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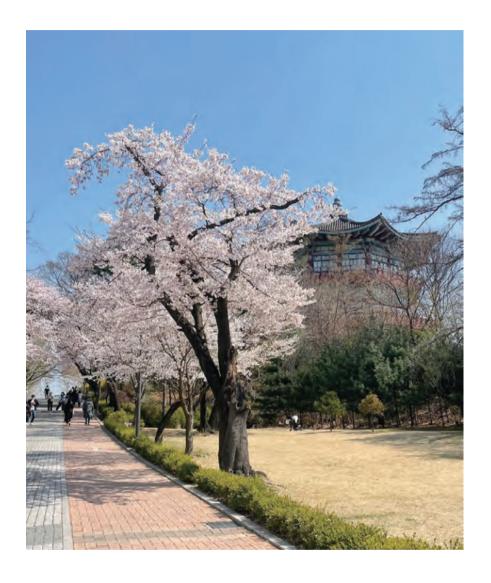
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The World Is Your Oyster

y time to say goodbye to the Sejong Times has arrived, and the 197th edition is the last one that I am publishing as the editor-in-chief. I joined the Sejong Times in 2021, and worked for it for two years, which included six months as a cub-reporter, six months as a reporter, and one year as the editor-in-chief. I made a lot of friends and improved my English skills as well as my writing skills during these two years. I also felt a sense of accomplishment when I wrote my articles and completed the printing and publishing process. It was not easy being the editor-in-chief at first. It was my first time being a leader of a group, and I went through a lot of difficulties. However, my friends and fellow reporters encouraged me to overcome them and helped me carry out my responsibilities as the editor-in-chief.

Working for the Sejong Times and being the editor-in-chief has been such a big part of my life. The memories that I created with my fellow reporters will come to me first when I look back on my school days in the future. I will cherish the wonderful and unforgettable memories, and the hardships that I went through will help me overcome difficult situations in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow reporters and all the people who helped me and the Sejong Times throughout the year. The Sejong Times would not have been able to be published with such high quality if it were not for the hard efforts of the reporters and the assistance that our faculty editor, English advisor, administrative officials, and the designers provided us. I promised the readers that the reporters and I will put solid efforts in order to entertain the readers and give helpful information about the world as well as Sejong University's outstanding accomplishments in the 194th edition. I think we kept our promise, and I am delighted to leave the Sejong Times on a positive note.

A new semester starts in March, and students in their freshmen year will come to school with high spirits. Congratulations on your admittance to Sejong University! I hope you enjoy your new beginning as a university student. I wish all Sejong University students and readers of the Sejong Times the best of luck. The world is your oyster!

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The Sejong Education Center of **Korean Culture**

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he Sejong Education Center of Korean Culture is an educational institution, which was established in order to assist foreign students learn Korean and adapt to campus life. All the levels of the TOPIK classes and basic Korean classes are available for anyone who is part of Sejong University, which include foreign students and foreign faculty. 869 students joined various programs, which ran during the regular semesters and during the vacation in 2021. There are



about 3,000 foreign students at Sejong University in total, so I can say that it's a high number. It is located in Jiphyeon-gwan room 913, and you can refer to the QR below for the official website.

Korean programs held in the SECKC

- 1) The Korean Alphabet: Starting from the Korean consonants and vowels up to reading words and basic sentences, so you can analyze the Korean sentence structure.
- 2) TOPIK classes: The TOPIK classes, which include listening, writing, and reading, are available for all levels (1~6) from beginning to advanced classes. Both online and offline classes were conducted in 2022, and a class for speaking, which was newly added to TOPIK, is also planned this year.
- 3) Online speaking class: You can apply for 3 different levels according to the TOPIK level you are preparing for. A different program, which is called Korean Pronunciation Clinic, will be more helpful than the online speaking class if you are at level 2 or higher.
- 4) TOPIK II intensive writing course: This course will suit you if your writing skills are not as good as your reading and listening skills. You can learn how to write basic Korean sentences as well as report and present material.
- 5) Korean Newsmagazine: You can enlarge your vocabulary and expressions via Korean news articles as well as the latest news. I'd recommend joining this class after you take the basic TOPIK classes, because this class is for intermediate Korean learners.
- 6) How to Write a Korean Paper: Graduate students can learn basic information about writing Korean papers and learn spelling mistake corrections or wrong word use from this lecture.

Korean culture experience program by SECKC

Korean Mask Dance with *Hanbok*: SECKC also operates a cultural experience program every year in addition to the Korean education classes. It provided a mask dance experience program in 2022, which was conducted by a mask dance instructor. Sharing time with each other wearing Hanboks and dancing together was a precious experience for the foreign students.

The programs above are parts of programs that SECKC conducted in 2022. The schedules for most programs are not fixed, which can be changed or added anytime, so you should frequently check the SECKC website, and the university's website in order to make sure that you don't miss the application for the program that you want to participate in.



The Beginning of a New Semester with The SOS Center



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here is the place that first comes to your mind when you have an inquiry, or you are in trouble? Sejong One Stop Service Center which is located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center, is a newly established department for the purpose of solving problems that international students have as well as plan events that international students can join. If you've read the Sejong Times No.195, you might recognize the SOS center and remember the interview with Director Lee Da-hae. Director Lee Da-hae thankfully visited The Sejong Times again!

• How was it at the SOS center if you look back on the year 2022?

First of all, the establishment of the SOS center was a success. There was no particular department for international students before the SOS center, but now international students can obtain assistance via the center. This means that any inquiry can be processed, which is equivalent to domestic students services. However, a lack of funds and available space for students to gather left something to be desired. Some events that were planned could not be properly conducted, which resulted in the students not being able to bond due to these problems.



There were many cultural events and employment events in 2022 and the impressive ones, such as *Sejong Mini Earth* and a job fair. Sejong Mini Earth was a culture-sharing event, which was held on November 28-29 in front of the Student Center. More than 500 students experienced 10 different countries' cultures by entering their booths, Takoyaki was made in the Japanese booth, jianzi was played in the Chinese booth, dalgona was made in the Korean booth, and basketball was played in the American booth. A job fair that was held in May helped international students learn how to write their resumes and how to answer interview questions, and it connected the students to companies for recruitment.



Job fair 2022



Imagemaking education

I wonder about the participation rate of the international students in the event.

All the events were crowded with participants, because international students like to enjoy the festival and cultural events. More various events scheduled are scheduled in 2023, so more participants are expected.

Please tell me about the strengths of Sejong University for international students.

Sejong University has 6 undergraduate and 7 graduate schools in English tracks, which are the most among domestic universities. This means that Sejong University has the largest number of English classes that international students can take no matter where they come from, In addition, Sejong University has many strengths in the College of Software Convergence and College of Art especially with the Comics & Animation Technology major and the Film Art department. Sejong University's Comics & Animation Technology major occupies a high portion of the total production of webtoons and animations in Korea. It would therefore be a smart choice to choose Sejong University for Asian students, because it has a great geographical advantage and a relatively easy admission process compared with their home universities.

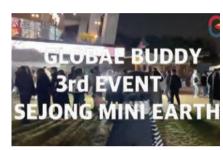
Are there any programs or events the SOS center is planning for international students in 2023?

Our goal is to hold at least 20 events in a single semester, and the priority among them will be employment events. The International Student Association (ISA) and individual students can also suggest event ideas in order to get support from the SOS center.

Most of the international students are concerned about employment, which is based on the conversation with international students thus far. Can they get help from the SOS center or the university regarding employment issues?



Seminar on visas



Sejong Mini Earth



Career lecture by Sejong alumni

The SOS center held many employment programs last year, which included a job fair, a career lecture from a Sejong alumni, and seminar on visas. A job fair, which was previously mentioned, connects the students to the companies for recruitment. Career lecture that held by Sejong alumni from different countries instructed the students about practical knowledge in regards to employment. Plus, a seminar on visas explained how to make visas which is essential to get work. The SOS center is planning for various employment programs in 2023 in addition to these programs.

Please tell me if there's anything the SOS center is planning for 2023.

The SOS center is currently planning to focus more on employment in 2023 among all the events. The demand for companies, which need international students, is increasing, so we'd like to increase the size of the job fair. The convention facilities at Sejong University are well-constructed, so many companies can participate in job fairs, which can lead to recruitment. We are also progressing with a medical backup for the international students who have accidents and need surgeries. Most international students don't have adequate money to get surgery if they have an accident, so we are discussing providing financial support via part of their tuition fee.

