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The Best Festivals to Experience the Sea



The 25th Gijang Gaetmaeul Festival

The 25th Gijang Gaetmaeul (village) Festival will be held from July 29th (Sat) to 30th (Sun). The festival is a sea and culture festival and is held on Ilgwang Beach, which is the backdrop of the novel 'Gaetmaeul' by Oh Youngsoo. An experience event named 'I am a fisherman' will start at 3pm each day during the festival and is much-loved by visitors. This event is to experience 'pulling a dragnet', a way that was used to catch fish by using a net onto the beach in the old days. What makes it more fun is that participants can pick up

fish caught in the net with their bare hands and also can take them home. At around 5pm, a 'treasure hunt' in the shallow water zone will start and if participants find the intentionally placed small pebbles, special prizes such as soap made from Gijang kelp will be given to the hunters. Additionally, there will be an array of experience booths including a science class for children, tattooing, an art class with wood, beaded bracelet making and many more. On the first day, Seonghwangje, a ritual to wish for community cohesion and

a successful festival, will be carried out at 6pm. As part of the ceremony, but before Seonghwangdang, the place the ritual is conducted, a nongak band, traditional Korean music performed by farmers, with haenyeo (female divers) will do a spectacular parade, and saxophone and singing performances will follow. On the second day, a singing contest attended by residents will be organized. And the festival will finally come to an end with a colorful fireworks display.

The 19th Ilgwang Romantic Song Festival

The 19th Ilgwang Romantic Song Festival will take place for three days from August 4th (Fri) to 6th (Sun) on Ilgwang beach. Anyone can participate and the preliminary contest will be held for two days from the 4th to 5th and the final competition will be on the 6th. Some prize money and trophies will be awarded to the winners of the grand prize and the first prize. For those who wish to participate, applications will be accepted from July 15th to noon on August 3rd by calling the Ilgwang Romantic Song Festival Committee at (051) 723-2219.

‘Jeonggwan Aqua Dream Park’ resumes its operation



Jeonggwan Aqua Dream Park re-opened on July 1st. The building consists of a three-floor building and a basement, which is the largest pool in Korea in terms of the number of lanes, 27, and features indoor and outdoor swimming pools, an indoor gymnasium and much more. It officially opened on

June 16th, 2022, but had to halt operations due to a water leak problem in the machine room two months later. Thus, Gijang-gun investigated the cause of the water leak, carried out reinforcement work, and finally returned to normal running of Jeonggwan Aqua Dream Park after ten days of

testing procedures. The park provides thirteen classes including swimming, aqua-aerobics, fitness, GX (yoga, Pilates and many more) among others. A day pass ticket for swimming and the fitness center is available on a first come, first served basis. Meanwhile, the outdoor pool will open from the

second week of July to August 31st. For more information on pricing and how to access, please visit Gijang City Management Corporation website, www.gijangcmc.or.kr.



Comprehensive Care Support for Aging Healthily in Gijang

Gijang-gun provides comprehensive care support for medical and social care, and housing for the elderly to spend their senior years in good health. This year, the eligibility has been expanded to include people in their 50s. Thus, fourteen support programs including △support for housekeeping △delivering packaged meals △laundry △visiting nurse and △Emergency, Safety and Relief Services among others are provided. The programs are provided by administrative welfare centers in the Eup, Myeon, or Dong, and the four welfare

