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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.



Large-scale baseball games held consecutively this summer

The 2019 U-12 National Youth Baseball Contest and National Women's Baseball Contest will be held from 13th July to 1st August at Gijang, a mecca for baseball. The contests will be held at the Gijang-Hyundai Dreamball Park and World Cup Village and Jangancheon Baseball Stadium. A total of 308 teams will participate this year, making it the largest-scale event nationwide. The 29th U-18 Baseball World Cup will be held from 30th August to 8th September at Gijang-Hyundai Dreamball Park, located in Ilgwang-myeon, Gijang County. This is the World Baseball Softball Confederation's (WBSC) most prestigious youth baseball tournament with excellent

teams from 12 countries including Korea, the USA and Australia. The tournament has produced many world-class baseball players such as Sun Dong-yol, Shin-Soo Choo, Dae-ho Lee and Darvish Yu. Gijang County hosted the World Women's Baseball World Cup in 2016 and the first Gijang International Baseball Festival in 2018. The upcoming baseball events scheduled this year have confirmed Gijang's place as a mecca for baseball. Watching games at the tournaments will be free of charge.



Approval of Gijang Reactor project: Economic effects worth 38 trillion won for the next 50 years

On May 10, the Nuclear Safety and Security Commission approved the construction of a new type of export-type reactor at Gijang County. Gijang won the bid among fierce competition with 8 other candidates. The new type of export-type reactor will be a facility used to produce radioisotope for medical use which are used for the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

When the project is completed, the production of radioactive isotope, which has been imported from abroad, can be done domestically and exported to Japan, China and Southeast Asia. It is expected that the project will enable 38 trillion won in economic gain and employment opportunities for 20,000 people over 50 years.

In addition, unlike existing nuclear power plants, the Gijang reactor will have a heat output of only 0.3% of power generation, but the seismic design criteria is based on the latest standard of 0.3g applied to power generation reactors. It will be built at a high altitude of 80m above sea level, which is 8 times higher than the Kori Nuclear Power Plant, to enable prevention from tsunami damage and various disasters. It is a very safe reactor without accident risk.



Cancer Therapy Accelerator Business to be Resumed

The Ministry of Science and ICT and Busan Metropolitan City, Gijang County and Seoul National University Hospital signed an agreement to complete a baryon accelerator project by 2023.

A baryon accelerator is an innovative treatment device that protects normal cells as much as possible and kills only cancer cells. Stage 3 to 4 patients of the 8 main types of cancer (head and neck cancer, lung cancer, liver cancer, prostate cancer, osteosarcoma, cervical cancer, rectal cancer and skull cancer) can have their survival rate increased by 23% over 5 years than with conventional radiotherapy, and for patients who had a recurrence, more than 42% were completely cured. While the remedial value is high, the frequency of needed treatment is low and as such it is expected the accelerator will give great hope to cancer patients. It is also expected to play a key role in attracting foreign medical tourists.



Plans for Full-scale Promotion of Andersen Fairy Tale Village

Gijang County and Odense City Museums signed a memorandum of understanding on 22nd May in Seoul for mutual cooperation. Through this agreement, Odense City Museums will cooperate with copyright use, consultation and technical cooperation, and the Hans Christian Andersen Museum and Gijang County will promote mutual employee visits and exchange of exhibitions.

Gijang County plans to build an Andersen Village and Andersen Fairytale Village in Gijang Pottery Tourism Healing Village, and plans to create an exhibition space that shows Andersen's life and works. A garden and play area will be designed in 18th century Baroque style.