There are as many as 3,000 international students on campus, so it would be hard to individually cover them. Sejong One Stop Service Center has been putting in its best effort to provide international students a large service despite the lack of operating staff and budget. On January 19th, the SOS center held its first event of 2023, New Year's Tteok-guk Event. With this beginning, I hope all international students can comfortably settle in Korea with the support of the SOS center.



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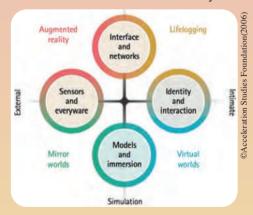
he COVID-19 pandemic has led many activities transitioning to non-face-to-face activities and our society is becoming a non-contact society, which is where online contact is connected to offline environments. This change can also be seen in educational fields. The free online course K-MOOC which started in 2015, recorded a 60% increase compared to the

previous year in 2021, showing a high demand for online education. However, these online courses lacked realtime interactions and failed to provide the sense of realism that regular education provides. The educational field is now focusing on the use of metaverse platforms in order to overcome these constraints.

The reason metaverse is highlighted as a new educational environment is due to its high degree of freedom. Contrary to conventional online contents that users were one-sided consumers, users can be creators and participate in expanding the virtual world via creation and sharing. Using this feature in education will provide the real-time interaction that only the

face-to-face education could provide, while also providing an experience that transcends time and space, which can increase the students' interest and induce participation.

Metaverse can be divided into four types, augmented reality, life logging, mirror world, and virtual reality according to the Acceleration Studies Foundation. Virtual reality is the most commonly used technology in education among these four types. Being able to have a multi-persona in a three-dimensional space enables the production of an environment that is difficult to obtain in reality due to high costs and high-risk problems. This feature is used to overcome the limitations of the existing educational methods in various educational systems.





The First VR Educational Content in the Country

Tech University of Korea developed educational contents in subjects such as semiconductor and electromagnetism using VR technology. Conducted as part of the Support Program for University Development, the Future VR Lab is an engineering lab in the virtual world that can hold up to 20 students at once. Students are able to obtain instant feedback and greatly improve their academic performances with a monitoring system that can check students' hand movements in real-time.

Metaverse+University=Metaversity

Metaversity, a metaverse platform for vocational education was developed by the Korea Higher Vocational Education Association for future education. 43 universities joined Metaversity and recorded over four thousand hours of usage time in 2022. Metaversity held an exhibition in a virtual world to show various artworks, as well as a psychological counseling session to consult students about getting a job or consult in regards to experiencing lethargy during daily life.



Metaversity plans to hold a conference this June and expects its business to be 20 times the current market size in 10 years.

Campus life in Metaverse

Cheongiu University, which has utilized metaverse for one-time events such as school festivals and entrance ceremonies, signed a contract with a telecommunications service company to build a metaverse platform. Most of the school buildings will be implemented into 3-dimentional modeling for students who are more familiar with non-face-to-face environments to take classes and enjoy the campus life via metaverse. Using the library, participating in club



activities, and getting counseling sessions will be able to be conducted in the virtual world. Furthermore, students will be able to actively participate in constructing the metaverse platform such as applying games developed by students to the virtual world.

Learning History by Being a Historical Figure

There are also various cases of using metaverese in various subjects in the United States. Instead of purchasing cadavers for anatomy classes, students can proceed experiments in the virtual world, which can lower the cost burden to universities. In addition, students can learn history or literature by becoming historical figures or main characters in books through metaverse.



Our School Library in the Virtual World

Sejong University also became one of the universities that applied metaverse in education by implementing the school library building in the metaverse platform, Zepeto. Students can customize their own characters and take pictures in the virtual world. Events are often held by the Sejong University Library to raise students' interest.



These are some cases that applied metaverse in education, but the applicable scope is still limited. This is because initial costs are high for metaverse to become commonplace. Above all, a national-level platform for education to accommodate many students at once is needed. Moreover, digital devices to use the metaverse are needed to be distributed for every student to prevent the digital divide. Lastly, strict regulations and guidelines are required. In addition to personal informations of students using metaverse, locations and physical movements are gathered real-time, so regulations are nessessary in order to prevent the misuse of such collected data.

According to an economic consulting firm, metaverse is soon expected to develop to a level that is difficult to distinguish from reality and contribute around 2.8% of the world's GDP within 10 years of its introduction. Education utilizing metaverse will help to overcome the limitations of conventional education forms and greatly contribute to fostering individuals to lead the industry in the future.



Farewell

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im Min-seo, Kim Sang-yeon, Lee Woo-jin, and Jang Hwan-ho have worked as Sejong Times editors for two years, and they are leaving the Sejong Times after this issue. You can read stories about them in this article.

Now did you apply for the Sejong Times?

Min-seo: The classes were conducted non-face-to-face, which was due to COVID-19, during my first year at university. School festivals that included school trips were canceled, so I didn't have a chance to meet my classmates and seniors. I couldn't experience ordinary campus life, so I decided to meet my college friends by joining a college club and participating in school activities.

Woo-jin: I love writing, so I thought working as a reporter would be exciting for me. I saw a cubreporter recruitment poster, and I applied for the Sejong Times without hesitation. The Sejong Times has more of magazine-like format compared to the general newspaper, so I thought it would be a great chance for me to write more interesting articles.

Q What does the Sejong Times do?

Min-seo: We gather in the conference room every Monday and Wednesday in order to come up with ideas for the next article, share our opinions, give each other feedback, and determine the topic for each article. We complete our articles after correcting and editing each other's articles in both Korean and English. We publish the Sejong Times 4 times a year this way. We work and dine together after the meetings.

Sang-yeon: We are proud of the Sejong Times, which shares various information as an official university media, and it reduces the information gap between the Korean students and the foreign students via English.







Do you have a favorite article or an article that has a unique story?

Woo-jin: The articles that I covered or interviewed people about remain in my memory. The interview with Lee Da-hae, who is the director of the Office of International Affairs, in issue 195 and issue 197 was the most impressive interview. It was nice to get to know about the campus, and I was very impressed how sincerely she cares about foreign students.

Sang-yeon: The article I wrote about the Cold War between the US and the Soviet Union was memorable because it felt like I was engaging in a new field in addition to my major. Also, I put my best effort into designing this article by using the actual declassified U.S military confidential documents.

Please tell us about your activities over the past two years.

Sang-yeon: I am very pleased to reduce the information gap among Sejong University students regardless of the reader's nationality. The entire publication process so far has been a meaningful experience and it will become the foundation for widening my knowledge base.

Woo-jin: I spent half of my campus life at the Sejong Times. The members of the Sejong Times were kind and nice to me, so the time that was spent with them passed in a flash. I was in charge of the general affairs for the Sejong Times, so I learned about the administrative process and financial affairs. All of these activities were worth the effort, and the time that I spent with the members of the Sejong Times will remain in my memory for a long time.

Do you have any words for the Sejong Times applicant?

Min-seo: I regret not joining the Sejong Times earlier. I made remarkable progress in English as well as met members from various majors, so I was able to fully enjoy my college life. I could receive a lot of benefits from Sejong University by being a Sejong Times reporter. Join the Sejong Times and enjoy your school life!

I also feel fortunate to have met you and leave here with you at the same time. We have to move on to the next stage with confidence. Farewell for now. I hope that we see each other again.



ow did you get to school today? Many people take the subway to get to school. We can go almost everywhere in Seoul through the subway. There are many interesting places near the subway stations, and these stations are often clustered together. As a result, we make plans to hang out around these subway stations with our friends. Gwangjingu includes Sejong University, and there are 3 nearby stations, which include Ttukseom – Seongsu - Konkuk Univ. as you know. Why don't you visit the other subways stations around Seoul?



If there is Konkuk Univ. in Gwangjin-gu, there is Hongik Univ. in Mapo-gu. There is a saying that Yeonnam is Hongdae for coffee, Sangsu is Hongdae for ramen, and Hapjeong is Hongdae for alcohol. This implies that the area around Hongik University has become a representative icon of the development of the commercial districts around Hongik Univ. Station.



