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MOONLIGHT ON THE OCEAN THE 5TH ANNUAL HAEUNDAE LIGHT FESTIVAL

■ Visit the free photo printing zones at the Milky Way Tunnel and the Wave of Light



The lighting ceremony for Moonlight on the Ocean: the 5th Annual Haeundae Light Festival was held at 6:00 PM on December 1st!

Co-sponsored and co-organized by the Haeundae District Office and the Haeundae Chamber of Commerce, this popular 60-day festival runs from the December 1st until January 31st. The event will cover several of Haeundae's most popular locations, including the Gunam-Ro Culture Square, the old Haeundae Station, the Haeundae Market, Haeundae Beach, the Event Square, and Ae-Hyang Road. A total of 1.4km of road will be lit up with bright lights to celebrate the winter and Christmas seasons.

The Moonlight on the Ocean Festival features ten different LED theme shows, such as the Milky Way, the Starlight Tunnel, the Turtle Dome, the Wave of Light, Sculpture on the Moon, and more. The concourse will begin with the Milky Way theme at the old Haeundae Station, which has been installed to rekindle visitors' memories and nostalgia for the old train station.

The Starlight Tunnel and the Turtle Dome are located across from the old train station along Gunam-Ro and the Haeundae Culture Square.

The word "Gunam" comes from the Chinese word for "Turtle". The Haeundae area was once very highly populated with turtles. The Turtle Dome is a 3D crystal dome that has been designed to resemble a turtle shell.

A photo booth will be set up in the middle of the Culture Square along with huge sculptures of the moon and of a rabbit.

The Milky Way Tunnel and the Wave of Lights are a 100-meter long walkway where visitors can gaze at the Milky Way overhead and walk along the "waves" at their feet.

Another main attraction will be an 18-meter tall Christmas tree that will be lit up right on the beach.

There will also be three busking zones set up along Gunam-Ro that will host acoustic and indie bands, jazz acts, b-boy performances, magic shows, and more throughout the 60-day event.

There will be free photo prints available on Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. A free souvenir will also be gifted to people who promote the festival on their blogs or social media pages.

For more information, please call the Department of Economic Development at (051) 749-4473.

MAKING IT EASIER TO LEARN KOREAN

■ The Multicultural Family Support Center completes its Korean class.

The Haeundae Multicultural Family Support Center held a completion ceremony for their Korean classes on November 21st.

The goal of the classes was to help multicultural family members learn to speak Korean and to more easily adapt to their lives in Korea. Classes were held for learners of all levels, from beginner to advanced.

The completion ceremony honored the 18 students who completed the 100-hours of course time, maintained over an 80 percent attendance rate, and who scored over 60 percent on the class tests.

Noshinkat, a student from Myanmar who studied at the Busan University of Foreign Studies, was one of the participants in the class. She said, "I took this class because I wanted to increase my employment options and be a contributing member of Korean society." She went on to say that she was very happy to finish this Korean language program.

Retidetnung, another student from Vietnam, said, "When I came to Korea I had a difficult time

because of the language barrier, but this program's teacher was very kind and patient and taught me proper Korean writing and pronunciation. I think I will be able to live a much better life here in Korea because of this program."

The president of the Multicultural Family Support Center said she was very happy to be able to offer this program to foreign residents who were in need of help to learn the Korean language. She is happy to keep this program going and will continue to give it her full support.

The 2019 Korean classes will begin on March 4th.

For more information, or to learn about how you can participate in the classes, please call (051) 702-8002.

Reporter,
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LEARN ABOUT THE GIANT PINOCCHIO STATUE IN CENTUM CITY

■ Jim Dine's artwork encourages the dreams of Busan's youth

You may have noticed a towering piece of in the likeness of the popular character Pinocchio during your visits to Shinsegae Department Store of some of the other Centum City attractions. If you haven't seen it, the statue can be found at the Centum Kyungnam College of Information and Technology Square.

This title of the piece is "Boy With Hope Walking Forward". It is 9.3-meters tall and made of bronze. It was installed in May of 2013.

The piece is the work of famous American pop artist Jim Dine. Jim Dine is well known around the world as a painter, an engraving artist, and also as a poet. He is from Cincinnati, Ohio, and studied art at Ohio University. During his long career, he has worked with Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

He says, "I was born an artist and I have always been an artist and I won't do anything other than art." He says that he has always been fascinated by the story of Pinocchio- the puppet who wants to become a real boy. Despite challenges and hardships, he eventually succeeds. As a concept, Jim Dine had been working on his Pinocchio art ever since he was a child.

The Kyungnam College of Information and Technology wanted to have Jim Dine's artwork for their new Centum City campus, so they invited Jim Dine to the location and we pleased to install his massive sculpture.

Jim Dine has another Pinocchio at a Cincinnati museum, and another installed in Boras, Sweden. The pieces are loved by many because they offer a positive message of hope.

"Boy with Hope Walking Forward" is truly one of Haeundae's cultural landmarks.



Reporter,
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