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# Youth Unemployment and the Future of KMU Students

## KMU needs more programs for both undergraduates and graduates

Every day as the media covers the difficulties of getting a job, university students get more nervous about their future. Indeed, the employment rate of twenties has decreased 124,000 people over eleven months. According to a recent report from Statistics Korea, the employment rate of the rising generation (15-29 years old) is 38.7%, the lowest in 29 years.

The condition of humanities students is harsher than any others. According to a recent survey by Job Korea, a portal site specializing in finding jobs, 70.3% of the informants majoring in the humanities said that their major is not helpful in getting a job at all. Conversely, more than half of the informants majoring in commerce, natural science and engineering said their major is useful for landing jobs.

Because of these problems, the number of university students who delay their graduation, the so-called fifth-formers, has increased in Korea. The reasons why college students do not want or enable to graduate are complex. One of the major reasons is that companies prefer prospective undergraduates to graduates. While they postpone the graduation, they prepare qualifications for getting a job including good TOEIC scores and various kinds of certificates.

There are fifth-formers at KMU. One fifth-former said, "I cannot help delaying my graduation because of my poor TOEIC score. To graduate from KMU, I should get more than 750 on the test." Another fifth-former said, "Although I have been eligible to graduate, I do not want to. I feel that I am not qualified to enter a major conglomerate like Samsung yet. Plus, I know that once I graduate from KMU, I cannot benefit from various programs that KMU holds."

Students who have a hard time deciding what to do after their graduation are advised to visit the Center for Human Resource Development and the Center for the Development of Female College Students' Careers. Both are located on the fourth floor of the Oullim Hall. Seol Dong-ryong, director of the Human Resource Development Center, said, "Any students who hope to get great jobs can be consulted about how to realize their dream. However, there is one thing that KMU students should bear in mind. Before visiting us, please know about yourself including your status, experience, ideal job, careers and certifications. There is one more thing



that is really important. Please, finish getting high scores on English tests and caring of GPA by the third year."

Jung Hye-ju, who works at the Center for the Development of Female College Students' Careers, said, "To be employed by a company you want, you need enough information and knowledge about the company. It is difficult to get it by yourself. Be more active. Take advantage of the counseling program the government or the university provide."

Seol criticized students' indifference of the programs which KMU has provided and their lackadaisical plans for getting jobs. "The gap between students who have passion for getting their job and the others is serious at KMU. Whenever we held a compulsory program, almost all of the students attend it. Usually, students do not participate in non-compulsory programs. Fortunately, last year, we provided a customized program for those who study SSAT (SamSung Attitude Test). At the time, many participated in it individually. However, students are not interested in former affairs. There is a problem that people who participated in a program once



continue to do that but the others do not. According to a recent survey, students obtain information on job hunting from their seniors, friends or the Internet. They talk only about successful stories. To defeat other competitors, job hunters should know why others fail to be hired."

Seol also explained the center's system. "We operate different programs in line with the different features of the 31 departments regardless of age, gender or grade. It is aimed for undergraduates mostly. Our strategy is called "Who Am I?" We help students understand their

competence and level. After we let students know their status, we make them apply for suitable companies at a right time. Our strongest strategy is different from other universities. We focus on small and medium-sized enterprises through open recruitment in September. At that time, the competition rate is relatively low. It raises a possibility."

However, both centers aim mainly for juniors and seniors. Graduates hardly benefit from school counseling or training programs. Seol said, "We have the follow-up service including job coaching only for unemployed

graduates, but we do not have as many programs for graduates as for undergraduates. The problem is that graduates do not visit KMU to demand and use good programs for job hunting." Jung also added, "We offer the training course the experts of learning coaching, international materials distribution system, and teaching water sports to female graduates for graduates."

Hence, Dong-A University has a successful case to help its graduates to be employed. That university has run the Intensive Job School for its graduates. Park Sang-gab, dean of academic affairs at Dong-A University, said, "We were worried about whether graduates would struggle for knowing what to do. We have provided 49 graduates whom we selected with practical courses from preparing interviews in English to counseling one-to-one." Its program is renowned for making connections between its graduates and local businesses.

The fundamental function of universities is not to make their students marketable. Additionally, getting a job is not the be-all-and-end-all of university students' future and dream. There is not any center in charge of students who want to be researchers and scholars. Korea University and Sogang University have introduced a double degree of both their university and a university outside Korea for both undergraduate students and graduate students to attract outstanding students and help their students gain better qualifications.

Recently, the shipping industry has taken a huge hit. As KMU specializes in the maritime field, our students have a hard time finding jobs. To overcome hardships, students have to actively participate in the current programs and note which programs KMU is running without just hoping that the university helps them. Our attention can draw more beneficial programs.

However, universities in Korea have never cared about graduates who change jobs again after their first ones. Our university needs not to focus on the employment rate of the students but to make programs for those graduates. If KMU implements the program first in Korea, there will be more successful graduates and it will enhance the status of KMU.



# The 2013 KMU Exposition of Information

On April 30, the KMU Exposition of Information was held on the second floor of the library. Based in booths of 13 database vendors, the library officials designed several events such as an information retrieval contest and an application of comments. The event had been well promoted. The officials of the library sent text messages to the students and informed it actively. That day, 559 students participated in the event. Korea Maritime University considered it successful.

The exposition of information was to introduce how to take advantage of electronic data including e-books, web DB, e-learning, and e-journals. Kwon Young-rok, team leader of the scholarship information division, said, "Korea Maritime University spends 70% of data purchasing costs per year. The percentage is much greater than the national average level (55%)."

Kwon emphasized the importance of using electronic data. "I strongly believe it is crucial for not only professors but also students to learn how to use retained and limited resources.



Unfortunately, many do not know how to use them or even what information they are able to use. If students know a lot about electronic data, they do not need to come and visit the library to borrow books or to find information for their tasks."

Many expressed that the event is really useful. Bae Eun-ji said, "I regret that I did not know how to use e-books. I have spent a lot of money studying TOEIC. However, I did not need to.



Here are free TOEIC lectures. Thanks to the event, I now know beneficial information." Kim Yu-ri said, "The people in charge of this event explained how to use it carefully. This was a really good chance to increase public awareness of using electric materials."

However, there were several problems. One student said, "There were too many people who just aimed for giveaways. They just copied their friends' answers and stamped their sheets without

listening to the explanation." On the other hand, Kwon has a different opinion. "This was just the first time to hold the event. We regarded it as meaningful to communicate with students. The high participation rate and the opportunity to inform KMU students how to use the electronic materials itself are rewarding."