There are icons that cannot be left out when Jongno-gu and Jung-gu are described, which include Jongno, Euljiro, and Chungmuro. There are already many famous places, such as Euljiro Nogari Street and Movie People's Street. These features contributed to making this place become known as *hip-jiro*, which is a compound word of hip and Euljiro. In addition, City Hall Station is located to the west of these stations, which includes Deoksugung and Bukchang-dong Food Street, Dongdaemun and DDP are located to the east, and Anguk Station and Insa-dong Street are located to the North.



Gangnam Station is located in Gangnam-gu, which everyone knows well from its name. Gangnam Station Street is famous for its bar/club streets, and Sinsa Station is where Garosu-gil is located, which is connected by the Sinbundang Line. There is Appujeong Rodeo around Dosan Park, which is near the Sinsa Station. In addition, there is Seolleung Station, which is famous for the businessmen's staff dinner, and COEX is located at Samsung Station, which is on the east side of Nonhyeon.



The Express Terminal is the beginning of many express bus routes. Also, there is the Seoul Arts Center, where many cultural performances and exhibitions are held. It is a great idea to walk through the Nambu Terminal Station to Seoul Nat'l Univ. of Education Station which is full of bars and restaurants after enjoying the exhibition at the Seoul Arts Center.



There are many exotic restaurants to visit around Seoul Nat'l Univ. Station in Gwanak-gu from Syarosu-gil to Sillim Intersection, which is near Sillim Station in the west. Isu Station and Sadang Station in Dongjak-gu are connected to Line 4, which make it a perfect place for hanging out with plenty of restaurants.



Seokchon Lake, Lotte World, and Lotte Tower are located in Songpa-gu, which can be seen from all of Seoul. Bangi Food Alley is also famous for its various types of restaurants and bars. You can also experience Songridangil with many exotic cafes and Olympic Park, which is a famous place for concerts and events.



Do you like shopping? There are famous department stores located in Yeongdeungpo-gu. Yeouido Station is connected to the IFC Mall and The Hyundai Seoul is also located very close to it. Yeouido Hangang Park is also located just a little to the east. There is also Times Square which is a shopping mall complex near Yeongdeungpo Station, and Mullae-dong, which is famous for many unique cafes that are previous metal workshops that were renovated.



There is an emerging famous cafe/food street that runs from Sinyongsan Station to Samgakji Station, which is called Yongridan-gil. This is located near the War Memorial of Korea, which also holds several exhibitions. Namyeong-dong is a famous place for many hidden and exotic restaurants in every alley, and it is located in the north side of the War Memorial of Korea. The N Seoul Tower, which is also known as the Namsan Tower, is located on the east side of Namyeong-dong which is a perfect place to take pictures. The long food/bar street is located from Noksapyeong Station to Hangangjin Station, and there are many cafes and bars to visit.

One-day Class:

By Lee Su-jung

A rest from your busy lives

ow long do you work or study? How much time do you spend enjoying your hobbies? It is always essential to create some space in your life to just enjoy yourself and relieve stress after a long day of work. People place a significant importance on how to productively spend free time, so One-Day Class has emerged as a culture in South Korea. Let's learn about various one-day classes that can provide you with a rest from your busy lives.



What is One-Day Class?

One-Day Class is a class where you can experience various hobbies in a day. It may be unfamiliar in other countries, but it has already gained a lot of popularity in South Korea and is one of the cultures that many people presently enjoy. The class lasts up to one to two hours for a short time and five to six hours for a long time, depending on what class you decide to take. One reason why people love this culture is because you can gain a sense of achievement in a short period of time which encourages self-development. In addition, you can experience the hobbies you want to try at a reasonable price. Now that you know about one-day class, let's look into what interesting classes you can take.





Tufting class is emerging as a new hobby for the MZ generation¹⁾ these days. The word tufting is derived from tuft, which means a bundle of hair or grass, and it refers to a weaving technique where threads are planted on a fabric using a tufting gun as if you are planting grass. You can take a tufting class if you are interested in making rugs or carpets of your own design using various thread colors. It would be a great opportunity to give a small room a transformation with your own designed rugs and carpets.

Banong Leather & Tufting Studio: Gunja Station Exit 1



¹⁾ A term that encompasses millennials and Generation Z, or roughly those born from the 1980s into the 2010s.

Leather Craft Class



Many people visit leather craft studios because of the unique and luxurious atmosphere that leather products create. You can make various items such as card wallets, key rings, and AirPods cases in the leather craft one-day class. You will be able to experience the entire process of fabricating leather items by designing the product, sanding the surface, and doing the needlework. Why don't you visit the leather workshops and find your interest?

Banong Leather & Tufting Studio: Gunja Station Exit 1





Flower Arrangement Class



Floral designs or flower arrangements refer to the work of using plant materials and flowers to create a fascinating and balanced display. You will be able to learn about various types of flowers and how to arrange them, as well as the fresh scent of the plants in the floral design class. There is a variety of flowers prepared for the one-day class especially during spring season where beautiful flowers bloom, so the spring would be the perfect time to visit the flower arrangement class.

Class Arum: Seoul-forest Station Exit 1





Pottery Making Class



The pottery one-day class, which recalls the best scenes of the movie Love and Soul is mostly visited by couples. You can make bowls, cups, and various objects in this class. The reason why people love this class is because you get the chance to work with the design you want, which includes sketching ideas, to spinning a spinning wheel, and to decorating the pottery before baking it. However, note that it takes time to bake the finished pottery, so you will probably receive the finished product in approximately three to four weeks.

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Candle Making Class

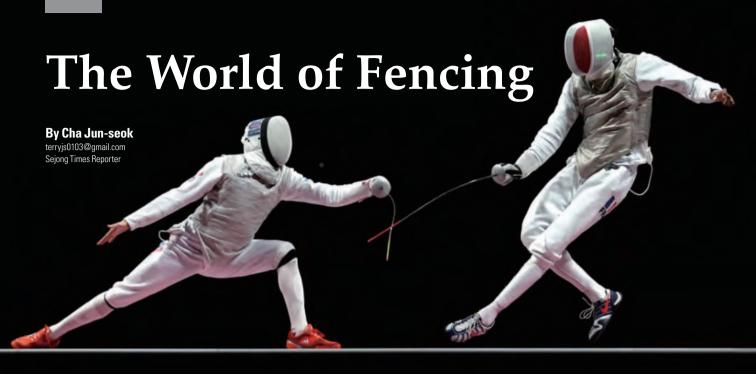


Many people come to the candle one-day classes, because they take less time than the other classes. Candles can be made into scented candles by adding different scents, and candles can also be made into various shapes depending on the different types of mold. You can make chunky candles that burn and leave beautiful traces, mosquito repellent candles that are appropriate for summer camping, cinnamon candles suitable for winter, and cute candles shaped like puppies or rabbits. Visit the candle workshop and create various shapes of candles.

To Space Candle: Konkuk Univ. Station Exit 3



There are other one-day classes such as perfume making, baking, and K-pop dance classes in addition to the classes introduced. Try new hobbies that you have not tried before and expand your interests and leisure activities.



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hen you turn on the TV during the Olympic season, you can often see fencing matches. However, fencing is not as popular, and the rules are complicated, which is unlike other Olympic disciplines, so it can be difficult to enjoy the match. How about discovering what fencing disciplines are and how the matches are played via this article? I will help you discover the world of fencing.

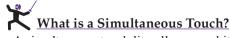
The Disciplines of Fencing

There are currently three disciplines in fencing that include épée, foil, and sabre, which were adopted by the International Fencing Federation. Épée is only valid for thrusting touches, and the entire body is within the valid target area. Épée is characterized by the longest and heaviest blade compared to other disciplines. Only thrusting touches are effective in foil, such as épée. There is a spring at the tip of the blade, so a point can be scored only when more than a certain amount of force works. The valid target area is the upper part of the body except for the face, shoulders, and arms. Moreover, the valid target area is the smallest among the three disciplines. Foil is therefore a discipline that requires the sharpness of the blade. A foil blade is the shortest and bends well among the three disciplines, so a close match is more developed than other disciplines. Sabre is capable of cutting touches as well as thrusting, which is unlike other disciplines. Quickness is therefore required as opposed to accuracy, and the match is progressed quickly among the three disciplines. The valid target area is the upper body, which includes the face.

What is Priority?

