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Cover story

Step into IFEZ, a future city where AI, nature, and culture meet.

Beginning with the calm autumn atmosphere of Songdo International Library, this issue explores new possibilities for a people-centered city.

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**From a smart city that connects data
to an AI city that learns, predicts, and operates
Awakening the intelligence of the city**

For more than 20 years, IFEZ has developed its smart city infrastructure by connecting urban data to make the city safer and more convenient. Building on this experience and accumulated data, IFEZ is now adding AI to shape a new future—an “AI City” that can understand changing conditions, anticipate what comes next, and

identify better ways to respond. This transformation goes beyond adopting new technologies. It will reshape how the city operates, how citizens experience daily life, how industries grow, and how IFEZ collaborates with cities around the world. First, we explore IFEZ’s vision for an AI City and the future that AI will help create. We then trace IFEZ’s journey over the past two decades as it has evolved step by step from a smart city toward an AI City.

**AI CITY,
IFEZ**

**Beyond Smart City,
Toward AI City**



2040

the year 2040
Target Year for Completing an AI-
Powered Smart City

23 Years

Period of Urban Data
Collection(2003–Present)

365 Days

24 Hours a Day, 365 Days a Year
Operation of the IFEZ Smart City
Operations Center

600 KRW
Million

2026 TRYOUT AI
Scale of Support for AI
Demonstration Projects

6 EUR
Million

Approx. €6 Million
Participation in IURC and Promotion of
the “International Joint Demonstration
Project for AI-Powered Urban Safety”

100,000 Attendees

First AI City Operations Demonstration
Crowd Management at the Incheon Pentaport
Rock Festival, a Large-Scale Outdoor Festival

10 KRW
Billion

Fourth Industrial Revolution
Technologies
Demonstration Funding Support
for Startups

VISION FOR AI CITY

How AI Will Shape the Future of IFEZ



1 AI—operation. The City Predicts First

AI-driven urban management in IFEZ begins with prediction. By analyzing the flow of the city, AI identifies risks in advance, supports real-time monitoring and response, and then learns from the results. This creates a full-cycle operating model: Predict, Monitor, Respond, and Learn. The first large-scale testbed was the Incheon Pentaport Rock Festival, which draws more than 100,000 visitors. Before the event, AI predicted possible congestion areas; during the festival, it monitored crowd density, fire risks, and emergency situations in real time; afterward, it analyzed the data and generated reports for future operations. Looking ahead, the Smart City Operations Center will evolve into the IFEZ AI City Operations Center—a next-generation operational hub that analyzes citywide data and supports intelligent decision-making. Proven through field demonstrations, the system will gradually expand into transportation, disaster management, environmental monitoring, and energy management to improve the efficiency of urban operations.



2 AI—smart living. Smarter Everyday Life

The changes brought by an AI city are felt first not in grand technologies, but in daily life. By analyzing data related to mobility, safety, energy, and health, AI helps deliver faster, more precise public services while allowing the city to detect and respond to risks earlier. By reducing traffic congestion, anticipating disasters and safety incidents, and optimizing the use of urban resources, AI creates a safer and more efficient living environment. Services that support city operations will also continue to expand, including AI chatbots that allow operators to ask questions in natural language and instantly access response procedures and operational guidance. The Incheon AI City Vision unveiled at CES 2026 captured this future clearly: a city where AI works quietly in the background to make everyday life smarter, safer, and more convenient.

3 AI—innovation hub. The City Becomes a Testbed for Industry

IFEZ's AI City vision does not stop at urban management; it also reaches into industrial innovation. IFEZ is integrating AI across manufacturing, logistics, food production, and biotechnology, while transforming the entire district into an open testbed for companies to validate new technologies and services in real-world urban environments. In particular, the convergence of AI and biotechnology is emerging as a new growth engine for the Songdo Bio Cluster. IFEZ is expanding AI-based bio-data analysis, precision medicine, and global collaborative research, while strengthening an open innovation ecosystem in which businesses, universities, and research institutes share technologies and data. By combining its established biotechnology foundation with AI, IFEZ is creating new opportunities for industrial innovation and for global collaboration.

4 AI—global standard. A City That Sets a Global Standard

IFEZ's vision for an AI city extends beyond a single region. Its goal is to standardize an AI-driven urban operating model for adoption by cities around the world. To achieve this, IFEZ is building partnerships with leading cities worldwide to share AI city strategies, technologies, and operational experience. Through collaboration with international organizations, it is also working to establish standards for sustainable urban development and ethical AI governance. The task is not only to advance technology, but also to ask how AI can be used safely, responsibly, and for the public good. By integrating AI with two decades of smart city experience, IFEZ is working to create a global model for the next generation of cities.

ROAD TO AI CITY

IFEZ's Journey from Smart City to AI City



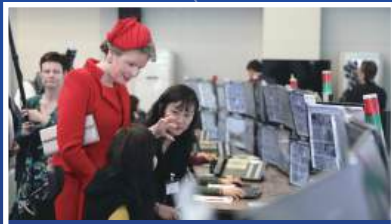
- 2012**
 - Incheon Smart City Corporation established (a public-private partnership (PPP) for smart city development)
- 2014**
 - Phase 1 of Cheongna International City completed
 - **Songdo Smart City Operations Center completed**
- 2017**
 - Phases 1–4 of Songdo International City completed
 - Smart city platform drone service exported to India (KRW 250 million)



Smart City Operations Center welcomes more than 8,600 visitors during its first three years

Since its opening, the facility has attracted prominent visitors from Korea and abroad, welcoming a record 8,600 visitors. It continues to serve as a venue for benchmarking and mutual cooperation.

- 2019**
 - Traffic signal control system exported to the Philippines (KRW 100 million)
 - Phases 5 and 7 of Songdo International City completed
 - Investment Block 2 in Cheongna International City completed
 - **Queen of Belgium** visited the Smart City Operations Center



GLOBAL IFEZ Countries Visiting the Smart City Integrated Operations Center

- 🇲🇾 May 2015 – Minister of Multimedia, Malaysia
- 🇪🇬 2016 – President of Egypt
- 🇲🇲 2016 – President of Myanmar
- 🇧🇪 2019 – Queen of Belgium
- 🇨🇴 2019 – Vice President of Colombia
- 🇨🇷 2021 – President of Costa Rica
- 🇰🇪 November 2022 – President of Kenya
- 🇲🇾 2025 – Mayor of Seremban, Malaysia

* In addition, visitors have come from approximately 90 countries, including the United States, France, Germany, Russia, China, India, Japan, and Vietnam.