Finally, Kwon requested several things. "KMU spent 600 million won buying useful electric materials. There are a lot of English documents. You are able to read them using your smart phone anytime, anywhere. Please, take advantage of them because they are free. We try to keep obtaining materials that KMU students and professors really need. We will hold similar events at least once a year. Many ask us to hold events once a semester. We also want to do that. Moreover, while there has been a steady increase in the frequency of using electric materials, and the percentage of using textbooks decreased gradually. Please, take advantages of electric materials and read text books at the same time."

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## A Mentoring Fair for KMU Cadets



all mentors gave students helpful and thoughtful advices

On Saturday afternoon April 6th, a Mentoring Fair for students at KMU, College of Maritime Affairs, took place in the main dining room of the residence hall. The event mainly targeted freshmen and sophomores of the College of Maritime Affairs and the main goal was to help juniors broaden their sights by offering them helpful information about college life, extracurricular activities and also by giving them some thoughtful advices. The fair was conducted with efficiency and composed of five parts: internship, scholarship, global volunteering, extracurricular activities and tips for a letters of self-introduction and interviews.

The Mentoring Fair was projected at first for offering useful tips to juniors in planning their college lives, as they usually do not have a lot of time to do other activities outside of school. One senior said that most students here do not even try to think about extracurricular activities that other university students usually do to improve their abilities, stating the reason that the students struggle hard training themselves with the rigid disciplines of the school. To help these lethargic students, the mentors from a group called "Dream Forest" came to introduce diverse outside activities for college students and to give

them opportunities to share their valuable life experiences with the mentors.

Lee Jihoon, who was a mentor of the Global volunteering team, said that the students are too intimidated by all the strict rules and their livings, but they really need to overcome their circumstances and try to be more active in searching their own dreams. He also added that it was a great chance to share his ideas with the students and communicate with them, hoping that thoughtful advice and other information that he had prepared were helpful enough.

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## One Night Two Days Visits KMU

Members of the KBS *One Night Two Days* visited Korea Maritime University on May 10. This visit was not announced beforehand. When they came to KMU, they went to the pebble beach first. Many students sensed that the program called *One Night Two Days* was shooting in our campus. So they gathered, watched the program members, and took some pictures, and a few female students even screamed. After finishing the schedule in the pebble beach, they headed to the grass field next to the sports center. The KMU American football team greeted the visiting team. The two teams played three games including a knee-wrestling match, a soccer match and foot volleyball. *One Night Two Days* members won all matches. Before the matches, the visitors promised that if they won against KMU American football team, they would buy 22 fried chickens for the other team but if not they would provide 100 fried chickens to them. However, KMU football team failed to beat them so they got only small amount of chicken. Although they were defeated, this visit will be unforgettable memory for them. The following is an interview with a KMU football team player.

One member of the KMU American football team said, "When I heard that their visit from our team manager, I was totally excited! As you know meeting an entertainer is not a usual

experience and the public can even see my face. That was so cool! I really wanted to tell my friends about this event but I couldn't. That is because their visit was absolutely concealed to the students who are studying at our campus for smooth broadcasting. I would like to take this chance to say sorry to my friends."

He also talked about the most interesting thing. "In my case, it's overwhelming that I participated in soccer match with an american football. I couldn't expect our defeat. we engaged in that match seriously. However, *One Night Two Days*' members were too strong to beat. Lee Soogeun was the most threatening player in that team. His ability to control ball and his rhythm were extraordinary. failing in defending Lee Soogeun was major factor of our team's defeat. Anyway, this experience was really good. Besides me, all members of our team feel that it was so nice and won't forget it."

Finally, he introduced his team to KMU students. "Our team name is The Vikings. We do exercise from monday to thursday. There are 24 members in our team. Many people think practicing american football is just tough, but that is prejudice. Playing american football provides us big pleasure which can't compare with other sports. If you want to experience a different sport while you are in university, try it. We will always be ready for accepting new passionate member."

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## The First Female Marine Police Captain



Commissioner Lee Gang-duck appointed Chief Superintendent Go Yu-mi as 1513 Submarine Commander of East Marine Police Office on January 25, 2012.

The 1513 submarine's new commander was born in Busan on February 24, 1979.

She graduated from Busan Yeong-do Girl's High School, then Korea Maritime University and Goryeo University which is in Department of Law. On July 8, 2002, she became a sergeant as a special employment.

On March 31, 2008, Busan Coast Police Station (police chief Kim Hyeon-sun) appointed Chief Inspector Go Yu-mi (29) as The second-in-commander of The 1500-ton lifeguard-boat Jaemin No.3.

Policewomen have worked in lifeguard boats over than 1000 tons before but this is the first time of her worked as a commander, since the foundation of The Marine Police.

Commander Go passed regular promotion test last January, so she came to have a title of "first women" of Marine Police twice.

Commander Go, who graduated from

Department of Coast Guard studies at Korea Maritime University in 2002 and became a marine police as a special employment of sergeant. After her inspector promotion, she volunteered to work in a patrol boat and a police chief, Kim Hyeon-sun accepted.

As soon as she was appointed, Commander Go immediately went on working in a boat this day and said, "I have broad shoulders to take this position. I am going to do this not only as a opportunity of self development but also do my best to do the tasks."

Thirty-one policemen and 20 Auxiliary Police are a board The Jaemin No.3 under Commander Go, and they are securing and guarding The Straits of Korea and EEZ.

Commander Go assists The captain, with a sailing, crew management and administration work.

Commander Go who dreams to be the first female captain, however, said with spirited aspiration that she wants to be remembered "not as a 'first' but as a 'best'."

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## The Opening of the Multilingual Laboratory

The College of International Studies opened the multilingual laboratory at 4 pm on April 19. The multilingual laboratory is located in room 201, an area of 30 pyeong through the remodeling of a existing language laboratory library. It is equipped with up-to-date audiovisual equipment, so students can acquire languages more efficiently. We are available to listen to satellite broadcasting in English, Japanese, Chinese, German and French. The college of international studies plans to help students improve their foreign language proficiency by utilizing the space as a classroom in the morning and opening it in the afternoon. In this opening ceremony, President Park Han-il said, "I hope this laboratory takes center stage as the place that many students use for active learning foreign languages."

