



Haeundae Sand Jurassic World: Goodbye, Corona Blues

The 2021 Haeundae Sand Works Exhibition opened on May 5 at Haeundae Beach and around Haeundae Plaza in Gunam-ro. This year's Haeundae Sand Festival was canceled, but the Haeundae Beach Sand Works Exhibition under the theme of 'Sand, Jurassic World' and the Gunam-ro Haeundae Plaza Flower Exhibition were held. At the Sand Works Exhibition, 11 dinosaur sand works that children love are exhibited. In the entire 400-meter section of Haeundae Plaza in the Gunam-ro area, 130,000 flowers of 11 different types, including borrelia, were exhibited under the name 'Flower Carpet'. It is an event to comfort citizens exhausted from COVID 19 and to help suffering local flower complexes. The sand works and flower exhibitions are open until May 30th.



Songjeong: A place like a small oriental painting

Songjeong Beach, which opened in 1965, is loved as a family resort and surfing mecca. However, due to typhoons and climate change, the width of the sand beach has been greatly narrowed. Projects to restore it are being conducted, and the sandy beach is expected to be more than doubled in width. Jukdo, to the left side of Songjeong Beach, was once an island with a lot of bamboo trees. It is also famous as a place for the sunrise of the New Year and a place to greet the day of the first full moon of the lunar year. At Songjeong Port, next to Jukdo, haenyeo are collecting fresh seafood. The green railway Songjeong section of the Donghae Nambu Line's abandoned site is a shelter for residents spanning about 1 km, with the shade of trees and exercise equipment, and a beach train runs 4.8km from Songjeong Station to Mipo. The sea off the coast of Songjeong, seen from the beach train running at a speed of 15 km per hour, boasts a beautiful scenery.



Haeundae opened the COVID 19 Vaccination Center at the Haeundae-gu Cultural Complex Center in Jaesong-dong on April 26 and started vaccinations. Among the elderly aged 75 or older based in Haeundae-gu, more than 21,000 people who agreed to vaccination are the primary targets, and the Pfizer vaccination is to be administered twice in total. The center has 68 people, including 4 doctors, 8 nurses, and 32 administrative personnel, and can inoculate more than 600 people a day.



The National Nuclear Power Alliance, consisting of 16 local governments in the vicinity of the nuclear power plant, including Haeundae-gu, issued a statement on April 15 and strongly criticized the Japanese government's decision to release contaminated water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant. They oppose Japan's decision to discharge contaminated water from nuclear power plants without South Korea's consent, and urge the government and the ruling and opposition parties to prepare measures. The nuclear power alliance argued, "If ocean disposal becomes a reality after two years, fishermen as well as fisheries will be severely affected, and economic damage will be beyond imagination." He also argued, "It is disappointing to our people that the United States has expressed its position in support of Japan's decision."



Haeundae analyzed credit card sales for over 12,000 businesses and 8 traditional markets in the area, and it was found that sales in March this year recovered to 90.3% of sales in January 2020, before COVID 19. It is analyzed that consumption increased as a result of a combination of the easing to stage 1.5 of social distancing in February, anticipation of the vaccine, and the season for day trips. The transportation, lodging, and travel sectors, which saw a significant decrease in sales, grew 53% year-on-year in February and March this year, and an increase of 82% was seen for the leisure and entertainment sector. However, the growth rate of the food industry, which is restricted by reduced business hours and prohibition of gatherings of five or more people, was only 17%. In the case of traditional markets, in areas where there are no hypermarkets nearby or where the elderly population is concentrated, it is found that sales are similar to or higher than before COVID 19.