Understanding the priority is crucial in order to understand fencing. There is a rule of priority for foil and sabre but not for épée. The attacker with priority can score even though the defender hits the valid target area first if the attacker succeeds attacking in a certain period of time. You have to therefore move forward and find the opponent's hole and attack if you have priority. If so, are those who do not have any priority at a disadvantage? Of course, it is a disadvantage, but there are still many ways to score. There are various ways to parry an attacker's attack and riposte as well as twist or squat in order to dodge the opponent's attack and riposte. Furthermore, priority is a temporary authority, and it is not a permanent one. There is therefore a way to bring the right to attack. If the defender touches the attacker's blade with his blade, it is regarded that the attacker lost his right to attack, which the priority changes. Also, if you take *action*, which is a movement to stop the

movement by surprising the attacker, you can obtain priority. In other words, the concept of priority is giving the attacker the advantage of attacking as well as giving the defender the opportunity to see the weakness of the attacker.



A simultaneous touch literally means hitting at the same time. It is impossible to physically hit at the same time, so there is a concept of lockout. Lockout means that if you hit within a certain period of time based on the player who hit first, it will be recognized as a simultaneous touch. The International Fencing Federation currently stipulates that the lockout time is 0.3 seconds for foil and 0.17 seconds for sabre. Épée has the shortest lockout time of 0.04 seconds, and both sides will score one point if they hit at the same time. On the other hand, simultaneous touches are nullified in foil and sabre, and the match will restart at the initial starting position.

Épée (No Priority)

Épée has no concept of priority, which is unlike sabre and foil, so the rules are very intuitive. A point is recognized by thrusting the opponent, and points are given to both sides if a simultaneous touch is recognized. A match is therefore not fierce, which is unlike other sports, and there are many situations where they are look for loopholes as well as look for opportunities. It is harder to score in fencing than other sports because of these characteristics. Épée does not have a lot of discretion for the referee, because there is no concept of priority. It is therefore very rare to find players appealing to the referee that it is their attack by shouting.



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The foil has a concept of an invalid hit that is called *off target* when thrusting outside the valid target area, which is unlike other disciplines. Why then does an invalid hit exist? This must be combined with the concept of priority in order to explain this. It can be roughly divided into four situations, which include (1) each touch of the attacker and the defender are valid, (2) each touch of the attacker and the defender are invalid, (3) a touch of the attacker with priority is invalid and a touch of the defender is valid, and (4) a touch of the attacker with priority is valid and a touch of the defender is invalid. The attacker will score as long as the attacker does not parry the attack and riposte in the first situation. Both are invalid in



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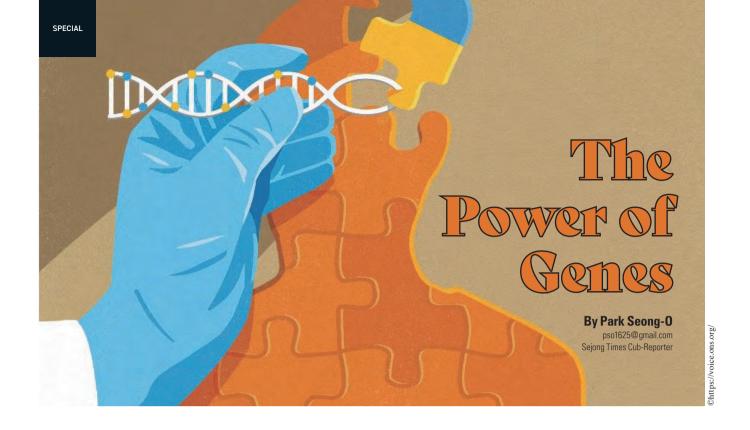
the second situation, so the referee declares off target and resumes the match. It is declared off target in the third situation unless the defender parry's the attacker's attack and riposte faster than the attacker. The fourth situation is recognized as the attacker's declaration of validity unless the defender parries the attacker's attack and riposte faster than the attacker.

Sabre (Priority)

Physical conditions are very important compared to other disciplines, which are due to the characteristics of the sabre. Reaching is a more important factor as opposed to accuracy. The sabre is the most aggressive among the three disciplines, so it is important to make your attack appeal to the referee. You can often see the attacks being appealing, such as with shouting.



Fencing has distinct characteristics for each discipline, and it also has different strategies. The Paris Olympics test discipline will be held in France in August 2023. How about getting involved in the world of fencing? You may have the desire to do it if you pay attention. There are many fencing lessons and competitions for club members, so I think it's a good choice to try.



enes are a base of heredity. Genes are also an important factor in DNA, which is a blueprint of our body, and they are written by A, T, G, and C. Genes are translated to proteins that make our bodies after DNA is transcribed into RNA. This process is the central dogma, which is the basis of biology. Physical appearances, such as eyes, dimples, hair, height, and eyelashes are in control of the genes. What about invisible things, such as habits and people's mindset? We will discuss some examples and research that are based on genes in this article.



The First Power of the Genes: Food Preference

Do you prefer Tangsuyuk? It is a Korean Chinese dish, which is made with fried fork. Do you like dipping in the sauce or pouring it? Are you a fan of mint-chocolate or not? These questions are trivial, but they are important controversies among people nowadays. Are they under the control of the genes? We digest food via the mouth, stomach, and intestine, using enzymes such as amylase and odorant receptors. People who are rich in amylase show less repulsion against a tough food, and it can be a



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criterion to separate people into types of preference between dipping in sauce and pouring it. The preference to cucumbers is under the influence of the gene TAS2R38 and odor receptor OR7D4. There is some research about the odors of mint and coriander being under influence of the genes and receptors. The research about genes and odorant receptors are partially verified by King's College in Britain by subjecting them using monozygotic twins.



The Second Power of the Genes: Pattern of Life

Genes also can be a chronotype, which distinguishes between a morning person and an evening person. A life cycle is changed by food, but the genes regulate the biological clock. The length of gene PER3, and the activation of gene PAX8 determine the sleep pattern. Researchers in Stanford University additionally published an article in 2001 that gene DEC2 determines circadian rhythms. They conducted an experiment using mice in order to prove the change of DEC2, which alters the quantity of the sleep time.



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The Third Power of the Genes: The Will to Live

They are part of an individual's life, and mental sensitivity is also under the control of the genes if there are external shocks. Kim Byung-soo, who is a professor of psychiatry at Asan Medical Center in Seoul, said "There is a 40% chance of heredity of suicide.", which is not an unfounded story. Serotonins(5-HT) controlling emotion seem to be different compared to other people in the brain of a person who has attempted suicide. The activity of the serotonin gene is less than average in this case, which is illustrated by an experiment. Further research is also reported the result that ACP1, and BDNF, which are brain-derived neurotrophic factors, are involved in suicide.

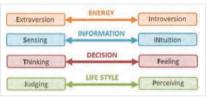


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The Forth Power of the Genes: Personality

Is the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, which is called the MBTI under the control of the genes? The target of an MBTI test is innate preferences, according to the director of research at the Korea MBTI research institute. This means it is for inborn preferences, and it is easy to regard MBTI under heredity. What would it be like in real life? MBTI classifies our personality into 4 categories. E and I identify the degree



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of activeness towards our external and internal world. N and S stand for sensitivity and intuitiveness, T and F identify thinking and feeling, and P and J illustrate judgment and recognition. The heritability about these four sectors is 57%, 46%, 60%, and 39%, which shows an average of approximately 50%. This value is similar to the rate of heritability that is found in other personality tests, and it also matches with the research that use twins in the real world.



The Fifth Power of the Genes: Acquired Experience

There is an astonishing study that states that parents' experiences and memories can be inherited. Professor Ressler did an experiment at Emory University in the USA by using mice in order to verify a hypothesis that acquired experiences can be inherited. He gave electronic shocks to mice with certain odors in order to let the mice remember the odor. Continuous stimulations made the mice undergo a conformational change, which a specific part of the brain is expanded. The change is inherited, and their offspring showed sensitive reactions against the odor. There is research with humans that emotional experiences can be passed down. People whose parents had PTSD as a result of the September 11 attacks in 2001 showed a low level of cortisol, which is responsible for relieving stress. However, it is not fully verified and more proof is required, so we have to wait for further studies.