Student Gwon Hyeoki said, "The new lecture room is convenient and is technically well equipped. No technical problems ever occurred



so far. It is very quiet therefore students can concentrate more. The room is also sound proof so noise from the outside is unlikely to disturb classes. The only con is the location, not everyone is aware of this newly built lecture room and its whereabouts."

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# The 68th Korea Maritime University Festival

On May 13, the 68th Equator Festival was held in Korea Maritime University. The Student Union provided students with various food and invited popular singers like such as *Girls' Day* and *Supreme Team* to come and give performances.

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Students preparing for the opening day of the festival



Students wearing life jackets for the motor boat ride



Students heading to bars



The Student Union offering food



Students enjoying the festival

## Sailing Practice towards Jeju Island

There is a matter of which Korean citizens can be proud. It is the proclamation that a volcanic island, one of many tourist attractions in Korea, became one of the world's New Seven Wonders of Nature on December 21, 2011. This island ranks with Nature Halong Bay in Vietnam, Puerto Princesa Underground River in the Philippines, Amazon in Brazil, Iguazu Falls in Argentina, Komodo National Park in Indonesia and Table Mountain in South Africa. In spite of these attractions, university students and others who are suffering from small amount of pocket money are financially incapable of visiting there.

There was a sailing practice from this university to Jeju Island and boarding from March 18 to March 22. Their annual event helps students become familiar with sailing on the vast blue ocean. Needless to say, it is uncommon for the students in other universities, but there are also diverse things in KMU, which has not only greatly contributed to constructing a strong oceanic nation by graduating personnel specialized in maritime technology and ocean research.

Juniors in the College of Maritime Science embarked one of our two training ships. In the latest sailing practice, the sophomore students majoring in Energy and Resources Engineering in the college of Ocean Science and Technology were selected randomly.

When all the members reached the first destination, everyone was shocked with the unfamiliar scenery unfolded before their eyes

lots of large-scale wind-driven generators is harmonized with nature, especially the blue sea and the yellow forsythia in full bloom. A guide showed and informed what the government corporation has been doing, such as mentioning that Hyundai has been expecting to build the largest wind power generator plant there in the nation. It was about an introduction to several patents, the result of the relentless efforts of the Korea Institute of Energy Research, the future course of the stimulus to the development of new technologies.

Namjeju Thermal Power Plant, operating since January, 1992, was the second destination. According to one research worker, "The plant's the maximum generation capacity is approximately millivolts. The first generation worked with various kinds of machine and steam power equipment domestically produced in Korea. In addition, it is a safe generation without disaster record through longest years in the world. We will strengthen differentiated competitiveness to have realize tomorrow's vision today. At this moment executives and employees in our company try to change ahead and always try renovation. First of all, we take opportunity in the market by competitive preference of production, sales, and technology. Then we will become a blue chip company that lead market standards with efficiency, responsibility, profitability and competitive corporate culture. This is our ambition."

Jeju Olle walking trail, which means winding path to your front door in the Jeju dialect, was the last spot. It has become the most

unforgettable memory as soon as they watched the appearance of a field lined with a blackstone wall in a huddle, which are only capable of being seen in Jeju seemed like a sheet of colorful cloth finely patched. Furthermore, it has become famous these days,

so numerous travelers have been visiting there every year. It was impressing even though it was tough for them to go around with the chilly wind.

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## Smoking in Public



While the Korean government gives positive consideration to increase the price of tobacco, the percentage of smokers in Korea remains higher than the OECD average. Korea has the fourth highest rate of smoking among OECD countries in 2012 and was ranked highest in 2005 at 27.3% of the population smoking.

It is common to see smokers on the road spit on the pavement and throw their cigarette butts away unconsciously on KMU campus. These behaviors not only pollute the environment, but also displease other. Many students live on campus and smoking in public space leads others to inhale secondhand smoke which is more detrimental than active smoke.

The number of library visitors increases during the midterm period. According to one librarian, students visit the library three times more frequently than usual. The problem is that many students tend to be selfish when they use public articles; cigarette butts, ash and spit, can be easily seen. Ko Tae-uk, majoring in Marine

Environment & Bioscience, says, "As I felt a whiff of smoke from a toilet entrance, I was irritated. The selfish people who smoke in public toilet smoke, flick the ashes on the floor, throw away their cigarette butts and spit on the floor to stop the fire. It is totally disgusting and unpleasant." One cleaning woman said, "Sometimes people do not extinguish the cigarettes and put them in the wastebasket. One day when I got to work, a fire broke out in a wastebasket. The cigarette butt caused a small fire, but it could have been told a big fire which could have killed hundreds people. It is not only dangerous but also difficult to clean up. I hope students observe the rules of etiquettes and make a good environment to study."

To nonsmokers, even a faint smell of tobacco is an unpleasant smell. By National Health Promotion Act, over 1,000 square meters buildings are designated as non-smoking building. We have to consider the phenomenon as legal and moral problems at once.

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## The Korea Maritime University R.O.T.C.

The Korea Maritime University Reserve Officers' Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) recently took first place among four universities in the 2012 Universities' R.O.T.C. Operation Condition Evaluation held by the Ministry of National Defense.

This is a crucial evaluation deciding the rating about the field of volunteer systems, educational facilities, and manpower & welfare that are closely related to the problem of maintenance, abolition and the number of cadets.

The Korea Maritime University R.O.T.C. was established in 1959 throughout the army, the navy, and the air force. It has contributed to training talented individuals of senior navy rank.

Jung Hong-yeol who prepared this evaluation said, "KMU will do its best to keep the top

honor all over the country by improving practical support systems and backing up institutionally."

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## “Hope for Changing Perception toward Smaller Businesses”, the Second Eu-teum E-Press Corps

On February 19, a hundred of the second Eu-teum(meaning, best) e-university students corps kicked off their one-year effort by holding the welcoming ceremony at the auditorium in the main office of Small & medium Business Corporation (SBC), located in Yeouido, Seoul.

SBC had selected 80 university students for the first corps for last year and provided university graduates with information on five hundred Eu-teum small & medium businesses nationwide so as to resolve human resource mismatching – the more university graduates would like to work for major companies, the less the opportunity of employment they can get due to lack of positions in the companies and to alter the perception of the corps’ constant exertions, the corporation has been acting as a bridge between young job seekers and the region’s best smaller business.

