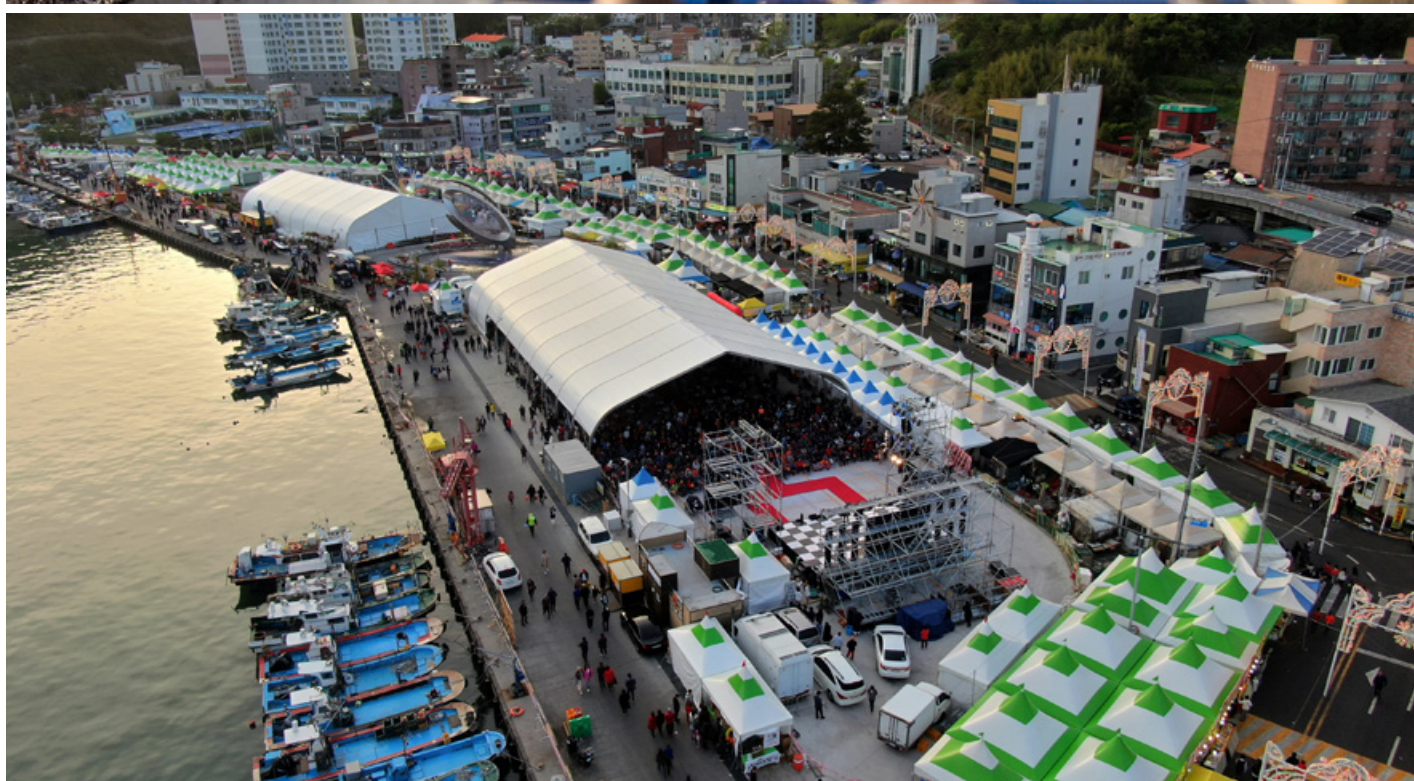
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TRADITIONAL YET MODERN GIJANG : FULL OF LIGHT, WATER AND DREAMS

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The Gijang Newspaper, 'Gijang People', publishes foreign-language newsletters in English, Chinese and Vietnamese. It introduces hidden tourist spots and the charming city of Gijang to visitors. Foreign residents will be provided with useful information on daily living and policies.



Spring in Gijang, 'The Delicious Sea'

Come spring, and 'Delicious Sea' festivals unfold one after the other in Gijang. The Gijang Seaweed and Sea Kelp Festival is held mid-April, while the Gijang Anchovy Festival will be held at the end of April, a time when the most anchovies can be caught. Befitting to festivals which are held to the theme of Gijang's specialty produce, varied programs that make use of local charms can be enjoyed. At the Anchovy Festival, anchovy net fishing can be enjoyed, as can raw anchovy, fried anchovy and grilled anchovy, which can be sampled for free. You can also take a fishery inspection vessel, taste traditional Korean street food at a street stall, and enjoy local resident singing contests.

It is a simple but exciting festival where visitors can experience the culture of ordinary people better than anywhere else. The Gijang Anchovy Festival is the nation's the first marine products festival. It started in 1997, and sees more than a million visitors each year. It was selected as an outstanding festival in 2018 by Busan Metropolitan City. Although the Gijang Seaweed and Sea Kelp Festival has finished for this year, be sure to make a note for next year to enjoy the energetic atmosphere and charm of local residents.