The potential of the genes can be far greater than we have expected. However, it is not a sector where we can't make changes, such as designated destiny. The surroundings around us keep changing their appearance, and we are in that adapting situation every moment. In The Selfish Gene, which was written by Richard Dawkins, the author said that it is not for a gene-determinism but for the message that humans have much more ability than the genes. The genes have had an impact on composing our body, and the possibilities that are related to those processes are greater than our expectations. However, the greatest possibility in the world is the birth of mankind. The world depends on constant choices and coincidences, and

we continuously change ourselves in order to adapt to or make considerable changes. Our future is not decided by our genes. Our will to pull out and overcome the genes decides how we look like. The important thing is constant effort.

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hat does marriage mean to us? Marriage during the Joseon Dynasty was essential because it combined two families and was used in order to expand one's power. Marriage with the royal family was used to strengthen power and marriage between the nobles meant trust towards each other, which was also used as a contract. Marriage culture nowadays has changed, and the purpose of marriage has changed from strengthening authority to a promise that two beloved men and women will spend the rest of their lives together. Marriage culture has varied according to the times, so it has also varied from country to country. We will learn about the unique marriage cultures of various countries, which includes South Korea, in this article.



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The first thing Koreans think of when they are invited to a wedding is how much they should give to the bride and groom as a money gift. There is a culture of giving money gifts at weddings in Korea, and the amount varies depending on the intimacy. Close friends or relatives in general give large amounts of money as gifts. It is common for the brothers of the bride or groom to receive it since it is related to money that needs to be protected.

Korean brides have a person, who is called *gabagsooni*, who helps them throughout the wedding. The Korean word gabang means bag in English. The role of a gabangsooni is to support the bride in order to have a perfect wedding. The bride wears a wedding dress, so she cannot move freely. The gabangsooni carries a big bag and keeps a lot of things that the bride needs, such as make up tools or her phone. Close friends or relatives give money to the bride separately and the gabangsooni collects it instead and puts it in the bag. The gabangsooni also keeps the gifts that people give to the bride, takes photos, and communicates with the outside. The gabangsooni is usually a sister or a close friend of the bride.



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You will see people wearing hanboks, which are the traditional clothing of Korea, in a Korean wedding. There are certain people who can wear hanboks at a wedding. First, the mothers and grandmothers of the bride and groom wear hanboks. Married female siblings of the bride and groom must also wear hanboks, and the unmarried female siblings wear normal dresses. There is also a culture with the clothes that people wear at weddings. The bride wears a white wedding dress, so the guests avoid wearing white dresses in consideration of the bride.





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Another distinctive marriage culture in Korea is a ceremony that is called *pyebaek*. Pyebaek is the first official greeting between the bride and her parents-in-law and their families. The bride and the groom wear traditional wedding clothes. There are foods such as chestnuts, jujubes, fruits, and snacks, and there are also alcoholic drinks on the table. The bride bows to her in-law adults, and the adults throw jujubes and chestnuts at the bride's skirt in response. The jujube represents the son and the chestnut represents the daughter, so they are thrown in order to pray for the bride and groom to have a lot of

children and make a happy family. It was usually held at the in-laws' house, and the procedure was complicated. However, it is presently conducted immediately after the wedding and the procedure has been simplified.



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Scotland \$\frac{1}{4} \text{S}

Scotland has a marriage culture that is called the blackening. The bride and the groom's family and friends throw milk, flour, chocolate, and alcoholic drinks at them on the wedding day, and the bride and the groom go around the village riding in a truck afterwards. This ceremony is practiced in order to wish good luck and eliminate the bad energy. It is also held in order to make the bride and groom go through bad circumstances together in advance, so they can bond together in bad situations no matter how hard they are in the future.



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China

Chinese people prefer invitations with golden letters and red backgrounds. In addition, Chinese people wear a red dress with golden phoenixes drawn on it, which is unlike other countries. Chinese people believe that the color red represents joy and luck, and the color gold brings wealth. Chinese people love the color red and they even wear red underwear during the wedding. Other countries avoid white dresses when they are invited to a wedding. However, it is not rude to wear white clothing in China, because the bride often

wears a red dress. A wedding consists of a main ceremony and a wedding reception, which is similar to other countries. However, the wedding reception is held more magnificently compared to other countries.



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We notice the warm family and marriage culture in the movie *Mamamia*, which we all would have seen in our childhood. One side of the bride's shoes is put on by the father and the other side is put on by the brother of the bride before the wedding, which is a sense of blessing her new future. The bride's friends take off the bride's shoes before the wedding reception and write down the names of her unmarried friends. They check the bride's shoes and check whose name wore out the most after the wedding reception. They believe that the person whose name is worn out the most will be the next person to get married. Greece does not have a culture of giving gift money to the bride, but it has a culture of attaching money on the dress of the bride instead while she is dancing during the wedding reception.

Weddings that celebrate the bride and groom's new start appear in various forms which depend on the cultural features, values, and traditions of each country. However, the spirit of blessing, which pertains to a pleasant future, and cheering for them remains the same. Marriage is one of the most important ceremonies in a person's life. Let's be well-informed of wedding etiquettes that are based on various cultural traditions in advance and bless the marriages of our friends and acquaintances.

Last Dance

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he FIFA Qatar World Cup 2022, which was held in November, had a lot of issues. It was quite different from the previous World Cups. For example, the issue regarding the treatment of foreign workers, a ban on alcohol in stadium, and that it was the first World Cup to be held in the winter were all involved. However, it was impressive when Lionel Messi lifted the World Cup trophy. He had won numerous titles with the club team, except for the World Cup. It was certain that it would be his last World Cup given his age. Following articles about him cited the phrase *last dance*. What does the *last dance* mean?

What is the Last Dance?

Last Dance literally means the last dance at a prom, which is in regard to the end of a student's high school studies. This 2-word phrase is often used in similar situations in sports. Phil Jackson, who led the Chicago Bulls in the 1997-1998 season as the Head coach, was the first to metaphorically express the last chance to show their performance to many fans. He built the Chicago Bulls Dynasty, which is one of the NBA's greatest dynasties, by leading several victories prior to this season. However, the manager of the



team Phil Jackson predicted the fall of the Chicago Bulls dynasty, which was due to the aging of star players, such as Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, and Steve Kerrin addition to the disharmony within the team. He distributed a diary to the players before the season began. The title of the diary was *The Last Dance*. The Chicago Bulls won the championship in that season and finally completed their last dance.



Volleyball: Kim Yeon-koung

Kim Yeon-koung is a world-class volleyball player. She competed in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics as the captain of the women's volleyball at the age of 33, and she announced her retirement from the national team afterwards. There were predictions at that time that the Korean team, which was ranked 13th in the world ranking, would fail to qualify to the quarterfinal, which considered the teams in the same preliminary group, such as Brazil, which was ranked 2nd in the world, the Dominican Republic, which was ranked 6th in the world, and the host team, which was Japan. They managed to pass the

preliminary round, which was contrary to the expectations, and they advanced to the quarterfinals. However, their opponent was Turkey, which was ranked 4th in the world, and the Korea had a record of 2 wins and 7 loses against Turkey. Most of betting sites predicted that Turkey would be victorious, but the Korean team barely won after a deuce in the last set (16-14). Kim Yeon-koung scored 28 points, which was the most of this match. She

also recorded 16 digs and performed at the peak of her ability both offensively and defensively. She wanted to win a medal before retiring, but her team failed to win the semifinal and the bronze medal games in succession. Nevertheless, she contributed to the Korea team, which was classified as a weak team, by beating several strong teams. Finally, she completed her last dance.

Figure Skating: Kim Yuna

Kim Yuna was a pioneer in Korea figure skating when it wasn't receiving a lot of attention. She won a gold medal in the 2010 Winter Olympics with a world-record score. However, she announced that she would retire after the 2014 winter Olympics, which was due to injuries to her knees, back, and foot. However, she trained hard and tried to host the next Olympics in Korea, even though her physical condition was not perfect. She won the silver medal, in 5 points off the first place, and she said, "I showed everything about me". She finished her last dance with the song Imagine, which is a song about peace after her stage of Gala show.