For this year, one hundred students from freshmen to seniors from sixty universities, including 22 people from the last year’s corps,

gathered to perform their given missions as reporters. The Eu-teum e-corps will visit the five hundred of region-best smaller businesses with good work environment, chosen by SBC and draw up businesses contents of storytelling, cover talk, introducing ‘Eu-teum smaller business’ through SNS as well as its website(www.smilestory.or.kr).

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## History of Korean Shipbuilding; The Big Three Corporations

In Korea, the number one shipbuilding company in the world, there are several companies which had been great leaders in the industries. Most of them were founded in the 1970s with the government’s policies to promote heavy chemical industries and export drive. There were two major crises in our domestic shipbuilding industry. In the 1980s, the domestic shipping & shipbuilding market was gravely affected by the two oil shocks. In 2008, the oversupply caused by the excessive product supply of Chinese corporations lead to the vast recession of world’s shipbuilding industry. Undergoing two major crisis, domestic shipbuilding industry became polarized to large shipbuilding corporations and small businesses.

The top leading domestic corporations are called the Big Three : Hyundai Heavy Industries, Samsung Heavy Industries and Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine were all founded after 1970 and are still running. Hyundai Heavy Industries jumped into the world shipbuilding market in 1973. They accomplished the feat of the completion of shipyard and the construction of VLCC (Very Large Crude Oil Carrier) which is about 26 tons. Samsung Heavy Industries and Daewoo Shipbuilding, founded in 1977 and 1978 respectively, have been on a fast track as the leading top three businesses in the world shipbuilding market. Hyundai Mipo Dockyard Co. which was founded in 1975 as a repair dockyard

has been going strong too. These shipyards grew as super large shipyards with complete support provided by the government’s Shipbuilding Industries Development Plan. The Shipbuilding Industries Development Plan enabled Hyundai Shipyard to enlarge its business and also supported consolidation and the systematization of small businesses by Daewoo and Samsung shipyard.

During the 1970s and 1980s, there was a boom in the domestic shipbuilding industry recording more than 30% of growth annually. However, in 1997 as the IMF crisis broke out, the domestic shipbuilding was no exception to the potent demand for restructuring. With this restructuring process, the polarization between super large shipbuilding corporations and small shipbuilding corporations became more pronounced. Hyundai and Samsung were the two groups bailed out from restructuring caused by IMF crisis. During the recession, Hyundai even broadened their shipbuilding industries. However, Daewoo shipyard got affected from the restructuring. In the aftermath of the major restructuring, the Daewoo group began its restructuring in 1999. During the workout it closed its aircraft and railroad cars services and also transferred its division of automobile to Daewoo Motor Company and finally it was reconstructed as a shipbuilding company only, Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine.

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## Global CEO Elementary Leader Camp

Even though Korea has been going through a difficult time, externally and internally, it is not difficult to find heroes to solve the problems. Take a look at elementary school leaders. They may be young, but they will be in charge of our future lives.

The iBEST Global CEO Elementary Leaders Camp, sponsored by Korea New Network EDU, was created to educate executives such as a school chairman, vice chairman, class president and vice president. Leaders from many Busan elementary schools were invited to the Yangsan Sejung-Human Resources Development to progress the curriculum. They are groomed to be genuine global CEOs in the future.

The classes were divided into each grade, and each class was given time to think about their roles in school. They led a student conference, sang the national anthem, led grievance mediation and considered how to help friends who are treated as outcasts. The lessons from the camp are fully expected to be implemented when they return to school. In addition, the most popular schedule was recreation time ‘I best, We best.’ It was composed of interesting recreation instructors and exciting games. At first, students were bashful, and then they enjoyed themselves. One trainee, Baek Chan-yub said, “It was a special experience to learn how to lead by discussion and debate with my friends.

Learning new facts was also interesting. Singing, dancing and playing games during recreation time were the best moments in my life.” One of the mentor teachers who guided students said, “I did not consider it any more than my part time job and getting pocket money. Now, I regret that. While I taught students, I even learned pure mind from pure students.”

According to camp organizer Lee Joo-hye, “Usually, one participating school calls back again and hands in reapplication for a camp. The camp is becoming famous among teachers. Even the schedule is full at the beginning of the school term. I am working at the parts best fitted to me. I cannot find difficult things in my part that energetic.”

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## Busan Job Fair for the First Half of 2013

Busan city hosted the 2013 Busan Job Fair on May 14 at Bexco, Haundae. The fair, held from 10:30 to 17:00, consisted of a number of booths including some for bellwether companies, excellent hiring companies, engineering companies, smaller companies and for job seekers of women, the aged, the young and the middle aged for companies to employ the applicants that they seek and simultaneously for job hunters to apply to the companies they have in mind. Any applicants were interviewed if they brought their resumes, cover letters and copies of qualification certificates.

Through the fair, 300 prime and smaller companies in Busan such as Paradise Hotel, Daewoo International, ABB Korea, Songwol Towel engaged 2000 people. At 30 other booths showcasing employment consulting, events, and promotions prepared by employment-related companies, applicants were able to join the interview consulting, image making, pictures for resume photographing, healthcare and personality testing.

A suit-wearing graduate from the department

of International Commerce of Won-gwang University said after an interview with a smaller company that due to the lack of consulting booths, she had to wait for a while but believed she completed some interviews well.

Busan city is planning to provide smaller companies which successfully employ young interns throughout the 2013 Job Fair with a million won a month for six months, and if they continue the employment for a year, the city will subsidize them a further million won.

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## By-election in Yeongdo District



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※ Pictures given by each party

There was a by-election in Yeongdo district on April 24. At the previous parliamentary election in Yeongdo district, Lee Jae-gyun who was the Saenuri Party's candidate was elected as a lawmaker, but his election was invalidated due to the violation of the election law, a by-election was held to fill a vacant seat.

Kim Moo-sung who was the Saenuri party's candidate ran for the election as number one. In the Democratic United Party, Kim Bi-o ran for the election as number two. Another candidate Min Byeong-ryeol who is engaged in the Liberty Forward party also ran for the election as number three. This election drew public attention because Kim Moo-sung is very famous politician, and he was one of the president's closet aides. Kim Bi-o got powerful backing of Moon Jae-in. Number one candidate conducted an election campaign with his attractive pledges. The most attractive pledge for the citizen of Busan was founding Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries at Busan. This pledge was also emphasized during the period when he helped Park Geun-hye in the recent presidential election. Other pledges are transferring military units, making a healing park in Bongrae mountain, and constructing marina near Hari. Kim Bi-o stressed that he is a native of Yeongdo district. Furthermore, he required the public to check the government by making him a lawmaker. His pledges include the reexamination of

connecting roads now under construction, building rental residences for the poor in the failed new town area and the revitalization of traditional markets. Min Byeong-ryeol also accentuated the importance of checking the government. Min Byeong-ryeol had a advantage in letting Yeongdo people know himself because this election was not first time for him. He had competed with other candidates at previous national assembly elections in Yeongdo district. His main pledge was giving free meals to elementary, middle, even high school students on Yeongdo. He also made many pledges for the poor. For example, founding many libraries at highland for the people with restricted opportunity in learning.