- 2021**
 - Phase 6-1 and Phase 8 of Songdo International City completed
 - Eco-Friendly Mixed-Use Complex in Cheongna International City completed
 - The 5th World Smart City Expo (WSCE 2021)
 - 2021 IFEZ Smart City International Symposium
 - **Incheon Startup Park opens**



Opening ceremony of Incheon Startup Park — “Let’s Start Up”

Incheon Startup Park opened in 2021 with the goal of becoming a “Korean Silicon Valley.” It supports innovative startups based on Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies as well as those combining advanced technologies with biotechnology.



- 2022**
 - Phase 2 of the Cheongna International City IHP completed
 - 2022 IFEZ Smart City International Symposium

- 2023**
 - Phase 1 and Phase 2-1 of Yeongjong Sky City completed
 - **2023 IFEZ Smart City International Symposium**

- 2024**
 - Incheon Startup Week (ISW SURF 2024) held



- 2025**
 - Phase 2-2 of Yeongjong Sky City completed
 - **Global Top 10 City Week 2025**
 - Demonstration of the **IFEZ Zero-Energy Smart City Integrated Platform Project**
 - Phase 1 of the Smart City Basic Services Project completed



SMART CITY SUMMIT 2025

Declaration of the AI City Initiative

On December 1, 2025, IFEZ announced the world's first “AI City Initiative” at Global Top 10 City Week 2025. IFEZ plans to establish an intelligent, autonomous urban operating system in which AI functions as the city's central intelligence and expand the model globally.

- Completion ceremony for Phase 1 of the IFEZ Smart City Basic Services Project**
- On August 1, 2025, IFEZ held a completion ceremony for the first phase of the Smart City-Based Services project. By establishing smart city infrastructure through the project, IFEZ laid the foundation for advancing toward a smart city where citizens can experience the benefits in their daily lives.



- 2026**
 - Utility pipeline construction completed in Songdo District 6-8
 - Incheon AI City Vision unveiled at **CES 2026**

- 2028**
 - Infrastructure completed in Songdo District 6-8 (planned)
 - Smart City Basic Services Expansion Project completed (planned)

- 2030**
 - Infrastructure completed in Songdo District 11 (planned)



CES 2026: Incheon AI City Vision

At CES 2026, the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority unveiled the “Incheon AI City Vision” under the theme “Destination Incheon—From Smart City to AI City.” Presenting a future strategy for applying AI across the city, Incheon introduced its new direction to the world as it moves beyond a smart city toward becoming a global leader in AI-driven urban innovation.

IFEZ: Where Nature Connects the World

Global biodiversity cooperation begins in a city shaped by the tidal flats and migratory birds of the West Sea.

In an era when the protection of nature has become part of a city's competitiveness, IFEZ is taking the lead in global biodiversity cooperation. Built around the West Sea's tidal flats and migratory bird habitats, IFEZ is showing how nature and advanced urban development can shape a more sustainable future together.



20th Anniversary Commemorative Event for International Cooperation under the EAAFP

ISSUE 1

A City Connected by Migratory Birds, a Platform Recognized Worldwide

Migratory birds cross national borders, yet their survival depends on a connected ecological network. Only when breeding grounds, stopover sites, and wintering habitats remain healthy and interconnected can a complete ecosystem be sustained. This is why Incheon is recognized as a key city along the East Asian–Australasian Flyway (EAAF). The tidal flats along Incheon's West Sea coast—including Songdo, Yeongjong, and Ganghwa—serve as vital habitats along one of the world's major migratory bird flyways. They provide essential breeding and resting grounds for endangered waterbirds, including the Black-faced Spoonbill, and are important for maintaining global biodiversity. Since hosting the Secretariat of the East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) in Songdo in 2009, Incheon has continued to strengthen international cooperation through conferences, joint research, educational programs, and public participation initiatives,

evolving into a leading center for migratory bird conservation. In 2025, the city was elected to the Standing Committee, the EAAFP's highest decision-making body, further solidifying its role as a key partner in international environmental governance. The results of these conservation efforts are reflected in the numbers. Through sustained conservation efforts and international cooperation, the global population of the Black-faced Spoonbill has grown from just 430 birds in 1995 to more than 7,000 by 2025. Today, more than half of the world's Black-faced Spoonbills inhabit the Incheon area, and the Namdong Reservoir has become one of the species' largest breeding sites. This is more than a population increase. It is evidence that the region's tidal flats and wetlands remain healthy ecosystems—and a powerful example of how cities and nature can thrive together.

ISSUE 2

From Biodiversity to a Sustainable City : IFEZ's New Vision



IFEZ Biodiversity Facts

- ✓ 2009 – Hosted the Secretariat of the East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) in Songdo
- ✓ Hosted the 20th Anniversary Commemorative Event for International Cooperation under the EAAFP
- ✓ First city in the world to receive the IUCN Biodiversity Excellence Recognition
- ✓ An international partnership for migratory bird conservation involving 18 governments and 42 partner organizations
- ✓ Approximately 54% of the world's Black-faced Spoonbills inhabit Incheon
- ✓ Namdong Reservoir is one of the world's largest breeding sites for the Black-faced Spoonbill
- ✓ Signed an MOU with the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) to jointly develop the Songdo International Eco Center
- ✓ The Songdo International Eco Center will serve as a global ecological platform integrating ecological conservation, environmental education, and international cooperation

IFEZ is evolving from an industrial and innovation hub into a global ecological city where people and nature coexist. At the center of this vision is the Songdo International Eco Center Project. In collaboration with the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) of the United Kingdom, the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority is developing an international center for ecological education and research in Songdo International City. Modeled after the London Wetland Centre, the Songdo International Eco Center is envisioned not only as an ecological facility but also as a comprehensive platform integrating wetland conservation, environmental education, international cooperation, and public participation. The center will protect habitats for diverse species while connecting nature to the urban environment. It will also reflect the region's history and culture, creating a place where visitors from around the world can better understand the value of biodiversity. These efforts have taken on even greater significance as the East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) marks its 20th anniversary. At the commemorative event, Incheon became the first city in the world to receive the IUCN Biodiversity Excellence Recognition, earning international recognition for its achievements in ecological conservation and global cooperation. The recognition reflects more than the protection of migratory birds and tidal flats. It acknowledges IFEZ's ongoing efforts to transform biodiversity into a source of urban competitiveness. Looking ahead, IFEZ will continue to build a sustainable global city where nature and industry, urban development and the environment, advance together through collaboration among international organizations, research institutions, and local communities.