Football: Lionel Messi

Lionel Messi had many difficulties during his childhood, such as a lack of growth hormone and poverty. However, he was recognized and scouted by F.C Barcelona in Spain. He has been in the spotlight since his Barcelona youth days. He eventually went to the first team league in the 2004-2005 season at his age of 17, and he has won the Ballon d'Or 7 times since then, which is an award that is given to the best player in the world. He also won the Champions League 4 times and the La Liga 10 times. However, all of these achievements were confined to his club career, which did not include the national team. In fact, he announced his retirement from the national team in 2016 since losing to Germany in the 2014 World Cup final, Chile in the 2015 Copa America



the 2016 Copa America final. However, many Argentineans had campaigned for him to reverse his retirement, and he eventually led Argentina to the championship by winning the MVP in the 2021 Copa America. The World Cup is now the only trophy that he hasn't lifted. Numerous presses predicted that the 2022 World Cup would be his last World Cup, considering his age. Finally, Messi performed magnificently, by scoring in all the tournament rounds and won the Golden Ball, which is given to the World Cup best player. He helped Argentina win the trophy after 36 years and completed his last dance.

final, which is the South American Football Championship and

The word last dance has a lot to teach us about success and that preparationis important for their last chance. There is a famous saying in Korea, which is what's important is the invincible spirit. The sports stars who did their best without giving up in order to achieve their goals left a big impression on us.



An embrace of dichotomy

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ave you ever heard of *TCK* or a *Third Culture Kid*? Let's discover who they are to lead the global era in the future and what we can learn from them.

What is a Third Culture Kid?

A *Third Culture Kid* or *TCK* for short, refers to people who grew up in two or more cultural backgrounds during a significant part of their child development years. They are not perfectly adapted with the first culture, which their parents originated from, as well as their second culture, which is the culture that their family currently resides in, but live in a newly created and distinct third culture. Korean-Americans from the 1.5-generation¹, early international students, children of overseas residents, and refugee children can all be called as the Third Culture Kids. In addition, there may be domestic TCKs who have no overseas experience, which includes mixed-race children born to parents with international marriages and Korean students who grew up in Korea but attended international schools and have been exposed to foreign cultures from a young age. Jennie, a member of the Korean girl group BLACKPINK, and Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States, are also TCKs. Jennie was born in Seoul, South Korea, but she went to New Zealand to study at the age of 10. She returned home during her second year of middle school after a five-year homestay with a white local family. Barack Obama was born to a Kenyan father and an American mother, and he moved to Jakarta after his mother married an Indonesian. Now that you know who TCKs are, let's take a deeper look into their world and discover their potential and the rough times that they had to go through.

The role as a Bridge

What makes TCKs special? Speaking in different languages is not a difficult task for them because they are already familiar with the local language by living in a different area since a young age. They can speak two or more languages and grasp the emotions in the different languages and know various expressions that cannot be explained in one language. Moreover, they are excellent with accepting differences. In other words, they can understand other

^{1.} refers to people who immigrated before they reached adulthood.

cultures. Being able to understand and accept new cultures of other countries means that they are able to cope with change. Furthermore, they are capable of observing situations and solving problems not simply from a limited perspective but from various points of view, which is in regards to a way of thinking formed from two or more cultures. This is because they can think flexibly after realizing that there is more than one way to look at situations and deal with life. TCKs can work as an international bridge with these strengths by connecting the world between the countries and the cultures. They are expected to play an important role in leading the global era.

Tribulation: An endless identity confusion

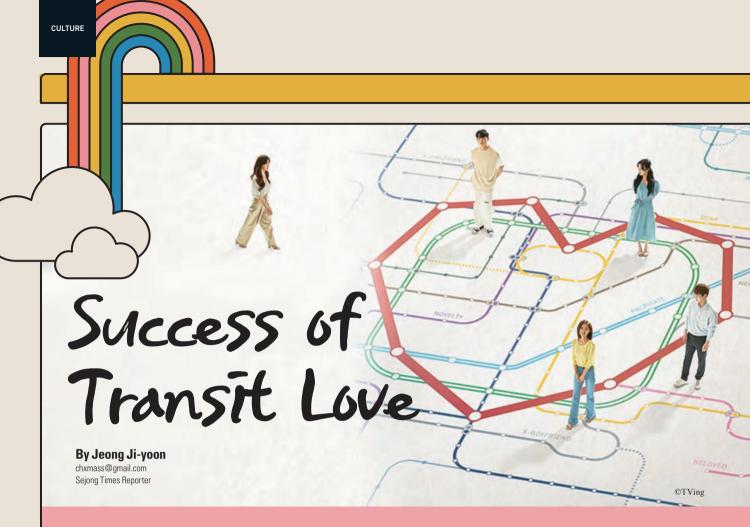
Where are you from? This question cannot be answered solely by TCKs. Home or home country allows people to feel a sense of belonging, but identity and hometown are not simply determined by nationality, bloodline, or birthplace for these people. A country where you are a foreigner by nationality, but you spent your childhood there can be regarded as a home country. However, the country where you currently live in may not feel like a home country, because you are used to the language and the foreign culture that you learned in international schools. The existence that forms the basic self is ambiguous for them, so they constantly experience belonging and identity confusion. In addition, they go through countless separations with friends and their loved ones, because they move around a lot. Having to leave your best friends and the people you love and go somewhere else and trying to get along with a new environment is especially exhausting for growing children. Many of them feel loneliness in their lives as strangers while moving from one culture to another.

The value of the experience

If you take a look around, you will find more TCKs than you expected. If you belong to this group, and you are currently experiencing the conflicts above, it will be better to know what organization or society you are most comfortable with. It may take some time and you may have to go bumpy roads, but you will eventually find your own path to walk along. When you feel like your childhood living outside your country was a time of unnecessary wandering, think about what people and how valuable memories were brought to you by your expatriate experience. For those who do not belong to TCK but have these types of friends around them, they can take some time to understand the tribulations that they may have experienced and embrace them with a warm heart so that they can feel comfortable and safe in a new environment.

Foreign cultural experiences are simply recognized as cultural differences and expatriate experience stays remembered as *special memories*, but for those who have experienced different cultures while growing up, it will remain as a decisive experience in life that decides their cultural mindset and identity. Remember and cherish the value that the experience has brought to you.





bservational love reality shows have recently been released on TV channels and OTT platforms. However, viewers are tired of the exponential increase in these shows. *Transit Love* is a program that has not lost its buzz. This is a reality program where couples who broke up for various reasons gather together in one house in order to reflect on past relationships, face new relationships, and find their new love. Transit Love 2 topped the non-drama section for three consecutive weeks according to a topical analysis agency. This is a big achievement at a time when the viewers' fatigue accumulated along with the overflow of love entertainment. Season 2 was successfully completed under half-doubtful eyes in love entertainment shows, since the success of season 1 last year. The success of season 1 also brought considerable attention to season 2, but it also had to receive cold acceptance from viewers who were already tired of dating programs. However, Transit Love 2, which was already released, has gained momentum over time and has gained popularity. This is because there is a clear winning formula that is unique to Transit Love, which is not found in other love entertainment shows. Let's discuss how this program was able to succeed.



Other love programs focused only on drawing new love interests between the cast members, but Transit Love focused on couple's parting. This caught people's attention in the form of appearing with an individual's ex-girlfriend or ex-boyfriend and looking for love as well as looking back on past relationships. It is difficult to hear the story of a breakup in other entertainment shows, but you can also hear the story of a breakup via interviews with the cast in Transit Love. In addition, it is easy to obtain sympathy by showing how real couples respond to boredom and separation. This is because people naturally think about their love interests while watching other people's love interests.



Reason 2 Free Disclosure of One Episode

The second difference from other dating programs is that one episode is released free of charge on the TVing Youtube channel. People always wonder about the next story when it comes to love stories, and they look forward to the conclusion. It might seem like a romantic comedy at first, but it might also be a real love affair that sometimes turns into a mess and sometimes becomes a mystery. The



same is true with the story in Transit Love. You are curious about the results as well as about the relationship between the cast members after the program is over. The free release of one episode was a smart way to arouse the viewers' curiosity about the program. The first episode was released free of charge on Youtube in season 1 in order to see their reactions via the comments and views. The 5th episode of season 2 caused the hottest issue, because it was specially released for free in order to induce immersion. Transit Love has attracted viewers outside OTT via this method.



Reason 3 **Ex Reasoning Elements**

There's a lot of room for viewers to intervene in love reality programs, even when people see a couple who are happily dating well, people interfere by saying, "Who is better, what a waste." Numerous opinions are posted on bulletin boards and social media, and disputes often arise. There are couples that are supported, and there are couples that are not supported. They do not disclose who each other's ex-boyfriends and ex-girlfriends are in Transit Love from the beginning, so the viewers can infer and watch the cast's respective ex. The fact that ex can be inferred gives the viewers enjoyment and makes them curious about ex, which makes them wait for the next episode.