This by-election's absentee voting was implemented on April 19 and 20. The absentee voting rate recorded 5.93%. That figure is quite high in absentee vote so many politic experts anticipated high level of voting rate. However, total voting rate in Yeongdo district recorded only 36%. This result showed the prevalent political indifference to the public. Number one gained 65.7% in the election and became a lawmaker. But he changed his mind when it comes to founding Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries in Busan. He declared that his judgement was wrong and there will be no possibility in establishing Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries at Busan.

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# Overseas Internship Program

Whenever students imagine vacation in foreign countries, they think of romantic excursions to tourist attractions or part time jobs to cover the trip expense. However, there is a great opportunity for sightseeing for free but also directly what to do in expected companies. To inform readers more vivid information about this named "Overseas internship"; Kang Kyung-min majoring in Energy Resources Engineering at Korea Maritime University talked about being an intern in the branch of the Korea National Oil Corporation in Kazakhstan from July 2 to August 24 last year.

To begin with, Kang talked about his motivation for applying to being an intern in the Korea National Oil Corporation. "There is the fact that human beings are not able to be independent of fossil fuels in modern society. Furthermore, according to an official announcement by the Korean government last year, the rate of petroleum production in Korea is only 13.7% whereas it is the third country when it comes to importing petroleum from the other countries. I thought I'd like to map out my future clearer by experiencing what the energy resources engineers do in

the foreign mining areas in advance. The reason why I decided to go to Kazakhstan among diverse nations is that it shares borders with Russia, which I desire to reside dedicating to Korea to secure more petroleum and natural gas."

Kang said, "I was fully supported by the Korea National Oil Corporation and my great professors. It means that I not only learned advanced knowledge about my major by professors, but the customs also by a native who hired by the company during the semester. Besides, the government fully assisted me with the total cost including a round-trip ticket from Korea to Kazakhstan. I just sent my passport and identification card to the company. For this reason, I was all set to go there psychologically in wholehearted support."

Kang explained about his assignments as an intern there. "I did not do many things as the workers do there. As a university student, they offered lectures for me to learn about what they do. In addition, workplaces, which are land mines, are in the middle of a desert, whereas the main office is in a downtown; so it took three hours by plane, and then seven hours by a car. Thanks to the far

distance, we visited the land mines when only drilling for oil, and then we stayed for a couple of weeks. I was absolutely impressed by the vivid scene of the whole procedure for drilling, and the enthusiasm of workers there although I usually did tedious chores. Moreover, I had a lot of chances to know their traditional culture with native people on weekends."

In the long run, He tried to encourage young people not to worry about competitors. "According to several interviewees who are university interns in corporations, they consider the candidates' unique stories and passion towards their goals much more significant than the records on the interviewees' resumes. Anyone will be capable of seizing this kind of golden opportunity if he or she prepares well beforehand with the two factors I mentioned."

University students struggle to prepare their career, and get good scores on TOEIC. Corporations demand increasingly more diverse background from their candidates. Moreover, According to a survey this year, approximately 62% of university students who participated in overseas internship succeeded in getting a job.

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## Oh Dal-su's Visit to KMU

Oh Dal-su, a prominent supporting actor, visited Korea Maritime University to give a lecture in World Vision class on March 13. Since his recent movies, including *The Thieves* and *The Gift of Room Number 7*, were box office hits in succession, he has been recognized as an influential scene stealer.

As he is an actor, he first talked about his life in acting. He said, "When I read the scripts of *The Thieves* and *The Gift of Room Number 7*, I finished reading them in spite of myself. At the time, I felt that the movies could be highly successful. I always believe if I am impressed by a story, I can make the audience touched with my acting."

After one student's question about the same kinds of his roles, he answered, "A great actor is not a person who wants to be outstanding alone. Actors should know what to convey to the audience. For this, I try to persuade other colleagues through my passion of acting. Also, this can absorb the audience. Most people say Oh Dal-su plays the similar role again. However, it is not important to me. The question is to be a real figure in a movie. For example, James Dean performed many similar roles. His character became a trademark. I also have my own style."

Moreover, he has specific thoughts about acting. "I prefer plays than movies because movies leave records, but plays leave memories. As we cannot turn on vague memories by computers, the moment of

watching plays is irreversible."

He criticized the fever of becoming an actor or actress and the reality of the movie industry. "When I was a university student, there were only four universities which had the department of film and theater. However, recently, it is hard to find universities that do not have this department. It is a pity that the young consider acting as just the tool of success without the affection of their dream. In addition, if a movie sells a record-breaking ten million tickets, another 30 movies are box office failures. These trigger the prevailing obsession of successful results."

Finally, he advised the students how to live with hesitation. "I do not know how to talk to you about the way to live because we are really different from each other. I will just suggest my motto. Whenever I crumble under pressure, I recall my colleague's saying to do something naturally. Doing something naturally is really difficult for everyone. To do that, we have to practice what we are doing constantly. After trying to do that, even if you fail something, you should not regret what you did. Regret is temptation."

Student Kim Min-hee who attended the lecture said, "I was excited just to meet a celebrity. The lecture was very rewarding as I could know how Oh Dal-su thinks about the movie industry. The most interesting part is his acting life."

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## Toastmasters International in KMU: Fishmeisters

Fishmeisters has officially launched its first meeting on April 1st 2013. The club president, Gregg Allan Whitlock mentioned that the meeting was a success and hopes that people continue to show interest. The club advertisement posters were posted on campus to create awareness for Fishmeisters. Mr. Whitlock announced, "Fishmeisters is open to everyone, and I hope that students will come attend our meetings where they can discover their hidden talents, practice to become great public speakers and develop leadership skills."