Signing of the MOU with the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT)



IFEZ GLOBAL CORE

Fifth. A City That Empowers Future Businesses

A City Where Innovative Businesses Grow

Incheon Startup Park: An Innovation Platform Supporting Startup Growth



Location 204 Convensia-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

Facility Size Total floor area **48,898m²**

2026 Project Budget KRW **13.05 billion**

Innovation does not thrive on great ideas alone. New industries can truly grow only when an ecosystem supports every stage of the journey—from startups and investment to technology validation and global expansion. Centered on Incheon Startup Park, IFEZ is fostering business growth and building an innovation ecosystem that helps companies reach global markets through platforms such as CES and its expanding international network.

Incheon Startup Park is Korea’s first open-innovation platform focused on startup technology validation. It supports startups throughout the full growth cycle, from technology development and investment to validation, commercialization, and global expansion. By connecting public institutions, major corporations, and investors, the park has become an innovation hub where startups can grow sustainably.

Ecosystem	Startup incubation programs for future growth industries / Investor networking, industry-academia-research collaboration, Boom-Up Festival, and four ecosystem programs
Technology Validation	Four programs, including public- and private-sector technology validation to accelerate the commercialization of products and services
Investment Attraction	Three programs, including investment strategy development and consulting
Global Expansion	Three programs, including support for participation in global exhibitions and overseas technology validation



Number of Resident Startups in IFEZ

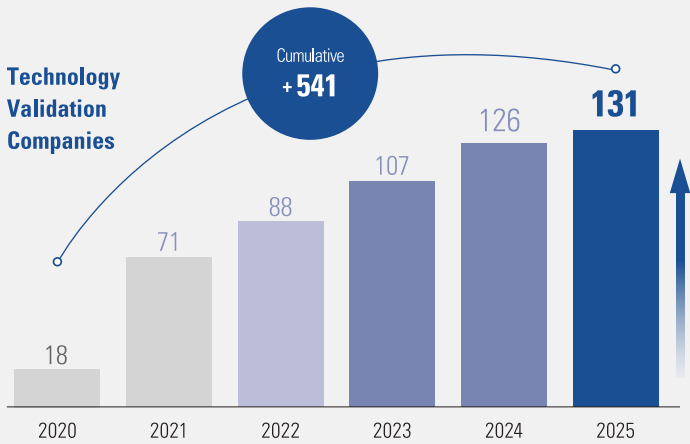
2021	80
2022	79
2023	79
2024	90
2025	98



Sales of Resident Startups in IFEZ

2021	1,390
2022	2,002
2023	2,096
2024	3,491
2025	2,826

* KRW 100 Million



Programs That Drive Growth

Technology does not end at development. Incheon Startup Park helps startups move closer to the market by connecting validation, investment, and global networks. Its flagship TRYOUT program brings public institutions and private companies together to support technology validation and commercialization. The Boom-Up Festival connects startups with investors and large and mid-sized companies, while CES participation support helps promising companies build a foothold in global markets.

Key Achievements at CES 2025

Visitors to the IFEZ Pavilion

14,101

Supported Companies

61

Media Coverage

2,065

Won by 12 Companies

13 Awards



CES 2025

Incheon Startups Growing with IFEZ

Achievements of Companies at Incheon Startup Park

 NineWatt	 STS Bio	 Raven Materials	 Jigeum Yeogi	 Verses
KRW 2 billion Investment from LS ELECTRIC	KRW 2.2 billion Matched with pilot product purchases	USD 7.47 million Export contract signed in Dubai	32 MOUs signed with local governments nationwide	4 consecutive years CES Innovation Award winner
Key Technologies AI and Software Development (Green Remodeling) and Data Analysis	Key Technologies Closed-System Drug Transfer Devices (CSTDs)	Key Technologies Removal of Viruses and Hazardous Substances Using Specialized Photocatalysts, Advanced Materials for 4G Nanosemiconductors	Key Technologies AI-Powered Mobile and Kiosk-Based Contactless Disposal Service for Bulky Waste	Key Technologies AI-Powered Interactive Music Listening Solution

1

First Demonstration of AI-Powered City Operations at Pentaport Festival

The Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority (IFEZA) successfully conducted its first demonstration of an AI-powered urban operations service at the Incheon Pentaport Rock Festival 2026. Using its in-house-developed AI Integrated Crowd Risk Monitoring Solution, IFEZA monitored safety conditions in real time at the large-scale festival, which drew more than 100,000 visitors, marking the first practical application of AI to city operations.

During the demonstration, AI analyzed expected visitor numbers, pedestrian flow, and weather conditions to identify potential risk areas. Throughout the festival, CCTV video analytics detected crowd congestion, fires, smoke, violent incidents, and other emergencies in real time. After the event, the system automatically generated analytical reports on incidents and response measures, providing valuable data for future operations.

Building on years of smart city expertise and accumulated urban data, IFEZA is advancing its vision of an AI Operating City, where AI serves as the core engine of city management.



2

Songdo Resource Circulation Center Environmental Campaign Engages 5,376 Citizens

IFEZA, together with the Incheon Environmental Corporation, conducted the Songdo Resource Circulation Center (SRF) Environmental Campaign on Proper Waste Disposal and a public awareness survey to promote proper household waste separation and to strengthen awareness of resource circulation.

Among the 5,376 participants, 96% said they understood proper waste separation guidelines, and 95% recognized the importance of correctly separating recyclable waste.

The survey also highlighted public expectations for environmental facilities and ecological spaces. Regarding environmental facility operations, respondents were most interested in ecological education programs (22%) and improved accessibility (21%). For the planned Songdo International Eco Center, many anticipated benefits, including promoting eco-tourism and the local economy (28%) and enhancing the city's environmentally friendly image (27%).

Based on the campaign results and public feedback, IFEZA plans to expand resource-circulation policies and environmental education while continuing to build an eco-friendly city with its citizens.



3

Expanding Reuse of Treated Wastewater in Songdo Through Stronger Partnerships

On July 8, IFEZA held a meeting at G-Tower in Songdo with organizations using reclaimed wastewater from the Songdo Wastewater Reuse Facility. Participants reviewed current facility operations and discussed ways to expand the use of reclaimed water, while gathering user feedback.

Representatives from the Incheon Environmental Corporation, Incheon Total Energy Co., Ltd., and other related organizations attended the meeting to review the current water supply system, discuss measures to ensure urban safety amid aging facilities and pipelines, and explore ways to increase the utilization of reclaimed water. They also discussed cooperation on ESG management and the development of an environmentally friendly industrial ecosystem based on resource circulation.

Originally established in 2004, the Songdo Wastewater Reuse Facility upgraded its treatment process in 2023 by introducing an advanced reverse osmosis (RO) purification system. The facility currently produces approximately 1.33 million cubic meters of reclaimed water annually for industrial use and district heating.

Working closely with the Incheon Environmental Corporation, IFEZA plans to continue improving related systems and infrastructure and to gradually increase water reuse rates.