The three-hour running time was not boring, because the sincerity of the cast who were honest with their feelings was conveyed. In addition, the existence of the MCs who represent the hearts of the performers by using appropriate language with the appropriate sensibility at the appropriate timing was the highlight. The sincerity of deeply sympathizing with, lamenting, and rejoicing with the stories of the cast was heartwarming, which is unlike other love reality show's MCs.

The sincerity of the production team stood out as much as the sincerity of the cast and the MCs. The production team reportedly marked the cast 1:1, and they did everything together. As such, they were closely connected in order to draw the honest opinions of the cast members. The production team captured the cast's emotional lines without distortion and portrayed them as if they were the main characters of a drama with beautiful videos and OSTs. How much the production team cared about each and every cast member was illustrated by this. The express of emotions that the cast members feel when they start dating again and the fact that we can observe them in depth is the secret to the success of Transit Love.





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hy should we learn history? We should learn history, because there is no better way to predict and prepare for the future than to refer the past history. Some of these cases are examples of what we should follow, but some dark events have hurt the world and left scars. Do you know who was responsible for the *September 11 attacks*? Do you know the aftereffects of the *November 2015 Paris attacks*? We must be aware of and be prepared for these types of terrorism. Let's discover what terror is, and what the representative organizations, events, and countermeasures include.

Definition

What is a terror? Terror in the past has broadly spoken via the act of promoting fear in order to achieve its purpose. The meaning was not limited to simply radical and cruel violence, and it was also used in the *Israeli-Palestinian conflict* and various other independence movements. The saying that 'one person's terrorist is another's freedom fighter' also relates to this broad meaning. No matter what the meanings were, it was called terrorism when fear became a means of achieving the end. However, the definition of terrorism we use today is slightly different. Several institutions newly defined terrorism in accordance with the changing meaning. The most representative institution against terror, which is the U.S. Department of Defense, defined terrorism as premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents.¹

Terrorist organizations and incidents

We need to look at the representative terrorist organizations that commit terrorism to achieve their political, religious, and ideological goals as well as their aftereffects.

1. Al-Qaeda

Al-Qaeda is a Sunni pan-Islamist extremist militant organization, which is led by Salafi jihadists. The notorious Osama bin Laden served as the emir² of Al-Qaeda from 1988 to May 2011. They established several headquarters in the Islamic world or in areas where Islam and other cultures collide, such as Iraq, Yemen, North-Africa, Chad, and Sudan, and they were also found in the western cultures. These activities in various regions raise doubts about the systematic unity, but it can be said that their leader at the time, who was Osama Bin Laden, combined several terrorist organizations together into Al-Qaeda. They committed the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the 1998 United States Embassy bombings, and then the infamous September 11 attacks.

The September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in Manhattan, New York, the Pentagon in Washington D.C., the White House, and the United States Capitol were planned by a total of four plane hijackings. Three of the four planes crashed, and one attempting to attack the Capitol crashed into a coal strip mine after being blocked by the heroic resistance of passengers. More than 3,000 people in total were killed, which was the worst terrorist

^{1.} Title 22 of the United States Code section 2656f(d)

^{2.} emir: a title of various Muslim rulers

attack in history, and it also included up to 25,000 people being injured. The incident put all Muslims around the world at the risk of hate crimes, and the United States declared the *War on terror*, comparing it to the *1941 Attack on Pearl Harbor*. In addition, the unusually strong expression of 'You are with us, or against us' was used by the United States, which implied its tremendous influence around the world.

2. Islamic State

The Islamic State (IS), which is also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) or the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), is a militant Islamist group that follows the Salafi jihadist branch of Sunni Islam. They insist that it is only Islamic fundamentalism, but they arbitrarily manipulated their own religious scriptures and showed different realities of unconditionally killing people if they did not pledge allegiance to the IS. This was also witnesses in the *November 2015 Paris attacks*.

The November 2015 Paris attacks were a series of terrorist attacks, suicide bombings, and hostage-taking incidents in seven different locations in Paris. It was assumed to have been aimed at the French president, who was at a soccer stadium at the time. Also, there were testimonies that the terrorists asked if people believed in God and killed if not, which caused the most casualties at the concert hall. A total of 130 people died, and the *Pray for Paris* campaign took place, which is where the whole world prayed for Paris. The attacks deepened the skepticism about multiculturalism in western societies and the spread of fear, which is the purpose of terrorism in everyday lives.

3. Taliban

The Taliban, which also refers to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, is a Deobandi Islamic fundamentalist and Pashtun nationalist militant political force in Afghanistan. It recaptured Kabul, which is the capital city of Afghanistan, after the United States withdrew from Afghanistan. The Taliban was supported by Afghans in the early days via complying with strict Islamic law and regulations, but since its power grew, it has been unethical by interpreting the Quran immorally and is shunned by the main Islamic community. It currently controls the country, but it is criticized by the world for restricting human rights. There is an umbrella organization called the Pakistan Taliban (TTP), which conducted the 2014 Peshawar school massacre.

The Pakistan Taliban attacked a school in Pakistan on December 16, 2014. This was not a regular hostage case, but a slaughter, which targeted children and adolescents. It was a revenge attack after the 2,100 deaths of Taliban combatants in a successful attack by Pakistani government forces. A total of 149 people were killed, which included 133 children and school staff. The Prime Minister of Pakistan approved the removal of the moratorium on the death penalty in terror-related cases after this incident.

Countermeasures in South Korea

Is South Korea a safe country? Kim, who was traveling to Turkey in 2015, contacted the ISIL online and participated. South Korea is no longer a safe country and must always establish counter-terrorism strategies to prepare for terrorism. We should remain alert in regards to terrorism and report suspicious activities by dialing 112 (National Police Agency), 122 (Korea Coast Guard), 111 (National Intelligence Service), and 1337 (Defense Counterintelligence Command). Be advised: Threats, such as the November 2015 Paris attacks, the September 11 attacks, and the Beslan school siege may always be lurking beside us.



he singer Don Spike's alleged drug possession prompted social vigilance against drugs again on September 28, 2022. Drug related crimes have been spreading rapidly in Korea over the past five years along with the Burning Sun scandal. We will illustrate in this article what the current state for drugs is in Korea.



Investigation on the actual condition of domestic drugs

The number of drug offenders over the past five years is 518, which is 8.7 times higher than it was in 2017 according to the results of the arrest of drug offenders by the Korea Coast Guard. The number of drug offenders has increased, and a large number of distribution networks are flowing into Korea. In addition, the number of drug addicts also increased 1.5 times compared to the past five years, and the drug addiction rate of people in their twenties increased by about 105% according to the Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service. The fact that the teenage drug addiction rate has increased should be understood along with the youth smoking rate. The smoking rate has decreased by approximately 50% over the past five years according to the National Statistical Office. This result is meaningful. The smoking rate decreased, even though there was no significant difference in the importance of risk education for cigarettes compared

the previous years. However, the increase in drug addiction shows that it is an inverse proportion. In other words, it can be interpreted that teenagers are no longer interested in cigarettes, they are interested in drugs. How did teenagers and people in their twenties get interested in drugs? Hospitals are shockingly the easiest and the safest place to get drugs. A broker has a list of hospitals that prescribe narcotic analgesics, and students pay money to get the list from a broker. They can pay for and get prescriptions for narcotic analgesics if they go to a hospital that is on this list. In addition, you can purchase drugs in various ways, such as using the Dark Web. In other words, Korea is no longer a country where it is difficult to obtain drugs.



What is the current state of drug control in Korea?

The possession of as well as the illegal distribution of drugs are punishable by up to 10 years in prison or being fined up to KRW 100 million according to the Korea Narcotics Control Act. Why is Korea failing to regulate drugs despite the punishments not being weak? This is because the budget was not enough to cope with the surge in the distribution network as the number of drug offenders surged. These loopholes also affect the investigations. A swift investigation is impossible, because there is no independent agency in charge of drugs, which is the case in the United States. In addition, a cooperative investigation between the NIS and the police will soon reduce efficiency, which is due to the absence of an independent drug investigation agency. If an independent investigative agency cannot be created for limited budget, it would be proper to increase the budget that is related to the drug department.



What if drugs are deregulated?