The club president emphasized how being in Toastmasters has helped him become a better person and how it can relate to his teaching skills in Korea Maritime University, where professors and instructors are required to speak in front of hundreds of students each day. "I can't believe how much Toastmasters has helped me become a better person as a teacher, public speaker and a leader. I started Fishmeisters because I know it can help KMU students become great speakers and leaders like how I benefitted from Toastmasters, plus you can have fun at the same time!" said Mr. Whitlock.

A guest, Justin Park also expressed how Fishmeisters is a good opportunity for Korean students to engage in the English field, "I think being in a Toastmasters club is fantastic. KMU students can practice their English speaking skills here at Fishmeisters because not many Koreans get the chance to engage their long-studied knowledge in a field where speaking English is compulsory, but Fishmeisters give students that chance." The guest also highlighted that becoming an official member is also beneficial because there are different over forty Toastmaster clubs in Korea and not just in KMU.

Things are looking good for Fishmeisters along with positive feedback it has been receiving. "I didn't know what Fishmeister really was until I attended the meeting. I think there are nothing but benefits for students who attend Toastmasters. I'm surely bringing my friends next time," said Nam Do-yeon after the first meeting where everyone left with smiles.

President Gregg Allan Whitlock hopes that students join the club and continue their support towards the making of this club.

Although Fishmeisters is a fresh club, it seems to have started on the right track.

Students who are interested should definitely check out the club's meeting hours which are announced as every Mondays from 6.30pm till 8pm in the lecture room 227 of the International Department Building. The students of KMU will surely to benefit from what Fishmeisters has to offer.

The following is brief information about Toastmasters.

Toastmasters International (TI) is a nonprofit educational organization that operates clubs worldwide for the purpose of helping members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills. Through thousands of member clubs, Toastmasters International offers a program of communication and leadership projects designed to help people learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking. Throughout its history, Toastmasters has served over four million people, and today the organization serves over 260,000 members in 113 countries, through its over 12,800 member clubs.

A Toastmasters club adopts a "learn-by-doing" philosophy, wherein each member learns at a pace suitable to his or her developmental needs. The Toastmasters program is divided into two separate tracks, Communication and Leadership, with members progressing along each track by presenting speeches and taking on roles within their club, district, and Toastmasters International itself.

Toastmasters have grown from being an English-only organization to one that develops communication skills in several languages. There are now clubs in many languages, including Korean, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), French, German, Japanese, Spanish, and Tamil, among others.

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# Economic Growth and Environment



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Korea was literally an agricultural society in the 1960's when I was a young boy. The Korean War had ruined even the remaining manufacturing industry. So there were a lot of things which had characteristic of Korean traditional figures and colors that I think were closely related with agricultural culture and its social system. Even the rich lived in the houses whose roofs were made of rice straw. All around the villages was the wide rice field spreaded out. In April, I could see many farmers in white cotton clothes, which were the fatigues of Korean farmers back then, keeping in line and planting rice sprouts.

I'll say 'the planting day' was a big day, in some sense, a festival combined with labor. Since most jobs had to be conducted only by manpower in the days when agricultural machines weren't invented in Korea yet, my family could, by no means, take care of them all by ourselves. As that season approached, to solve this problem, the oldest man in the village who had plenty of experiences about agriculture gathered people who wanted the rice sprouts planted in their field and arranged a time schedule.

Suppose today is the day for my family. Other families in the village will take part in planting, and my mother, with the assistance of other women, prepares lunch and drinks. The next day my parents will participate in other's job to help them until the season ends.

When engaging in rice planting, people used to sing a song, sometimes with a sad melody and sometimes with a funny melody. Then some danced with joy, fitting the melody (Korean traditional dance is usually performed by using mainly hands instead of feet and body unlike the western style of dance). They tried to overcome the hard burdens they couldn't endure. They

always worked together and seemed to share all kinds of labors with each other, no matter what. My own problem couldn't be my own, and my neighbor's could be my own in that society. And most of the families were large. I also lived with my grandparents.

At that time, clean water was running down a creek between rice fields and fresh air was all around us. However, as the Korean economy began undergoing a rapid growth, a big change has taken place in Korean society. The rice fields have decreased quickly and are being replaced by the space for the factory. People don't live in the traditional houses anymore but instead start building very tall, 50-story apartments.

The conspicuous trend toward nuclear families appears, taking the place of a large family. The traditional colors and figures which were contained by clothes and a variety of decorations are going away. New colors and modes pervade the entire country. The water is so contaminated that we can't drink it without purification. Now we sure have to pay for water.

Now people begin to recognize that economic growth is not free. Even though we are richer than before, that is, we have overcome the level of absolute poverty and have entered into the high middle group which amounts to over \$20,000 GNP per capita, we feel that an unmeasurable significant value is being sacrificed through the industrialization.

Now economic growth and the conservation of the environment become a major issue for people, I think. But in my opinion the problem is that the two seem to be not complementary but substitutable.

Isn't there any good strategy to achieve an efficient growth and still keep good environment? People will probably continue to search for the solution.

# Three Simple Ways to Improve Your Essay



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I had often asked myself, "What is an essay?" and after writing too many to count, I finally found the answer. The term essay comes from a line of translations, which have developed into the word we know today. First, it all begins with the Latin word *exigere*, which means "to examine, to test, and to drive out." Next, the French translated the word into *essayer*, which means "to try" or "to attempt." Finally, the French word had an influence on Middle English, which gives us one interpretation of how we use the word today. (Arrg. The French didn't give a lot of strength or confidence to the definition.) Modern interpretations of the term still use the French influence, but I prefer the Latin contribution. To examine or test is what essays are all about. The importance of essay writing in developing your mind is essential. It's not until you begin to organize your ideas that you are capable of bringing your subject to life. Good writing involves preparation, maintaining good writing habits and finding your voice.

To begin, systematic preparation is an essential part of good writing. The problem is, when we begin we may have little or no idea what we think about a particular topic. It's important to read or design the question carefully and ensure that our preparation addresses the many layers of a problem. It's not until we brainstorm, research, organize, outline, and develop a thesis, that our opinions really begin to manifest themselves. One of the easiest ways to improve your writing is to systematically follow these steps. Essays will often write themselves with the correct amount of preparation.

Another pivotal part of essay writing is maintaining good writing habits. If you listen to

Bach and drink a cappuccino when you begin writing the first paragraph, you should listen to Bach and drink a cappuccino on the last paragraph. It keeps things coherent. Some of greatest writers in the world were successful because they had routines that helped them succeed. J.K. Rowling would make a dash to the café when her daughter Jessica nodded off and Ernest Hemingway would famously write five hundred words per day in the morning to avoid the heat. Again, you can't develop a routine until you know what works for you.

