

THE HAEUNDAE BEACH BOARDWALK WIDENED FOR A BETTER BEACHFRONT

■ 11 new busking squares have also been added along the walkway!

Haeundae just got better again! It seems that every year there is some addition to the Haeundae beach area that improves the destination for citizens and tourists alike. This year it is the widening of the beachfront walkway.

Many readers will remember how typhoon Chaba destroyed portions of Haeundae's beachfront roads in 2016. Since then, the city government has decided to make the best of a bad situation, and last May, construction began to widen the beachfront road by an average of two meters.

Previously, the boardwalk was between 2.5 and 4 meters wide. Once construction has been completed, it will be between 4.5 and 6 meters wide.

The city expects to see increased tourism at Haeundae Beach once again this summer, and this project is expected to facilitate that. Beach-goers will enjoy less congestion along the walkway, as well as increased safety as cyclists and the like will have more room to operate in.

The project also includes the installation of 11 new 'Busker Squares' that will get buskers up out of the sand and attract even more culture to the area.

The boardwalk stretches 1.5 kilometers along the beach and arguably Korea's most popular hotspot in the summer months. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please call the Tourism Management Division at (051) 749-7603.



NEW DAYCARE SUPPORT CENTER OPENS IN SEOKDAE INDUSTRIAL ZONE

■ Providing support to parents and education to daycare workers



On March 29th, 2018, Haeundae officially opened the long-anticipated Haeundae Daycare Support Center in Seokdae. The facility was built to provide daycare services to the large number of factory workers in the area, to advise and educate Haeundae parents, and to provide hands-on experience to citizens pursuing careers in the field of childcare.

The center is located in the Seokdae industrial area. The 2,000 square-meter building consists of a basement and three stories of childcare and education facilities.

The 1st floor is home to the "Public Haeundae with Kids" daycare center, which opened to the public in early March.

The 2nd and 3rd floors host the "Infant Total Support" center.

The 2nd floor is also home to a playroom, a library, a nursing room, a program room, and a space for breastfeeding. In addition, the 3rd floor contains a multi-purpose room and program room.

The Daycare Support Center will serve as an education and training facility for the directors of daycare centers and their staff. It will also offer consulting on how to run a daycare center, child care support and education for parents, and a variety of programs aimed at strengthening the bonds of family.

The center conducted a two week test run starting on March 30th.

It will be running officially from the middle of April, supplying the community with many different programs and facilities, including a library lending service.

For more information, please call the Happiness Sharing Division at (051) 749-4363.

VISIT THE GUNAM ROAD AND CULTURE SQUARE'S GUNAM ROAD ART MARKET!

■ A galaxy of arts and crafts at Haeundae's fastest growing hotspot!



Citizens and tourists alike are encouraged to visit the Gunam Road Art Market at Haeundae's Gunam Road and Culture Square for a huge assortment of handmade arts and crafts from city youths and small business people.

The Gunam Road Art Market is open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

The art market has been a wonderful addition to Gunam Road and the Culture Square, offering a whole universe of colorful souvenirs and artworks for sale by vendors each weekend.

Arts and crafts aren't the only thing on display. There is plenty of talent to be seen as well! During the art market hours, there will be live performances along the walkway. It makes for a perfect cultural mix, and a wonderful evening for a date or family outing.

In fact, with all of the artwork and crafts on display, the Gunam Road Culture Square itself looks like one massive piece of art. It really is a fantastic sight. Knit bags, knit dolls, candles, pet clothes, oil paintings of Busan scenery, art slime (which is very popular with kids), clothes, Echo bags, leather goods, phone cases, accessories, quilts, book covers, and Solbat Art Village artists' work can all be found at the art market.

At the art market there are also some Haeundae-related items. There are Haeundae logo t-shirts, Echo bags, and oil paintings of Haeundae scenery.

The "Art Slime Corner" is the most popular attraction for kids. This nature-friendly product for kids has become very popular recently, and it can be used by children to create their own little pieces of art.

At the "Live Art Corner," visitors can enjoy black and white sketching, caricature drawing, colored pencil drawing, as well as self-portraits. There are also works from artists at the Solbat Artists' Village for sale.

The Gunam Road Art Market will be open until October. Until then, young people, artists, and potential business owners can register for an opportunity to display their work.

For more information, please call 010-3311-4772 or visit www.groupdh.com.

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