Thailand became the first southeast Asian country to legalize drugs in June 2022, which was a big issue. Will there be a positive result compared to the effects of drug deregulation and the costs of drug addiction? This seems by no means to be the case. Marijuana is currently legal in Thailand. You can see cases of selling drugs in food, and crimes related to drug distribution are drastically increasing. In fact, it was reported on October 6, 2022 that a former police officer, who was fired in Nong Bua Lamphu Arampu province, Thailand for drug possession, went on a



shooting spree at a childcare facility, which killed 36 people. In addition, it is pointed out that the tourism industry may decline as a number of tourists have been framed as drug offenders, which is contrary to the expectations of an increase in tourism revenue from weed.

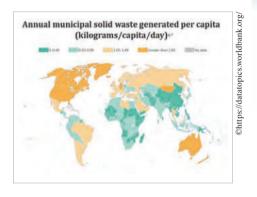
The war on drugs is an inevitable fate. Moreover, Korea can no longer be called a drug-free country. This the current situation in Korea, which was proud to be called a drug-free country. Of course, it is important to prevent recurrences via the edification of drug offenders, but it is also important to declare a war on drugs via strong regulations.

Global Waste Trade



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ow much waste do you throw out a day? The quantity of individual garbage that is thrown out a day is about 1.0 to 1.2kg according to the Korea National Statistical Office. Jeju Island has the highest amount of being thrown out, which is 1.7kg, compared to other national administrative districts. This is because Jeju Island is the most attractive tourist destination in Korea. Tourists account for about 40% of total amount of garbage being thrown in Jeju Island. However, other districts show 1.3kg of garbage being thrown out, which is similar to the average amount of OECD countries. Advanced countries such as the USA, Germany, Denmark, and South Korea, which are members of the OECD, and Europe countries such as Luxembourg ranked high in



the statistics of household waste emissions according to an annual publishment from the OECD. South Korea ranked especially high among the Asian countries. The characteristic that developed countries have in common is that they have harsh restrictions regarding waste disposal.

Do you know how waste is being disposed? Waste is processed by landfill, incineration, and recycling, which depends on their types. However, environmental problems and regulations that deal with these issues can impose a financial burden on corporations. They have tried to export their own wastes to other countries which are unfettered by regulation with cheap manpower furtively in order to avoid this stress. For example, Germany exported about 10 million tons of plastic trash illegally to Turkey, Greece, and Vietnam. Moreover, the UK handled this problem by passing 61% of their domestic waste disposals to other countries.

The status quo of the waste trade

The global waste trade has aroused attention to the global society before the 21st century, which was when environmental concerns were issued. The Basel Convention, which was set in May 1992, is about the control of the waste trade between nations. However, a German company, called DKR, which covers recycling plastic waste, was caught trafficking waste to North Korea in 1995. It aroused attention to the public and environmental parties, such as Greenpeace. A relevant regulation was set in Korea in May 1994, and the Basel Convention has



been conducted since February 1994. However, the USA is not agreeing with that convention, and it released 5.4 million tons of plastic waste to other countries in 2021. The EU joined the convention, but the Basel Action Network (BAN), has doubted the E.U violating it. BAN insists that they cannot afford to let them sanction because of two points. The first is that the enforcement of the convention is up to each country and the second is that the waste trade can contribute to industrial fields with some points.



Illegal smuggling and trafficking also create big conflicts in the global diplomatic situation. The minister of a related government department from Malaysia officially held a conference to developed countries not to export trash to Malaysia, and the Philippine government conducted a decisive action by returning the waste. Rodrigo Roa Duterte, who is the former Philippine president, fiercely responded to Canada by announcing cutting off the diplomatic relationship unless Canada stops exporting trash to the Philippines. These conflicts even carry economic issues. The prices of raw materials in domestic industries in China soared about 40% as soon as they decreased the waste imports. There are numerous plants that use paper, metal, and plastic from imported waste. Decreased amounts of imported waste made the price of raw materials rise. It has affected South Korea a record 14.2 million dollars of exports, which is a decrease of 92.7% compared to the previous record, and the deficits were transferred to Southeast Asia. This situation is happening in Korea as well as in other advanced countries. However, Southeast Asia cannot hold enough quantities of the waste products, so advanced countries have been in trouble regarding the unmanageable waste amounts.

Two faces of waste trade

The global waste trade seems to be beneficial to each country, and the cost to export the waste to other countries is 10 times cheaper than recycling computers in California according to the U.S Environmental Protection Agency. Exporters can manage their finance efficiently and importers can make profits by using raw materials at a low price. However, the situation in the real world is different. Toxin productions are inevitable in the process of obtaining raw materials, such as gold. Importers that lack sufficient technology in regards to handling that process treat waste in an unideal way. This causes severe damages to vicinities and health problems to the residents.

What stance do you have on waste trade

In the Chinese documentary Plastic China, Yi Jie and her family in Shandong province live in poor surroundings where there are toxins from a waste heap and various diseases. One astounding thing is that there are also pregnant women. They yield 18 billion dollars of economic value by treating about 450 million of wastes, but they certainly do not have happy lives.

Do you think that they can lead a good life if adequate actions are taken? Does it slip away beyond recall? It is no longer someone else's business. Jiu-liang Wang, who is the director of a documentary called *Plastic China*, spoke to the public and said, "I acknowledged that China is a global factory as well as a dumping ground. ... However, wealth is only for the headquarters and not for the workers. Is the waste trade an ideal industry if it can make Yi Jie obtain a good life?" What do you think about the global waste trade?

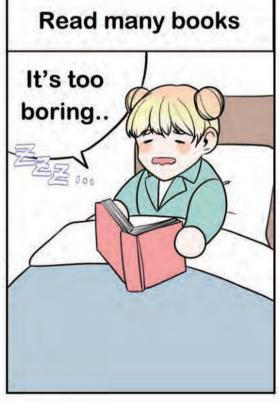


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> How much did you accomplish so far this year?

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Dictionary

constraint something that controls what you do by keeping you within particular limits

lethargy the feeling of having little energy or of being unable or unwilling to do anything

incineration a waste treatment process that involves the combustion of substances contained in waste materials

parry to defend yourself by turning or pushing aside

allege to say that someone has done something illegal or wrong without giving proof

offender a person who is guilty of a crime

embrace to hold closely in ones' arms or to accept or support willingly and enthusiastically

dichotomy a difference between two completely opposite ideas or things

expatriate relating to a person living outside their native country

aftereffect an effect that follows after the primary action of something

clandestine kept secret or done secretively, especially because illicit

moratorium a temporary prohibition of an activity

employment the fact of someone being paid to work for a company or organization

alumni men and women who have completed their studies

undergraduate a student who is studying for their first degree at a college or university

strengthen make or become stronger

distinctive characteristic of one person or thing, and so serving to distinguish it from others

eliminate completely remove or get rid of

dynasty a family, team, etc., that is very powerful or successful for a long period of time

invincible impossible to defeat or overcome

farewell an act of leaving

success the fact of getting or achieving weal th, respect, or fame

transit the act of moving people or things fr om one place to another

waste unwanted or unusable materials; trash, garbage, disposal

heredity the passing on of traits from parents to their offspring; either through asexual reproduction or sexual reproduction, the offspring cells or organisms acquire the genetic information of their parents.

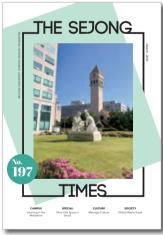


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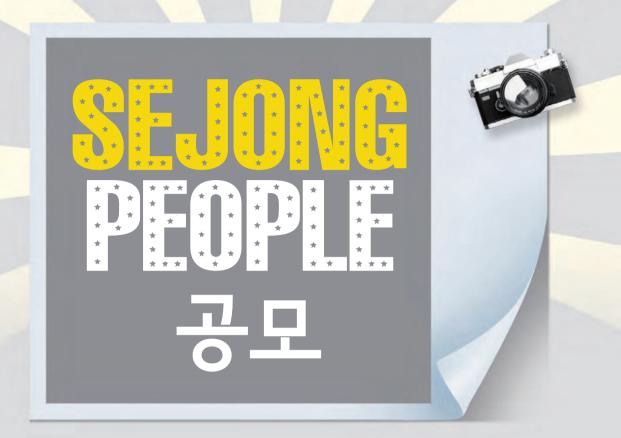








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