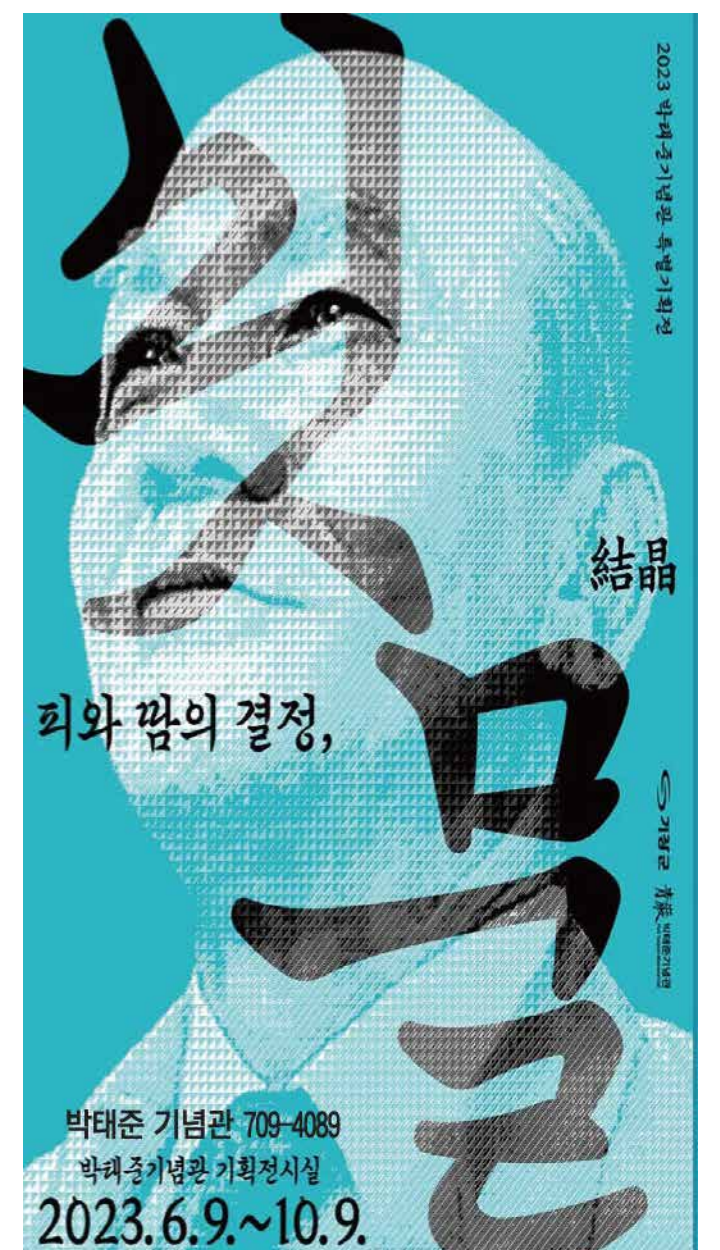
centers, the community self-sufficiency center, and the Korea Visiting Nurse Association.

- For more information, please call welfare policy division at (051) 709-4312



A Work of Blood, Sweat! Steel Drops

Park Tae-joon Memorial Hall in Gijang is running a special 2023 exhibition titled ‘A Work of Blood, Sweat! Steel Drops’ until October 9th. In marking the 50 years anniversary of producing the first iron melt from the furnace of POSCO, artifacts left by POSCO’s honorary chairman Park Tae-joon, such as relevant pictures and videos are being displayed for visitors to see the history of the steel industry. The exhibition is open to the public for free from 9am to 5:30pm and is closed on Mondays.



Guide on National HPV Vaccination Support Project

- ▶ Free HPV Vaccination (The nationally subsidized HPV vaccines are HPV2 or HPV4, but not for HPV9)
- ▶ Eligibility:
 - Female adolescents born from January 1st, 2005 to December 31st, 2011
 - Low-income women born from January 1st, 1996 to December 31st, 2004
- ※ On the day of vaccination, recipients should be on the list of the national basic living allowance, the second highest level of the legally defined category.
- ▶ Location: Outsourced medical institutions in Gijang (you can find the list at the National Immunization Program site at www.nip.kdca.go.kr, or at public health centers).
- ※ For more information, please call Health and Administration Division at (051)709-4834

Health Management Support Project for Mothers and Newborns

Skilled personnel will visit and take care of mothers and their newborn babies.

- ▶ Eligibility: Pregnant women registered in Gijang.
- ▶ When to apply: Any time from 40 days before the due date to 30 days after giving birth.
- ▶ How to apply: By visiting public health centers that cover their address or online at www.bokjiro.go.kr.

※ For more information, please call Family Health Division (051) 709-2954



July Schedule for Street Performances in Gijang

- ▶ Performance Dates: Every Saturday 18:00~20:00
- ▶ Location: Jeonggwan Dolphin Fountain Square
- ▶ Details

Date	Time	Group	Content
July 15th	18:00~19:00	Cultural Forest Poet	Singing and Performance
	19:00~20:00	Busan Poetry Reading Association	Poetry Reading
July 22nd	18:00~19:00	PARADOOR	Singing
	19:00~20:00	Han Seok-hee Saxophone Studio	Saxophone Performance
July 22nd	18:00~18:40	Kim Hyung-min	Singing
	18:40~19:40	Audrey Haetban	Acoustic Guitar and Singing
	19:40~20:00	Lee Ji-a, Kim Tae-min	Violin and Piano

* The performances are subject to change or cancellation according to the group or weather.
 * Inquiries: Department of Culture and Sports at (051) 709-4064



Graveyard Worship for Park Young-chul, Independence Activist from Gijang

Gijang's National Liberation Movement Study Group (President: Kim Kyung-ho) held a memorial ceremony at the graveyard of the late independence activist from Gijang, Park Young-chul (1907~1938) near the Yeonhwa Tunnel in Gijang-eup. A family

representative, Park Young-won (second cousin of the activist) expressed gratitude to the participants for attending. Park Young-chul was expelled from school for fighting against Japan, and he organized an education movement for liberation. He died