Holding of the Gijang Sharing Flea Market and Small Concert

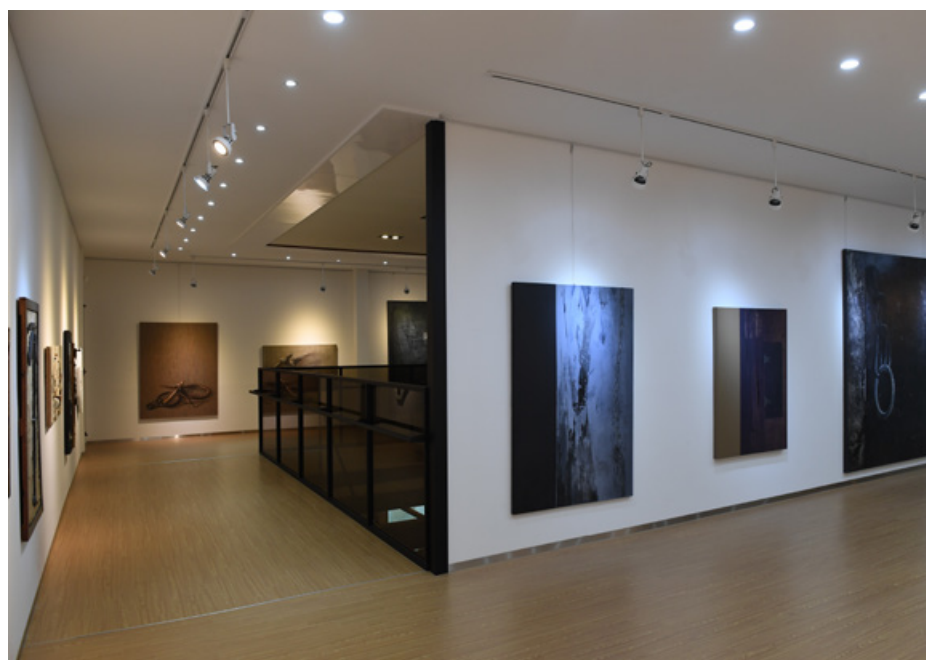
The Gijang Sharing Flea Market, which is popular every year, and the Small Concert, which is being held for the first time, will take place at the Saemaoul Children's Park in Gijang-eup from 11am to 5pm on Saturday, 18th May. This year, it will be held four times (May to June, September to October, on the third Saturday of the month). The next event will take place on Saturday 15th June. The small concert, which will be held together with the flea market, will consist of voluntary busking performances by amateur individuals and groups. There will also be an event which will enable you to exchange used batteries and paper for litter bags



Multicultural and Regular Family Friendship Program

The Gijang Healthy Family Multicultural Family Support Center conducted a family friendship program for both multicultural and regular families in Namhae, Southern Gyeongsang Province last month. Families who participated in the program could bond while fishing for fresh seafood in the tidal flats. The Gijang Healthy Family Multicultural Family Support Center, which is being integrated from this year, offers diverse programs for regular as well as multicultural families, and also operates a family counseling room. For program inquiries, call 051-792-4750.

Introducing New Art Galleries in Gijang



Gallery Cafe Hagabean

The gallery on the 2nd floor of the Hagabean Café (32, Muyeongro, Gijang-eup) has undergone a makeover and started holding exhibitions in April. Currently, Gallery Café Hagabean is exhibiting early and recent works by artist Lee Hye-kyung. The artist is the director of the gallery and since 2005, has been working on pieces which combine abstract and realist expression, which is an experiment of a new post modernism style.

Opening hours: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, closed on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 051-611-4111.



Gallery Wizart Space

In addition to exhibiting works of art, Gallery Wizart Space (2nd floor, Shopping Area A, Hyundai Apartment Building in Cheongkang-ri, Gijang-eup) also plans cultural lectures for local residents. From 11th to 24th April, an exhibition was held to showcase the works of artists who are Gijang locals.

Opening hours: 1pm-6pm, Monday-Friday. Sometimes closed on Monday and Saturday (irregular basis). Closed on Sundays. Contact 051-746-0727.



Gallery Donghaeng

Gallery Donghaeng (2nd floor, Ijin Casvill Blue Shopping Area, Gyo-ri, Gijang-eup) re-opened its doors in April. The director, Buddhist monk Bohye (Bohye Sunim), who is engaged in cultural business activities related to tea, plans to carry out events such as a tea etiquette classroom for children, a one-day tea experience, and humanities lectures. The works of well-known domestic potters are exhibited in the permanent exhibition.

Opening hours: 11am to 10 pm. Contact 010-3704-1681 for inquiries.