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Gyeonggi Province most popular travel destination in Korea for three consecutive years; 53.4 million domestic visits last year

According to the 2021 Tourism Survey by the Korea Culture & Tourism Institute, Gyeonggi Province is the most visited travel destination in the nation

– No. 1 in average visits per traveler, ranked first in nation as day trip destination

Creation of tourist spots at unique sites such as Gyeonggi Dulegil Trails and ocean waters of the province

Gyeonggi Province was revealed to be the most popular travel destination in the nation for three years in a row, according to a survey of Koreans who traveled domestically last year; the province received 53.4 million visits from Korean travelers.

After a review of the 2021 Tourism Survey results published by the Korea Culture & Tourism Institute under the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism on June 13, Gyeonggi Province was found to have the highest number of Korean visitors last year, totaling 53.4 million. This was more than twice as many as Gangwon Province (25,422,000), which ranked second in the survey. In 2020,



Gyeonggi Province also ranked first with 45,496,000 visits, followed by Gangwon Province with 22,362,000.

When dividing the trip type into day trips and longer trips, Gyeonggi Province was still first with an overwhelming majority of 46,259,000 visits. This is approximately three times greater than the number of visits received by North Gyeongsang Province, the second-most visited day-trip destination in the country at 15,078,000 visits. In terms of overnight trips, Gyeonggi Province ranked no. 7 with 7,142,000 visits; Gangwon Province received the most visits with 15,875,000.

Gyeonggi Province also had the highest national average of visits per Korean citizen (1.17 times). According to the province, this indicates that every Korean traveling domestically visits Gyeonggi at least once. Second place went to Gangwon Province with 0.56 times.

For the average expenditure per person, which indicates the impact of tourist visits on the local economy, Gyeonggi Province was third in the country at KRW 66,000. Jeju-do ranked first at KRW 115,000, followed by Gangwon Province at KRW 74,000.



The survey estimated national data based on a sample of 50,400 Korean citizens aged 15 and above who were interviewed by the Korea Culture & Tourism Institute last year.

Gyeonggi Province determined that the figures are indicative of a range of tourist sites in the province attracting domestic travelers who became more active during the COVID-19 pandemic. Gyeonggi has made steady efforts to attract more tourists; these include the formation of ecotourism bases in each area, opening the Gyeonggi Dulegil Trails, and launching policies to revitalize the ocean waters of the province, in addition to traditional tourist attractions such as Hwaseong Fortress in Suwon City, as well as Yangpyeong Dumulmeori and the Imjingak Pavilion in Paju City. Furthermore, it expanded barrier-free tourist facilities at major tourist sites so as to ensure accessibility by persons with disabilities. Gyeonggi Province is also working to form fair tourist environments by including residents in tourism policymaking so that tourist consumption can lead to local economic vitalization.



In line with the increased tourist demand driven by the return to normality, Gyeonggi Province plans to actively devise measures to attract more foreign travelers through tourism industry partnerships.

“While expanding new and unique tourist attractions in Gyeonggi Province, such as the Gyeonggi Dulegil Trails and the

ocean waters, we plan to provide more entertaining content, events, and tourist information so as to ensure genuine comfort, healing and relaxation, eco-friendly experiences, and tourist safety in the province,” said Choi Young-hoon, Director of Gyeonggi Province’s Tourism Division.

Gyeonggi Province Holds Technical Conference on Air Pollution Control for Economic and Environmental Protection

Gyeonggi Province hosts a technical conference to foster and expand highly efficient and optimized air pollution control facilities while addressing local complaints and environmental issues.

– Announcement of eight new technologies (five for asphalt, two for dyeing, one for printing) and Q&A with experts

Gyeonggi Province announced on August 26 that it is hosting two rounds of the 2022 Technical Conference for Air Pollution Control Facilities to identify and promote the latest air pollution control facilities.

The conference is being held to respond to growing complaints about businesses that emit high levels of asphalt and other pollutants as well as to identify and promote air pollution control facilities that utilize new methods and the latest technologies.

Gyeonggi Province livestreamed the presentations of four technical businesses related to asphalt, dyeing and printing on its official YouTube channel on August 25, and plans to livestream another four businesses at 1 PM on August 30. Those interested in viewing the conferences can search for “Gyeonggi Provincial Government” or “Gyeonggi Province Technical Conference on Air Pollution Control Facilities” on YouTube.

Gyeonggi Province previously planned the staging of the technical conferences through two advisory meetings with environmental experts and publicly recruited relevant businesses during a 30-day period. To ensure fairness and objectivity, the participating businesses supplemented their self-reported air pollution test results in the presence of public officials, and eight businesses were eventually selected for conference participation.

