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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.



## The Gijang International Baseball Festival Opens on November 18

The Gijang International Baseball Festival, the largest baseball festival in Korea, will be held at the Gijang-Hyundai Dreamball Park for two weeks from November 18 to December 1. The baseball festival is celebrated with the Gijang International Baseball Tournament and various other events. The Gijang International Baseball Tournament is a national-scale event with participation by elite baseball players, members of the community and baseball personnel. The game is divided into elite, social and event divisions. The elite division will involve the participation by 24 Little, Elementary, Middle and High School teams and four College teams. The social division will consist of 64 teams participating. The event division

consists of various age groups among teams such as women's baseball, silver and athlete teams. Visitors to the festival can experience a Baseball Experience Theme Park, a preliminary experience of the Korean Baseball Hall of Fame, a baseball skill camp for active professional baseball players, and a baseball tour bus. At the Baseball Experience Theme Park, visitors can enjoy air bounces, baseball VR experiences, fastball experiences, and try making baseball balls. Various attractions including performances by famous singers such as Ailee and Lim Chang-jung, sports model contests and cheerleading festivals are also available. Information on the Gijang International Baseball Festival can be found at [www.gibf.kr](http://www.gibf.kr).

## Fall in Jangansa: Brimming with the scent of chrysanthemums



The 3rd Gijang County Chrysanthemum Exhibition was held from November 2 to 10 on the Jangansa temple grounds. The event exhibited chrysanthemum bonsai works to the theme of chrysanthemums representing autumn, and products which contained chrysanthemum

ingredients such as tea, sikhye and hwajeon were sold. At the exhibition of chrysanthemum bonsai works, approximately 50 Gijang residents, who were trained at the Agricultural Technology Center, exhibited about 200 pieces of work.



## Radioactivity Prevention Drills to Protect Residents

Gijang County conducted training on radioactivity prevention to protect residents on October 29. The training was organized by Gijang County and was attended by more than 700 residents, including those from more than 20 organizations such as firefighters, police and military units. Evacuation drills were conducted in 21 villages for more than 10,000 residents in a preventive protective action zone (PAZ, 5 km radius) in prevention of leakage accidents at the Gori nuclear plant. In order to move quickly to the base shelter in Haeundae's BEXCO, 22km away from the nuclear power plant, the shuttle bus service was divided into seven areas and the East Sea train was also utilized. In addition, for the residents who participated in the training, a radiological disaster counseling booth and a combat ration tasting booth were operated at Ilgwang Station on the East Sea line.



## Jeonggwan Ecological River Learning Culture Festival Ends with Success

The 7th Jeonggwan Ecological River Learning Culture Festival, which is the representative learning festival of Gijang, was successfully held from October 26-27. The festival was held under the theme of 'Beautiful Ecological City Jeonggwan', and various events were held, including the Gijang Residents' Walking Contest, science and English experience events, Jeonggwan Sharing Flea Market, and the Youth Hall. This year, the '1318 Hallo Hallo Youth Hall', planned by youths, attracted the attention of attendees, and various programs such as youth club performances and a Halloween parade were prepared. The science experience booth, with a light hall, water hall and dream hall, and the English experience booth, which consisted of world-class fairy tales such as The Wizard of Oz and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, were well-received by family visitors.

## The Immigrant Instructor Group to Help County Residents Understand Multiculturalism

The Gijang County Healthy Family-Multicultural Family Support Center (206, Chaseong-ro, Gijang-eup) is conducting a visiting program for understanding multiculturalism to help members of society recognize and respect various cultures. This program helps those who take the program to understand various world cultures. Immigrant instructors who have completed the training course use presentation materials they have produced to

help encourage understanding of world cultures and also the cultures of the instructors' homelands. This year the program, which primarily focused on children, has been extended to teachers, parents and the elderly. Groups and organizations who would like to participate in the understanding multiculturalism training should call 051-792-4795 for inquiries.