Finally, a big part of writing is finding your voice. It's difficult to develop an opinion if you don't know what a good or bad opinion is. One of the easiest ways to discover your voice is to listen to other people's ideas. By building a mental library of interesting opinions you'll slowly develop your own intuition. Find a newspaper, podcast, blog, or magazine that focuses on things you're interested in. Aldous Huxley, an essay aficionado, writes, "The most richly satisfying of essays combine the personal, the objective, and the abstract universal." What Huxley is really saying is that we must develop the confidence to play with language and opinion. Good writing depends on combining these elements with good grammar, coherence, and interesting language in order to make a bold statement. Once you begin to feel confidence and passion about sharing your opinion you can begin to look for opportunities to test your ideas with family and friends.

In summation, with strong preparation, good writing habits, and voice, you can be on your way to being a better writer. Academic essay writing is something that continues to fascinate me because it's a medium for us to say everything about an endless number of topics. I'm still learning.

# English outside of the Classroom



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As students of Korea Maritime University, you've learned English in a classroom for several years. The majority of you have learned it since you were in elementary school. Despite these years of English courses, my questions to you all are, "How often do you use your communication skills? How well can you speak English?"

While many students may argue that it's too expensive to travel and practice English, I challenge you to use Busan as your source of practicing. How you ask? Speak to foreigners! We're not that scary!

While it may be difficult to simply go up to a foreign person and just start speaking English, below is a detailed list of groups and events that you can take part in. Whether you like exercise, dancing, volunteering, or speaking various languages, there's an activity out there for you and there are foreigners out there to meet!

**Language Cast:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Languagecastbusan/>

Organized by Joong Ho Park, Language Cast Busan is a fantastic opportunity for foreigners and Koreans alike to make friends and build cross cultural connections whilst improving their language skills. Weekly meetings are held at Seomyeon's Roast Coffee Shop and are absolutely free provided that each person purchases a drink. Everyone is welcome!

**When?** Monday, 7-9.30pm **Where?** Seomyeon. Check out the Facebook group for detailed directions.

**Busan Zumba:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/335601386525162/> / (or search for Busan Zumba in your Facebook groups) Do you love to dance? Are you interested in keeping fit? Do you enjoy sweating profusely whilst shaking it to K-Pop, salsa and everything in between? Are you excited by the prospect of doing all of this whilst donating money to a selection of worthy causes? Of course you do! You're a sensible, intelligent human after all. You can join in and get a great workout regardless of age, experience or fitness level so come along and get fit the Zumba way!

**Cost:** 5,000 – 10,000 won per (50-90 minute) class. **When?** Usually Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday...but these often change so check the Facebook group! **Where?** Feeling Latin Dance Studio, Seomyeon. Check out the Facebook group for detailed directions.

**Sae Gil Women's Shelter :** Once a month volunteers are encouraged to visit the shelter to spend time with the mothers and children temporarily housed there. Your valuable time could be spent visiting a local school or park, face-painting with the kids, making arts and crafts or

simply sharing some lunch with those around you. Please contact Cathrine Evanilla for more information, if you would like to donate or are thinking of volunteering: [cmevanilla@gmail.com](mailto:cmevanilla@gmail.com)

**Urban Training:**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/BusanUrbanTraining>

Personal trainer and co-creator of Busan's Urban Training Scottie Hoang describes this group when he says, "We bring the gym to the streets of Busan! Regardless of weather, we come together in Gwangali once a week to push each other to our maximum potential. Our workouts are never the same and range from crossfit and functional fitness to pilates, muscle development, and more! This is a group that motivates and inspires potential growth in various areas! Join the Busan Urban Training Facebook page for more information. All events are always free."

**Yoga and Meditation:**  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/busanyoga> Life in KMU isn't always a walk in the park, so we're bound to get stressed every now and again. Relax, and strengthen your body and mind with foreign instructors Callie Sorensen and Andrea Laubstein, who hold weekly yoga classes and various workshops throughout the year. People of all levels and even those brand new to yoga are welcome to come along. All proceeds are donated to causes close the instructor's hearts, currently the Africa Yoga Project and the Sae Gill Women's Shelter.

**Cost:** 5,000 won- 10,000 for a one-hour class; Workshop costs vary. **When?** Please check the Facebook group (Busan Yoga & Meditation) for days/times **Where?** Feeling Latin Dance Studio, Seomyeon (during winter months) and during spring and summer, classes can be in Gwangali and Haeundae Beach.

**Busan Shindogs (BAPS):** [www.shindogs.org/](http://www.shindogs.org/)  
<https://www.facebook.com/shindogs>

Another excellent volunteering opportunity, this time for all you animal-lovers out there. Founders Leo Mendoza and Jin Young do a fantastic job running the sanctuary. BAPS welcomes weekly volunteers for dog walking. Please have a look at the website or join the Facebook group for more information on how to help out! I'm sure that your foreign English professors have a plethora of even more information in ways you can practice English outside of the classroom, so use us as your resource! Ask us questions! Let us give you advice on where you can go to meet new people. After all, why learn English for so many years if you're not going to use it outside the classroom?

# Why Don't You Have a Dream?



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Before I start, I want to ask you a question. Do you have a dream? Have you ever had a dream? I often ask people around me this question. There is no answer that I want to hear. I just want to guess what element leads you to passion in your life. I want to feel your passion and get a passion from you. In reverse, I ask myself. Do I have a dream? I can answer, "Yes." The dream that I have often makes my heart hot but it cannot lead me to passion when my mind is stopped. When my passion that is toward the dream become faint, I become more sorrowful than others who don't have a dream. You are the main character in your life; therefore you are entitled to have passion. I think even now it is not too late. I would like to tell you my thought about dreams and passion.

First of all, the will to live hard is important. You should not live as time passes but make good use of your time as if you lead time. To do so, dreams are necessary. You must have a dream. If you have a dream you wish to accomplish, you have no time to waste. You might think university life is so hard because you have to pile up the specs for getting a job. However if you think you prepare it for achieving your dream, the energy that spurt from your inner side have a great difference although the process and ultimate purposes are similar each other. Personally, I think you can live with more passion when your dream is equal to the job that you apply for.