IFEZ Activities Leading Innovation-Driven Growth

IFEZ is striving to become a top-tier global city through diverse efforts to attract investment. Below are the main activities through which IFEZ continues to drive innovation and growth.

4

Detailed Design Begins for Smart City Infrastructure in Songdo District 11-1

On July 7, IFEZA held the project kick-off meeting for the detailed design of the IFEZ Songdo District 11-1 Smart City Infrastructure Project at G-Tower.

The project targets the final development area of Songdo International City and brings together the smart city expertise accumulated throughout Songdo to complete the city's next-generation urban model. The detailed design focuses on integrating information and communications technology (ICT) into key public services—including transportation, public safety and disaster prevention, environmental management, facility management, and public information services—to create a smart urban environment that citizens can experience firsthand.

The meeting focused on five core ICT service areas: intelligent CCTV systems, smart crosswalks, real-time air-quality and water-level monitoring, traffic signal control, Bus Information Terminals (BIT), Variable Message Signs (VMS), and remote management of on-site facilities.

IFEZA plans to complete the detailed design by May 2027 and to proceed with implementing smart city infrastructure services for Songdo District 11-1 by 2028.



5

IFEZA Proposes Legal Amendment to Streamline Approval Procedures for FEZ Development Projects

On July 3, the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority (IFEZA) proposed amendments to the Special Act on Designation and Management of Free Economic Zones at the 34th National Meeting of Free Economic Zone Commissioners, hosted by the Gyeonggi Free Economic Zone Authority. The proposal aims to simplify approval procedures for development projects within free economic zones. Under the current system, even after an implementation plan is approved, separate procedures are required to change or revoke the designated use of public property, which must be approved by the Public Property Deliberation Committee. This duplication of administrative procedures has delayed project implementation and created obstacles to investment attraction. IFEZA proposed revising the law to allow procedures for revoking the designated use of administrative property and changing the use of general property to be processed concurrently with the approval of implementation plans. If adopted, the amendment is expected to shorten project timelines and improve administrative efficiency by consolidating public property procedures. IFEZA will continue to identify institutional barriers and unnecessary regulations in free economic zone development while working with relevant agencies.



6

IFEZA Earns Top Grade for Eight Consecutive Years in Free Economic Zone Performance Evaluation

The Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority (IFEZA) earned the highest S Grade in the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy's 2025 Free Economic Zone Performance Evaluation, making it the only free economic zone among Korea's nine FEZs to achieve the top rating for eight consecutive years. The evaluation comprehensively reviewed each zone's 2025 implementation plans and performance. IFEZA was recognized for systematically laying a foundation for sustainable growth through strategic investment attraction, future development planning, urban infrastructure expansion, and improvements to the living environment. Last year, IFEZA attracted USD 790 million in foreign direct investment (FDI), achieving 138.2% of its target. It also attracted 15 major domestic and international companies, including Samsung Biologics and LOTTE BIOLOGICS, thereby strengthening its strategic industries. In addition, IFEZA established its long-term development roadmap through the IFEZ Vision & Strategy 2040 and enhanced urban competitiveness through projects such as the opening of the Cheongna Sky Bridge, the normalization of the Midan City development project, the attraction of international schools, and the K-CON LAND initiative. IFEZA will continue strengthening its competitiveness as a global hub for business innovation.



7

K-Bio Lab Hub to Break Ground in Q3, Creating a Bio Startup Hub in Songdo by 2028

The K-Bio Lab Hub project led by IFEZA is scheduled to break ground in the third quarter of this year. Located on the Yonsei University International Campus site in Songdo International City, District 7, the project has completed all administrative procedures and design reviews and is now in the contractor selection stage. Construction will proceed under systematic project management, with completion targeted for the end of 2028. The K-Bio Lab Hub is a key national infrastructure project supporting bio startups. With a total construction budget of KRW 93 billion, the facility will comprise one basement level and nine above-ground floors, totaling 20,375 m². The project is jointly promoted by the Ministry of SMEs and Startups, IFEZA, Yonsei University, and the Incheon Center for Creative Economy & Innovation. Bio startups selected for the pilot program are already conducting research and startup activities on the Yonsei University International Campus. Upon completion, the Lab Hub is expected to become a central platform for nurturing bio startups and commercializing technologies within the Songdo Bio Cluster, supported by advanced research equipment, startup support programs, and an open innovation ecosystem.



8

Incheon Steps Up Efforts to Secure KRW 1 Trillion National AI Connected Car Project

The City of Incheon has officially launched a dedicated task force to secure a KRW 1 trillion national government project for AI-connected vehicles, accelerating efforts to develop the AI connectivity industry. At the AI Connected Mobility Task Force Review Meeting on July 30, officials from IFEZA and other city departments, along with experts from the Korea Automobile Research Institute, Incheon Technopark, Inha University, and other industry, academia, and research organizations, discussed strategies and key initiatives to secure national funding. The meeting reviewed progress since the task force's establishment and refined implementation strategies. Building on Robot Land and the Cheongna Connected Car Certification Center, Incheon plans to develop a corporate-led AI connectivity ecosystem supported by financial investment. The city will also promote business-friendly policies, including regulatory improvements and tax incentives, and foster AI-connected vehicles and cybersecurity as future growth industries.



Interview No. 15

MEET A NATIONAL MUSEUM IN IFEZ

<National Museum of World Writing Systems>

Located in Songdo International City, the National Museum of World Writing Systems was born from both pride and responsibility: the pride of a country that created Hangeul, one of the most remarkable writing systems in human history, and the responsibility to share the value of writing with the world. Shin Yong-suk, International Cooperation Advisor to the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority (IFEZA), met with the museum's newly appointed director, Kim Myung-in, to discuss the museum's present and future. A literary critic, former professor at Inha University, and former editor of the quarterly journal *Hwanghae Review*, Director Kim brings a deep background in literature and written culture to his new role.



Shin Yong-suk
Special Adviser for
International Cooperation
Incheon Free Economic Zone
Authority (IFEZA)



Kim Myung-in
Director, National Museum
of World Writing Systems



Shin Yong-suk(hereafter “Shin”) Congratulations on your appointment as Director of the National Museum of World Writing Systems. Your appointment has been warmly welcomed not only in Incheon but also throughout the historical and cultural communities of the Seoul metropolitan area. Could you share your academic background with us?

Kim Myung-in(hereafter “Kim”) Thank you. Although I still have much to learn, I have been entrusted with the responsibility of leading this national cultural institution in its unique mission. My academic field is modern Korean literature. For many years, I taught modern Korean fiction and literary criticism at the university level while working as a literary critic. I also served as editor of *Hwanghae Review*, a quarterly journal published by the Saeol Foundation. If writing systems are the material medium through which human thoughts become text, then literature and journalism—the fields I have devoted my career to—represent some of the highest achievements in written communication. That understanding ultimately led me to accept this position.