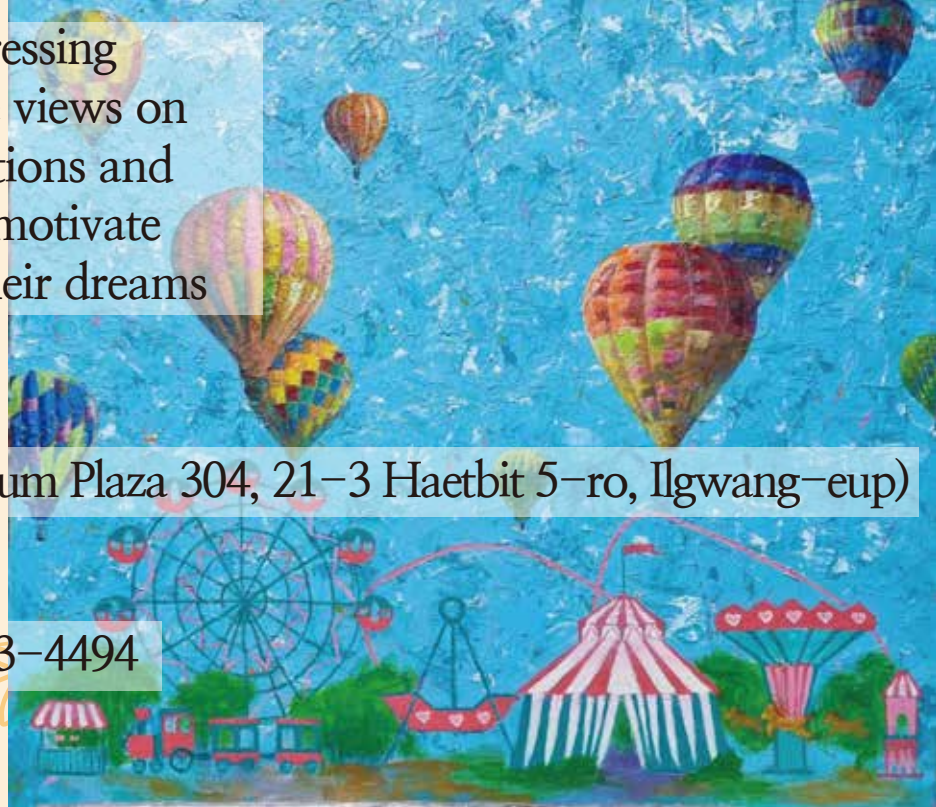
in prison at the age of 31. In 1977, he was awarded the National Foundation Medal and the Order of Merit for National Foundation in 1990, to honor his ideals of saving the country.



Exhibition

An artist of Western painting, Kang Seon-hwa's private exhibition

- July 8th (Sat) ~ 29th (Sat)
- Various ways expressing the artist's positive views on serious contemplations and passion, trying to motivate visitors to make their dreams come true.
- Gallery Haetbit (Jieum Plaza 304, 21-3 Haetbit 5-ro, Ilgwang-eup)
- Inquiries: 010-8143-4494



The first private exhibition by Kim Myeong-soon

- July 8th (Sat) ~ August 10th (Thu)
- Visitors can enjoy art works expressing everyday familiar scenery as the artist worked silently.
- Jamyong Gallery (102-80 Byeongsan1-gil, Jeonggwan-eup)
- Inquiries: (051) 724-3883



A collection by youth artists

- July 8th (Sat) to 29th (Sat)
- Opening at 3pm on July 8th.
- The collection is to introduce local youth artists including Kim Su-yeong, Nam-Ji-yeon, Yu Hee among others and support their activities.
- Gallery Hans (7, Icheon 6-gil, Ilgwang-eup)
- Inquiries: (051) 784-0233



The first exhibition for photos and writing

- July 3rd (Mon) ~ 21st (Fri)
- Opening: 5pm on July 7th
- An exhibition created by five inspiring students after completion of a four-month writing class.
- Siyeon Gallery (91 Guyeonbangok-ro, Jeonggwan-eup)
- Inquiries: (051) 728-2425



Expansion of K-ETA validity from 2 years to 3 years



Korea Immigration Service has expanded the K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization) validity period from its current 2 years to 3 years for international travelers starting from July 3, 2023. In addition, the K-ETA requirement will be exempted for those aged 17 years and under, and 65 years and above. However,

those travelers should fill out a landing card. The K-ETA is a travel authorization, for nationals from 112 visa-free entry countries, that travelers are required to acquire by submitting their travel information online before visiting Korea. K-ETA will be valid for 3 years and travelers can visit Korea as many times as they want. The

Korean government added multi-lingual services which have been available from the first half of this year including Japanese, Thai, Chinese, Spanish, French, Bahasa Indonesian, and Malaysian to the existing languages of Korean and English.