The technical conferences consist of presentations by participating businesses and Q&A sessions with experts so that the pros and cons of new methods and the latest technologies for air pollution control facilities can be identified. Gyeonggi Province expects this to be an opportunity to reduce pollutants and change negative public perceptions of pollutant-emitting businesses by reinforcing environment-friendly industries and introducing new technologies.

Director Kim Sang-cheol of Gyeonggi Province’s Environmental Safety Management Division said, “There are limits on the reduction of pollutants by air pollution control facilities that use outdated technologies,” adding, “We expect the technical conferences will enable advanced new technologies to be applied on site, cutting air pollutants and improving air quality.”



Eco Fair Korea 2022, a Three-Day Exhibition for Carbon Neutral Gyeonggi, Ends Successfully

Gyeonggi Carbon Zero, Clean Air International Forum, and Gyeonggi Environment Safety Forum held concurrently

Joint declaration of carbon neutrality, operation of 350 technical exhibits and booths, international forum, and more

Eco Fair Korea2022, a comprehensive environmental exhibition for a sustainable future, ended successfully on September 7.

Eco Fair Korea 2022 ran for three days from September 5 to 7 at the Suwon Convention Center under the theme of “Sustainable Future, Carbon-Neutral Gyeonggi.” Gyeonggi Carbon Zero, the Clean Air International Forum, and the Gyeonggi Environment Safety Forum were also held during the fair.

Around 120 companies participated in Eco Fair Korea 2022 and showcased their environmental technologies at 280 booths. In addition, six environmental technology certification briefing sessions were held with the participation of the Korean Standards Association. Other ancillary events such as presentations on project bidding hosted by the Korea



Environment Corporation also took place. Of particular note, a total of 188 meetings took place between 90 public institutions and 72 participating companies in procurement consultations in which cities/counties and public institutions of Gyeonggi Province participated as buyers.

Gyeonggi Carbon Zero, in which 53 institutions and 70 booth operators participated, provided an opportunity to foster awareness of carbon neutrality. At the Carbon Neutrality Declaration Ceremony, Gyeonggi Province, cities/counties of the province, and the Gyeonggido Assembly affirmed their unity in cooperation; this was followed by the launching ceremony for the Gyeonggi

Residents Carbon Neutrality Group.

At the International Forum on Carbon Neutrality, officials from East Asian governments and experts discussed local government roles in Korea-China-Japan cooperation. In addition, participants fostered climate crisis awareness through the pursuit of ideas regarding air, climate, and energy in the Carbon Neutrality Idea Contest. A total of 54 teams participated in the contest, of which eight were selected for the finals through application screening. The King of Climate team submitted the winning entry of a “rental building energy consumption display campaign,” which will be positively reviewed for policy application by Gyeonggi Province and the Gyeonggi Environmental Energy Agency.



The Clean Air International Forum, jointly hosted by Gyeonggi Province and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), was attended by 750 environmental experts from 16 countries as well as those from international organizations, governments of six Asia-Pacific nations, and academia, including Tuvdendorj Gantumur, Deputy Minister of the Environment and Tourism of Mongolia, and Abdulla Naseer, Minister of State of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology of the Maldives. They attended the three-day event online or offline. At this forum, consisting of six sessions and three ancillary events, attendees shared a variety of clean air policies, technologies, and research results, as well as the current situations of different nations and regions.

The Gyeonggi Environment Safety Forum held on September 5 saw the participation of approximately 250 representatives of the environmental industry and relevant companies. At this forum, attendees made presentations on support plans for small businesses in Gyeonggi Province, revitalization plans for the environmental service industry, and exemplary environmental service cases. The presentations were evaluated so as to determine effective means by which to achieve the desired outcomes.

Eom Jin-seop, Director General of Gyeonggi Province’s Environment Bureau, commented, “We were able to successfully hold this event thanks to the interest of many provincial residents in the environment. We will continue to do our utmost to realize sustainable development and carbon neutrality.”

Governor Dong Yeon Kim: “More and Fairer Opportunities For Young People” – Plans Monthly Meetings with Young People

Launching ceremony held for the 2nd Gyeonggi Province Youth Participation Committee on September 17.

– Gyeonggi Province Governor Dong Yeon Kim encourages and welcomes policy proposals from the Youth Participation Committee.

A total of 569 young people applied for committee positions with a 2.6:1 acceptance rate; final selections were made by lottery.

One-year committee term starts from September 17, fulfilling a role in proposing youth policies and supplementing existing policies.