Shin What inspired the creation of the National Museum of World Writing Systems, and how did it come to be located in Songdo International City, Incheon?

Kim The National Museum of World Writing Systems was established to collect, study, and exhibit both the diverse writing systems still in use around the world and the traces of scripts that have appeared and disappeared throughout human history. Its mission is to preserve and celebrate the richness and diversity of human civilization through

writing. The museum's location in Songdo International City reflects several factors working together: Songdo's outstanding infrastructure as an advanced cultural city, Incheon citizens' strong aspiration to establish a national cultural institution worthy of one of Korea's leading metropolitan cities, and the dedicated efforts of the Mayor of Incheon and many others who helped make this vision a reality.

Shin A special exhibition marking the 140th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Korea and France is currently on view at the Champollion Museum in Figeac, France. Could you introduce the Champollion Museum, the world's first museum dedicated to writing systems?

Kim The Champollion Museum – World Writing Systems was established in 1986 in Figeac, the hometown of the brilliant linguist Jean-François Champollion, who deciphered the ancient Egyptian inscriptions on the Rosetta Stone. Although modest in size, the museum presents exhibitions of exceptional quality, featuring writing-related artifacts donated or loaned from institutions such as the Louvre Museum and other collections from around the world, particularly those related to Egypt and ancient civilizations.

Shin Could you tell us more about the special exhibition currently on view at the Champollion Museum?

Kim From July 4 to October 11 this year, the Champollion Museum is hosting the special exhibition *Hangeul: A King's Dream, the People's Language*. Organized jointly by the National Museum of World Writing Systems and the Champollion Museum to commemorate the



140th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Korea and France, the exhibition is the first full-scale presentation of Hangeul in Europe. The exhibition features Hangeul-related artifacts from our museum, including a replica of the Hunminjeongeum Haerye, as well as related objects from French institutions, such as the Musée Guimet.

Shin What are your plans to establish the National Institute of World Writing Systems and to strengthen cooperation with cultural institutions in Incheon?

Kim One of our museum's core missions is to study and introduce the diverse writing systems and writing cultures of countries and peoples around the world. For that reason, I believe our highest priority is to establish an affiliated research institute to deepen research into the history, current status, and unique characteristics of the world's writing systems while expanding international academic exchange. Rather than creating an independent National Institute of World Writing Systems, we plan to begin by strengthening the museum's existing research

functions through an affiliated institute. Given Incheon's population and urban scale, the city still lacks sufficient cultural facilities. As a national cultural institution, I believe our museum has an inherent responsibility to make a meaningful contribution to the city's cultural development.

Shin When do you expect the chatbot, which will make it easier for visitors to search the museum's collections and information, to become available?

Kim Our museum is developing Korea's first chatbot system capable of providing not only general museum information but also detailed information about our entire collection. If development proceeds as planned, the service will be available on our website as early as this November. Globally, only a handful of institutions, including the British Museum, currently operate systems of this kind. We believe this will place our museum at the forefront of digital museum services.

Shin Many people believe that the ease and efficiency of Hangeul helped Korea take the lead in the IT and information revolution. In that context, I hope institutions such as the National Museum of World Writing Systems will undertake more specialized research. What are your thoughts on this?

Kim Hangeul's simplicity and excellence have become even more evident in the digital age thanks to its remarkable adaptability. One



of our museum's major priorities will be to establish the affiliated research institute and to scientifically demonstrate Hangeul's strengths in digital environments. At the same time, we hope this research will help preserve the diversity of the world's writing systems in today's digital landscape, which is largely dominated by English.

Shin Visitors to the National Museum of World Writing Systems appear genuinely engaged and eager to learn. Congratulations on surpassing one million annual visitors just two years after opening. Could you share details about any upcoming special exhibitions?

Kim Beginning in 2027, we plan to launch a new series of special exhibitions titled Crossroads of World Writing Systems, featuring two major exhibitions each year. The first exhibition, scheduled for the first half of 2027, will focus on the writing systems and epics of Southeast Asia. In the second half of the year, we will co-organize a large-scale exhibition on Chinese characters with the Palace Museum in China. We believe these exhibitions will mark an important milestone in establishing the National Museum of World Writing Systems as a truly global museum dedicated to writing systems.

Shin Thank you for sharing your valuable insights today. Together with the citizens of Incheon, I sincerely hope the National Museum of World Writing Systems continues to grow into a world-renowned institution.



Organization Type National Museum
Operated by National Museum of World Writing Systems Foundation
Address 217 Central-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon



Visit the National Museum of World Writing Systems

THE KEY PLAYERS OF IFEZ

Yeongjong Planning Team

Planning the Future, Turning Possibilities into Reality

Cities are not built overnight. Behind every successful city are years of planning, coordination, and careful decisions. Looking decades ahead, the Yeongjong Planning Team works to improve residents' quality of life while strengthening the city's future competitiveness. Step by step, the team is drawing the next map of IFEZ through the continued growth of Yeongjong International City and the development of new free economic zones.

Written by Hwang Yezi, Photographs by Lee Deok-jae



A panoramic view of Yeongjong Sky City, where plans are underway for a Bio Specialized Complex and an Aviation Culture Complex City.

Managing Today's Yeongjong, Preparing for Tomorrow

The Yeongjong Planning Team oversees development projects throughout Yeongjong International City and leads the designation of a new Free Economic Zone in southern Ganghwa. Its responsibilities include managing development plans for Yeongjong Sky City, Midan City, Hansang Dream Island, Airport New Town, and the Unseo and Unnam districts, as well as identifying new drivers of future growth. Working closely with organizations such as Incheon International Airport Corporation and Korea Land & Housing Corporation (LH), the team develops strategies to reinvest development gains into the local community and continues to expand infrastructure that benefits residents long after development is completed. At the same time, the team is coordinating with relevant government ministries on procedures to designate the southern Ganghwa area as a new Free Economic Zone, laying the groundwork for the next stage of IFEZ's growth.

Designing the Center of Growth for Yeongjong International City

Yeongjong International City is home to a wide range of development projects spanning residential communities, industry, tourism, and leisure. Among these, Yeongjong Sky City remains the team's top priority. Because the project requires managing both undeveloped reserve land and established urban areas, attracting new industries and revitalizing the existing city are equally important. Plans are underway to develop a Bio Specialized Complex within the Phase 3 reserve area of Yeongjong Sky City. Investment projects based on the concept of an Aviation Culture Complex City are also under review. In addition, the team is promoting the development of an aviation MRO cluster in conjunction with Korean Air's Flight Training Center, further strengthening the city's future industrial base. Its ultimate goal is to build a self-sustaining international city where industry and quality of life coexist in balance.



