

HAEUNDAE FOREIGNER'S KOREAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL, COOKING CLASS, AND CULTURE CLASS

Haeundae Cultural Complex Center has a special school to help foreign residents adjust to life in Korea

The Foreigners' Korean Language School has been running since all the way back to 2006.

The program is open for anyone who wants to learn Korean, regardless of gender or nationality. There are currently about 50 students including international students, travelers, and immigrants ranging in age from 20 all the way up into their 70's.

There are currently 30 teachers that hold free Korean classes every Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

There are also several special programs featured, such as an international cooking class, local culture tours, and various other cultural activities.

The language classes seek to break stereotypes. They include stretching classes, singing songs, writing, as well as 1:1 speaking. While there are textbooks, they usually don't use them in favor of chatting or free talking.

The Korean teachers also instruct their foreign students about Korean culture, talking on the phone, as well as assisting them in private matters like when students apply for citizenship.

One student was quoted to say, "Life is a lot less lonely here in Korea because my teachers have become like mothers to me." Teachers frequently attend migrant weddings or the first birthday parties of their babies.

Twice a year, both the teachers and students go on a group tour, and at the end of the year, they have recreation time together as well.

Nuentitue is from the Philippines and is taking a course in Korean literature while working on her doctorate. This Korean Language School provided her with the language skills needed to thrive in Korea. "The teachers treated me like family," she said,

"Even now when I'm stressed or feel like I'm hitting rock bottom, I still go there to talk and feel better."

Edita from the Philippines is a married migrant. She said, "The teachers treated me like I was their daughter and it helped me ease into the culture. It really helped my marriage life and my relationship with my children."

Yi Ki Yeong has been head of the Korean Language School since 2008. "I'm going to open a class for multi-cultural families, so parents and children can come and study together," he said, "This language school needs more support to be more active so we are seeking outside assistance."

Here's hoping that this school will become the role model for sharing our language and culture with foreigners.

For more information, please call Program Director Yi Ki Yeong at 010 2623-5436

Reporter,
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Korean Language School

Operations: Tuesday 5:00-6:30p.m. & Wednesday 10:00-12:00p.m.
Location: Haeundae Cultural Complex Center, 3rd Floor Multipurpose Room
Participants: Any foreign resident of any nationality or gender
Teaching Style: 1 on 1 conversation and tutoring
Cost: FREE!



WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN TO HAEUNDAE RESIDENTS!

■ Starting August 7th, the Haeundae District President will hold an open forum!

Haeundae District Office leaders have made a commitment to making themselves available to the citizens of our city.

Beginning August 7th, citizens who wish to speak with the Haeundae President are invited to visit and speak with him in person. Meetings will be held every Friday in special rooms that are being prepared at locations around Haeundae City.

The meetings will be held at the Haeundae District Office on the first, second, and third Fridays of each month, and at the Jaesong-dong Cultural Center's lobby on the fourth Friday of each month.

The Haeundae President will first meet with residents from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and then again from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. In total, four hours will be spent meeting with city residents every Friday!

Please feel free to come in and talk about any issues or concerns you might have about what is happening in the City of Haeundae. We want to hear your voice!

Complaints and opinions will be listened to and an effort will immediately be made to improve any situations that require change.

"I will be a real listener, but I won't just listen," said the Haeundae President, "I will appreciate and respect the opinions and feelings of our residents, and make a real effort to make Haeundae a better place for everyone!"

For more information, please call the Administrative Support Center at 051 749-4113.



APPLY FOR THE HAEUNDAE CHILDREN'S ALLOWANCE!

■ Children under the age of 6 are eligible to receive 100,000 won, but the application has to be filled out by the end of this month.



Haeundae District is currently accepting applications for a children's allowance.

The City of Haeundae is proud to provide an allowance for new parents that is going to run until the end of this month. This 100,000 won allotment is being offered to parents with children under the age of 6 with the goal of reducing the financial burdens of parenthood.

Please note that the application must be filled out before the end of this month in order to receive this month's allowance.

Anyone is eligible to receive the children's allowance with the exception of the top 10 percent of income earners.

You can apply at the community service center where your child's address is registered, or visit www.bokjiro.kr.

The Haeundae District Office hopes that everyone who is eligible will take advantage of this opportunity. They are calling, sending text messages, as well as posting mail to households who are eligible. They want everyone to apply as soon as possible so that the payment can start before the Chuseok holidays.

More details and information can be found at the Health and Welfare Center or Haeundae

District's Division of Welfare Policy 051 749-2945.

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