In commemoration of Youth Day (third Saturday of September) on September 17, Gyeonggi Province Governor Dong Yeon Kim pledged to meet young people on a regular basis in an effort to create “more and fairer opportunities” for young people.

Governor Kim attended the launching ceremony for the 2nd Gyeonggi Province

Youth Participation Committee, which was held at the provincial government complex on the same day, and said, “What our young people need now is not short-term aid through budgetary support, but opportunities.” He added, “We will build a community of inclusiveness and mutual growth by creating more and fairer opportunities including opportunities to work, study and love.”

In addition, he made two pledges to help young people raise their voices by breaking away from ideas of older generations and vested interests.

Governor Kim emphasized, “We ask young people to take courage and break down the patterns of thinking while using their imaginations. In tandem with this, Gyeonggi Province will change the way of doing work.”

He also made a second pledge by adding, “I will set aside one day a month to meet young people.



I will even travel long distances to hear their voices,” adding, “By communicating with young people on a regular basis, I will listen to their voices.”

The Gyeonggi Province Youth Participation Committee is a body in which a total of 215 young people aged between 19 to 39 from eastern, western, southern and northern regions of Gyeonggi Province participate in developing and proposing youth policies. They serve a one-year term, identifying and proposing policies in high demand areas – such as housing, jobs, and safety – and autonomous areas in which they can freely express their opinions.

Last year, Gyeonggi Province launched four final projects from among policies proposed by the first Youth Participation Committee through review and discussion with relevant departments. These can be implemented as effective policies after deliberation in accordance with the participatory budget process.

The four projects included the following: a gift package for single young adult households, providing daily necessities and a youth policy brochure; a guidebook publication program to disseminate basic living and youth policy information in Gyeonggi Province; mental health programs for young adults to support musical, artistic and athletic activities and connections with local counseling specialists; and mental health programs for hard-working young residents. At the launching ceremony, members of the first Youth Participation Committee directly presented policies to Governor Kim.

Governor Kim awarded letters of appointment to the youth members of the 2nd Gyeonggi Province Youth Participation Committee and encouraged them after listening to related policy proposals.

Meanwhile, a total of 569 people applied during the June recruitment process for the 2nd Gyeonggi Youth Participation Committee, equating to a 2.6 to 1 competition rate. After an initial screening based on the cover letters and career plans of applicants, Gyeonggi Province made final selections by lottery from among those young people whose interest in youth policies was confirmed.

Gyeonggi Province Introduces Self-Driving “Zero Shuttle” at 2022 Smart TransLogistiX

Gyeonggi Province participated in the 2022 Smart TransLogistiX, the first smart road transportation distribution expo in Korea, to support the performance expansion and market development of the Gyeonggi Autonomous Driving Center and resident companies.

Introduction of Zero Shuttle, Korea’s first public self-driving vehicle, and presentation of Pangyo Zero City’s operation results

On October 12, Gyeonggi Province announced that 5 resident companies of the Gyeonggi Autonomous Driving Center will participate in the 2022 Smart TransLogistiX at COEX Seoul from October 12 to 14.



A total of 111 major companies and government organizations related to road transportation and mobility – including the Gyeonggi Autonomous Driving Center, Korea Railroad Research Institute, and Amazon Web Service Korea – are slated to participate in the 2022 Smart TransLogistiX, Korea’s first smart transportation distribution expo, which is co-sponsored by COEX and the Korea Road Association. Innovative technologies and solutions pertaining to the mobility and distribution industries, such as autonomous driving and smart distribution, can be viewed at this event.

Gyeonggi Province introduced Zero Shuttle, Korea’s first public level-4 self-driving vehicle, which was realized by Gyeonggi Province in cooperation with companies of the Gyeonggi Autonomous Driving Center. On October 13 at the Smart Mobility & Smart Logistics Innovation Strategy Conference, Gyeonggi will present the autonomous driving that has been its primary focus since 2016 at the Gyeonggi Autonomous Driving Center, including the performance at Pangyo Zero City and the operation of the autonomous driving testbed.



In addition, Gyeonggi Province will introduce resident companies of the center, including Treeze Engineering, This is Engineering, Wayties, Hills Engineering, and Divine Technology. The center has been supporting the resolution of difficulties faced by new autonomous driving companies, including performance expansion and market development.

Kim Kyu-sik, Director General of Gyeonggi Province's Future Growth Policy Bureau, said, "We will constantly strive to promote the development and advancement of autonomous driving technologies and achieve results via overseas investments and autonomous driving services for provincial residents through the continued support and cooperation of the Gyeonggi Autonomous Driving Center's resident companies."