Looking Ahead to the Future, Creating a New Axis of Growth

Once built, a city shapes the lives of its residents for decades. For that reason, the Yeongjong Planning Team places the highest priority on long-term planning that anticipates future changes and meets current needs.

Listening carefully to residents’ opinions and thoroughly reviewing infrastructure requirements are essential components of this approach.

The same philosophy guides the development of the new Free Economic Zone on southern Ganghwa.

With more than 90% of IFEZ already developed, establishing a new growth axis is essential for sustainable expansion.

The team envisions a differentiated Free Economic Zone centered on green and blue bio industries, leveraging southern Ganghwa’s agricultural and marine resources.

More than a development project, it is a long-term strategy to extend IFEZ’s growth beyond Songdo, Yeongjong, and Cheongna into Ganghwa, applying the urban development expertise accumulated across IFEZ throughout the greater Incheon area.

Everyday life continues to flourish alongside the planned growth of Yeongjong International City.



The Yeongjong Planning Team looks beyond the sea while envisioning the future of Yeongjong International City.

A Global Gateway Where People and Cities Grow Together

Large-scale urban development requires ongoing coordination among a wide range of stakeholders.

Differences in legal interpretation and interagency coordination can pose challenges, but the greatest reward is achieving results through active communication and persistent collaboration.

The agreements to reinvest development gains from Midan City and the Sindo Peace Bridge project are representative examples of these efforts.

The Yeongjong Planning Team envisions Yeongjong International City as Korea’s premier global gateway city, embracing both the airport and the sea.

A city where tourism, leisure, international business, and the aviation industry coexist harmoniously, supported by high-quality education, culture, healthcare, and everyday living infrastructure.

With this vision in mind, the team continues to design IFEZ’s next growth map, keeping residents’ lives and the city’s future at the center of its work.

MINI INTERVIEW

Urban Planning is [] to us



「A Promise」

Urban development is a collaborative effort among many organizations and stakeholders.

The most rewarding part of my work is bringing diverse perspectives together to develop plans that truly benefit the community.

For me, urban planning means creating an environment where businesses want to invest—and where the benefits of that investment are returned to residents.

It is a promise to build trust with citizens and shape the city’s future together.

Choi Young-joo
Team Leader, Yeongjong Planning Team



「A Brand」

Yeongjong International City is a highly competitive city connected to Korea and the world via Incheon International Airport and its three bridges to the mainland.

Countless people have helped transform what was once Yeongjongdo, Yongyuudo, and Muuido into today’s international city.

Working in urban planning allows me to witness the results of those efforts gradually taking shape.

I believe those changes ultimately become Yeongjong International City’s unique competitive advantage—and the brand that represents Incheon.

Lee Hyun-ho
Officer



「A Catalyst」

While working on the new Free Economic Zone in southern Ganghwa, I met many local residents.

The message I heard most often was their hope that the region would become vibrant again through meaningful change.

Listening to residents who look forward to better jobs and improved living conditions reminded me that urban planning is far more than drawing plans on paper—it is about turning a region’s potential into reality.

That is why, to me, urban planning is the catalyst for lasting change.

Lee Hyeong-yun
Officer

Insight in site, IFEZ

IFEZ acts as a gateway linking Korea to the world and as a hub of global innovation. From United Nations (UN) agencies and international organizations to the Incheon Global Campus (IGC) and the Global Center, leading institutions and organizations across various sectors are based here. Below are the latest updates from key organizations and institutions that are driving change and growth within IFEZ.



IGC Foundation Hosts Navigator Day 2026 to Strengthen International Joint R&D Cooperation

The Incheon Global Campus (IGC) Foundation recently held IGC Navigator Day 2026 to strengthen researchers’ ability to plan public R&D projects and expand cooperation with government R&D agencies.

The event was held as part of the IGC International Joint R&D Planning Research Program. Approximately 70 participants attended, including officials from the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy; the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority; the Korea Evaluation Institute of Industrial Technology (KEIT); and the Korea Institute of S&T Evaluation and Planning (KISTEP), as well as researchers from universities and research institutions based at IGC.

Participants shared approaches to research planning aligned with government R&D programs and explored ways to expand the foundation for international joint research.

The IGC Foundation supports the entire process of connecting the research capabilities of overseas universities and research institutions with government-funded R&D, from project planning and task identification to matching with specialized agencies and building networks.

It plans to continue identifying international joint research projects in future strategic industries, including smart manufacturing, semiconductors, and biotechnology, while expanding participation in government R&D programs and strengthening cooperation among industry, academia, and research institutions.



Foundation / CorporationIncheon Global Campus Foundation
Address 119 Songdomunhwa-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon



Government Support for UNDRR ONEA and GETI Extended Through 2031

Government administrative and financial support for the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Office for Northeast Asia (ONEA) and the Global Education and Training Institute (GETI) in Songdo has been extended through 2031.

The Ministry of the Interior and Safety recently signed an agreement with UNDRR to extend the current support arrangement. Under the extension, the government plans to continue strengthening international cooperation to address the climate crisis and complex disasters.

The measure aims to maintain Korea’s role as a hub for disaster risk reduction cooperation in Northeast Asia and to expand collaboration with the international community.

UNDRR is a UN body responsible for developing international disaster risk reduction strategies and coordinating cooperation among related organizations.

Established in Songdo in 2010, ONEA implements disaster risk reduction cooperation projects among five Northeast Asian countries: Korea, China, Japan, Mongolia, and North Korea. GETI supports global disaster response capacity by identifying and supporting experts and by sharing specialized knowledge and innovative technologies.

Under the extended agreement, Songdo will continue to serve as a hub for disaster risk reduction cooperation and for international education and training in Northeast Asia.



Organization Type An international organization
Address 175 Art center-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon



GGGI Expands Green Growth Cooperation with Cambodia and Laos

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) announced that Director-General Kim Sang-hyup made an official visit to Cambodia and Laos from July 27 to 30 to discuss cooperation in climate finance, carbon markets, and water security.

In Cambodia, Kim held high-level talks with the Minister of Environment and discussed a USD 300 million Tonle Sap Basin project and the implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. He also formally signed the strategic direction for Cambodia’s country cooperation framework.

Building on this cooperation, GGGI plans to expand green investment through climate-tech entrepreneurship, preparations to implement Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, and the development of the green bond market.

In Siem Reap Province, Kim tested an electric tuk-tuk from the Korean climate-tech company VeryWords, gaining firsthand insight into low-carbon mobility. He also discussed cooperation on climate technology and carbon markets with the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Cambodia.

In Laos, he attended a meeting of the Asian Parliamentary Water Council in Vientiane and emphasized the importance of cross-border cooperation on water security in the Mekong River Basin. He also paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of Laos and agreed to expand sustainable development cooperation with countries in the Global South.



Organization Type An international organization
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IGC George Mason University Successfully Concludes Incheon Global Citizenship Camp

The 2026 Incheon Global Citizenship Camp, hosted by George Mason University Korea at the Incheon Global Campus (IGC), concluded successfully.

The camp was designed as a participatory educational program that combined global citizenship education, peace education, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), debate, and sports-based cooperative activities. It incorporated Incheon’s regional characteristics and the border- and peace-related resources of Gyodongdo Island.

A total of 30 students from 24 middle schools in Incheon participated, interacting with peers from diverse backgrounds, including those from the old downtown area, new towns, and island communities. The program gave students opportunities to strengthen their inclusion and collaboration skills as global citizens.

Students from Incheon National University’s debate club served as facilitators, supporting interactive learning about food security and the climate crisis through campus tours, special lectures, and board games.

Participants also visited the Nanjeong Peace Education Institute of the Incheon Metropolitan Office of Education and Gyodongdo Island to learn about the history and meaning of peace in border regions. Through sports-based cooperative activities and team projects, they further developed their communication and problem-solving skills.

George Mason University Korea plans to continue supporting students in developing global competencies and a strong sense of social responsibility.



Foundation / Corporation Mason Korea
Address 119-4 Songdomunhwa-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

Korea Polar Research Institute Joins EU Antarctic International Research Project as Asia’s Only Participating Institution

The Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) announced that it will participate in SYNCHRONY (Synchronized Southern Ocean and Antarctic Observing System), an international joint research project led by Germany’s Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI).

Supported by the European Union’s Horizon Europe program, the project will run from August 2026 to July 2030 and include 27 research institutions from Asia, Europe, Oceania, and Africa. KOPRI is the sole Asian participant.

Researchers will use icebreakers and autonomous observation equipment to conduct integrated observations of the atmosphere, sea ice, oceans, and ecosystems across Antarctica and the Southern Ocean. The joint research aims to improve the accuracy of climate change projections.

The project will also standardize observational data across participating institutions and develop new climate and ecosystem data products. In addition, it will provide scientific evidence for climate policymaking by linking its work to international polar research initiatives.

KOPRI’s participation is expected to provide an opportunity to connect Korea’s polar research achievements with the international collaborative research framework.



Supervising Ministry Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries
Industry Research and Development in Physical, Chemical, and Biological Sciences
Address 26 Songdomirae-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon



Incheon Seeks Cooperation with International Organizations to Attract UN Global AI Hub

On July 23, the City of Incheon hosted a meeting at Gyeongwonjae in Songdo International City of representatives from 15 international organizations based in Songdo to discuss cooperation to attract the government-backed UN Global AI Hub.

The UN Global AI Hub is a international cooperation platform intended to establish global AI standards and ethical norms and to share related technologies with developing countries.

During the meeting, representatives also shared information about major projects and community cooperation initiatives undertaken by their organizations. They agreed that AI is an important tool for addressing common global challenges, including climate change, disaster management, health, food, and education, and committed to strengthening cooperation with the City of Incheon.

Since attracting the United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (UNAPCICT) in 2006, Incheon has brought 15 international organizations to Songdo International City.

Building on Songdo’s concentration of international organizations, the city plans to pursue the UN Global AI Hub and to continue related cooperation with international institutions based in Songdo.



Address 29 Jeonggak-ro, Namdong-gu, Incheon



Yonsei Science Park Master Plan Begins, Advancing Songdo Innovation Ecosystem

A master plan is being developed for Yonsei Science Park (YSP II), the second phase of Yonsei University International Campus in Songdo.

According to the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority, project developer Songdo Global University Campus Development Co., Ltd. will invest KRW 710 million in the Yonsei University International Campus YSP II Master Plan and Basic Architectural Planning Service, with the work continuing through next June.

The project will revise construction plans for major research facilities to reflect evolving business conditions and advances in advanced industries. It will also prepare a basic architectural plan and proposed revisions to the implementation plans for Songdo Districts 7 and 11.

Yonsei Science Park is being developed to create an innovation ecosystem that supports research and startups in future industries, including biotechnology, AI, and quantum technology.

The project includes Songdo Severance Hospital, the K-Bio Lab Hub, the Bio Process Training Center, the Pharmaceutical and Bio Commercialization Center, and a Quantum Computing Cluster.

The master plan is expected to provide a framework for creating an innovation cluster that links research, healthcare, and startup functions, uses limited project funding efficiently, and responds to changes in the advanced-industry environment.



Foundation / Corporation Yonsei University Foundation
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ifez — AUTUMN BOOK Trip

An Autumn Reading Trip Through IFEZ

As the season deepens, IFEZ fills with places that seem to have stories of their own. From a light-filled library to quiet shelves made for reading alone, the city offers spaces where hurried steps can slow down. Step away from the rush of everyday life and sink into the calm abundance that one book can bring.

A Library That Reads the Seasons Songdo International Library

At Songdo International Library, light and nature, the city and books come together to create a distinctive atmosphere. Amid Songdo's forest of high-rise buildings, the low-rise structure immediately catches the eye with its warm wooden exterior and greenery throughout the building. The calm, eco-friendly exterior gives way to a dramatic change the moment you enter Grace Hall, where towering bookshelves rise toward the sky. The vast book stacks stretch from the first to the third floor, glowing in sunlight filtering through the glass ceiling. Whether you settle into the stepped seating on the first floor or find a spot on any of the upper levels, the towering wall of books remains in full view. Beyond the shelves packed with books, glimpses of a clear autumn sky complete the scene. Every element of the library comes together to create an ideal autumn outing for book lovers.

Location 166 Academy-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

Operating Hours

- Children's Library on the 1st floor / Digital Zone on the 3rd floor: 09:00–18:00
- General Reading Rooms on the 2nd–3rd floors (Tue–Fri): 09:00–21:00, (Sat–Sun): 09:00–18:00

* Closed every Monday



+Periodicals & Newspapers Corner

A corner of the second floor is dedicated to magazines and newspapers, inviting visitors to browse by their interests. Colorful magazine covers catch the eye first, while the wide floor-to-ceiling windows on the right become a seasonal gallery when the blinds are raised. Under the autumn sunlight pouring in through the windows, turn the pages of publications filled with stories of every kind. It is a reading experience made especially memorable by the season.



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International
Library video



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A Deep, Cozy Pause in Everyday Life Cafe Comma

In the heart of Songdo's skyline, there is a place where the pleasure of a cup of coffee meets the scent of books. True to its slogan, "Life as a Journey," Cafe Comma is a cultural space where books, coffee, and culture converge to offer a warm moment of rest. The Songdo branch, spanning approximately 600 pyeong, is especially striking for the bookshelves that line the walls on both the first and second floors. More than a bookstore, it offers a generous selection of books that visitors are welcome to read without purchasing, making it an easy place to linger and unwind. From office workers at the end of the day to students and neighborhood residents, people gather here to chat quietly and enjoy a bit of cultural leisure. On a cool autumn day, it is an inviting place to slow down with someone who matches your pace.

Location 1F, IBS Tower, 263 Central-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon (Songdo Branch)

Operating Hours Mon—Sun 08:00—20:30 / Last order 20:00

+Curation Corner: _____'s Bookshelf

In this book curation corner, notable figures from various fields select a topic or issue of personal interest and recommend 10 books to read together. The selection offers a glimpse into each curator's tastes while providing inspiration and fresh perspectives. Staff-recommended titles throughout the café add another layer of discovery, making the question "What should I read today?" much easier to answer.



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A Doorway to Quiet Reflection Samgong Sammun

Open the door to Room 303 on the third floor, and the noise of the outside world quickly fades. Located in Cheongna, Samgong Sammun is a private book café shaped by the owner's deep personal taste and genuine love of books. Warm wooden interiors, the subtle aroma of coffee, and soft instrumental music create an atmosphere ideal for uninterrupted reading and reflection. The shelves here are not filled with books merely for decoration. Poetry collections, essays, and distinctive independent publications have all been personally read and selected by the owner for readers who want to immerse themselves for an hour or two.

If you are unsure what to read, a simple conversation may be enough. The owner offers thoughtful recommendations tailored to each visitor's tastes and level of familiarity with books.

This quiet room invites visitors to listen to the lives recorded in others' words—an idea reflected in its ear-shaped logo—while seeking something new in every moment. For anyone who wants to feel the warmth of books in peaceful solitude, it offers a gentle retreat. Advance reservations make the experience even more intimate.

Location Room 303, 3F, 7-15 Cheongnahannae-ro 72beon-gil, Seohae-gu, Incheon

Operating Hours Tue, Fri, Sat, Sun 11:30—18:30

* Closed every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday / * Advance reservation required



+Blind Books

Blind Books are among Samgong Sammun's most thoughtful offerings. Each book is personally read, selected, hand-wrapped, and accompanied by a carefully chosen excerpt. Like the pleasure of literature that cannot be fully understood until the final page, these wrapped books offer the excitement of choosing a title based solely on the words printed on the cover. They make a meaningful addition to a personal collection and an equally thoughtful gift.

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IFEZ CULTURE

September-October

Arts Center Incheon

From classical music and jazz to musicals and dance, Arts Center Incheon stands at the heart of Incheon's performing arts scene. Here are some of the major performances coming this September and October.



Rooftop Jazz IV

Date & Time September 4 (Fri), 19:30
Venue Arts Center Incheon, Multi-Purpose Hall
Running Time 100 min.
Ticket Price All seats KRW 25,000



Incheon Philharmonic Orchestra 446th Subscription Concert <60th Anniversary Concert>

Date & Time September 5 (Sat), 17:00
Venue Arts Center Incheon, Concert Hall
Running Time Approx. 90 min.
Ticket Price All seats KRW 10,000



Anime Concert

Date & Time September 6 (Sun), 15:00
Venue Arts Center Incheon, Multi-Purpose Hall
Running Time Approx. 100 min.
Ticket Price All seats KRW 30,000



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TRIBOWL

Take a look at the upcoming schedule at TRIBOWL, a multicultural venue offering a wide range of performances, exhibitions, and events.



Yeonhui Pan Noreum - Incheon Arirang Love Song

Date & Time September 4 (Fri), 19:30
Venue TRIBOWL, 2F Performance Hall
Running Time 60 min.
Ticket Price All seats KRW 20,000
Inquiry 032-501-1454



TRIBOWL Special Exhibition <Kim Beom-su x Ital: To the Land of Happiness>

Date July 17 (Sat)–September 30 (Sun)
Venue Tribowl, 3F Exhibition Hall
Admission Open to All
Ticket Price Free
Inquiries 032-833-5992



TRIBOWL Series - Contemplative Instruments, Reflective Movements <Waiting for Godot>

Performance Date October 28 (Wed)
Venue Tribowl, 2F Performance Hall
Running Time 60 minutes
Ticket Price KRW 20,000 (All Seats)
Inquiries 032-832-7992



Classic Insight V: Incheon City Opera <A Journey Through Europe with Opera>

Date & Time September 12 (Sat), 17:00
Venue Arts Center Incheon, Concert Hall
Running Time 80 min.
Ticket Price R KRW 20,000 / S KRW 10,000



Jean-Guihen Queyras Cello Recital <Bach: Complete Suites for Solo Cello>

Date & Time October 4 (Sun), 15:00
Venue Arts Center Incheon, Concert Hall
Running Time 150 min.
Ticket Price R KRW 60,000 / S KRW 40,000



Ilya Rashkovskiy Plays Rachmaninoff's Three Piano Concertos

Date & Time October 24 (Sat), 17:00
Venue Arts Center Incheon, Concert Hall
Running Time Approx. 150 min.
Ticket Price VIP KRW 120,000 / R KRW 90,000 / S KRW 70,000 / A KRW 50,000

Special of the Month

At the National Museum of World Writing Systems, special exhibitions explore the warmth of humanity expressed through writing—from the history of Braille to the profound meaning of giving. Visit with someone special and discover the inspiration found in writing systems that have broadened our world.

From Dots to the World : The 100th Anniversary of Hunmaengjeongeum

An exhibition commemorating the 100th anniversary of the creation and publication of Hunmaengjeongeum, the Korean Braille system. It explores the history and value of Braille while promoting greater understanding of visual impairment and raising public awareness.

Period October 7, 2026 (Wed)–February 14, 2027 (Sun)
Venue Special Exhibition Hall, 1F, National Museum of World Writing Systems
Admission Free
Co-hosted by the National Hangeul Museum and Songam Braille Library

The Collector's House

An exhibition reflecting on the meaning of donation and sharing through the life of Kim Jong-il and the 101 modern and contemporary biblical materials he collected and donated.

Period June 16, 2026 (Tue)–May 16, 2027 (Sun)
Venue Permanent Exhibition Hall, B1, National Museum of World Writing Systems
Admission Free
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