Next, you need to enjoy your life. In my case, I consider the motto "enjoy my life" the high priority in my life. Enjoying life is not difficult. Enjoying is not a thing like everyday shopping, dancing, singing or being out on the tiles. Enjoying is neither spending time doing useless things nor spending time really specially. You can enjoy your everyday life by chasing your dream. Setting up short-term plan for approaching your dream and being very active for achieving the plan make you happy. If you make it, it will come to you as even more happiness. The passion that is for achieving short-term goals will be the power that supports your life. Someday the time will come while you steadily feel such pleasure. To be active for actualizing your dream is to enjoy your life.

Third, you need to daringly challenge anything. The time at college is the most important period to make an effort for your dream and it is time to actualize your dream not merely dream your dream. Although you can think four years are really long time, it is not. If you have a dream, you should spend time chasing it and if you don't, it is enough to explore your interest and search your gift. Study? Yes, it is so important even in university. We cannot ignore it. However don't forget that the other things are as important as study. I advise you to daringly challenge what you want to do or what you are interested in. There are travelling, loving, dressing up the outside or participating in contests. You may choose whichever you wish. Some people think love is a waste of time but I think it is not a waste but a kind of passion. I recommend you one more thing. You don't have to do only one thing during university life. It is better to challenge yourself in various fields. I have not so far, I regretted it. Self-development is essential not only during your university days but in your whole life and these challenges can be seen as a kind of self-development.

Last but not least, do you think your university life is completely different from what you had expected? Whoever you are freshman or not, there are too many people around us who say university life is boring. Of course, I often complained that university life does not coincide with my expectations. However my complaint is stupid. Don't expect that university life which amuses you. What university gives us is plenty of time. The way you use the time is decided whether your university life is pleasant or not. Therefore, everything is up to you. Don't blame other things. Sometimes you might be irritated and tired but, you are more than capable of being a positive person. I know you can do whatever you want.

I hope that you become a person who has a passion and want your mind to move toward your own purpose after reading my writing. I would like to become hotter person again through your passion and want as possible as many people to have passion. Now, it's time to hear your answer. Do you have a DREAM?



## Smart Coordination for You

### Useful Tips on Your Fashion

There are many people who worry about their physical faults. Some people have trouble with short height or obesity. As there are people of various body shapes, they have to follow the individual solutions on fashion styles. They need help to plug the holes and be more attractive by dressing. As makeup helps women to conceal their fault on face and maximize their beauty, what you wear is also help you to cover some faults and to look stylish. So here are some useful tips regarding your fashion.

The following tips may help to women who want to look skinny and long-legged,

First of all, you should wear the same or similar color of your stocking and shoes. For example, when you wear black-colored stocking and black shoes, you will appear skinny and long legged. Likewise, when you wear apricot-colored stocking, suitable shoes colors to look skinny are ivory, beige, or light-grey. Matching color make an extended image from your waist down to toe, an optical illusion on your bodies.

Secondly, avoid shiny or heavy patterned clothes on your fatter part. Excessive pearl and decoration make the part look fatter, because they can emphasize weight. It is like using facial highlighter on wrong part of your face. Keep in mind the phrase, "Cover your weak points, and highlight your strong points." The more you wear deep down fashion (simple design), the skinner you look. For women who have thick legs, black pants is appropriate.

Thirdly, make frequent use of high-waist, pants or skirts that are a little higher than waist. Because the bottoms cover a part of upper body, you look long legged. But if you have a chubby or excessively large waist, high-waist clothing is not useful but rather poison. In addition, you should take care that high-waist jean is sensitive about the trend.

Lastly, avoid ankle boots as they make horizontal lines on the middle of your calves, especially for women with choices strong calf muscle. Similarly, ambiguous length of pants, skirt and socks are wrong to look skinny.

Don't make a horizontal line between your knees and ankles by wearing terrible items.

If you are short, then here are some tips. The most important tip is wearing same or similar color of bottoms and shoes. Whereas it's useful to women who want to look skinny, it is really essential for short guys. Jeans should be simple designed and dark close to black. But, when wearing this style, you should wear a different colored out wear, which makes a vertical line.

The second tip is to wear tight jackets or coats. Wearing a coat that comes below a knee or a flabby jacket can magnify your short height. It can be a good idea to wear a simple and a tight-fitting cardigan in warm weather. It makes you a dandy guy. It is better to wear a leather jacket shorter than normal. It should just touch your waist line.

Thirdly, avoid an overly backpack or bag for your height or body size. You have to choose the proper size of fashion items in proportion to your heights. Bags should not be measured only in their functionality. It is also important to know your body and coordinate, not only to carry heavy books in a big backpack to study hard.

Lastly, emphasize a vertical line with a moderately long muffler. But, the muffler should not be too long nor too slender. Don't exceed two-thirds of your height. In order to look skinner and taller, you should remember the good effect of vertical line and the bad effect of horizontal line.

There are many tips about suitable fashion for individual people, and there are various other cases for not just looking slimmer and taller. Fashion depends on the situation, like looking professional at a job interview or looking sexy to attract guys or ladies. So, be smart and know about yourself and the situation when you are dressing by yourself. In order to get love and commendation from others, you must love yourself. The first step to love yourself is taking good care of your looks, and fashion is one of the methods.

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## Highly Addictive World on Your Hands

### Mobile Social Games' Addiction

Alongside the invigoration of smart phones, concerns about the addiction of smart phone games has already grown. There are many kinds of smart phone games. Having a modification as a nationwide game for the public, 'Anipang' had over 20 million users last year. And aside from this, there are 'Wind-Runner,' 'Dragon Flight,' 'Cha Cha Cha Together,' etc. Depending on the users' tastes, game development companies are bouncing around how to attract many light-mood customers.

On the subway, there are people only concentrating on their cell phones' screens. They sometimes miss the destination. Jung Seong-hoon, a freshman of international trade and economics pointed out that the problem is not just children's and young students'. "I saw a bus driver who is playing the mobile game for the traffic waiting time. If he has not paid attention, this would have lead to a tragic disaster. I felt so nervous and got off promptly on the next station. The addiction of mobile games is more extensive than I had expected," he said.

Then the question arises. "Why are they addicted to mobile games?" By making a ranking service, they make their customers stay constantly and be more addicted in the game. The game companies trigger the gamers' subtle rivalry by presenting the scores



of their own and their acquaintances. Besides, these games are usually very easy to play. There are no requirements for complex thinking. It could be a refuge where they can be free from stressful reality. Portability as one feature of cell phone may be an important reason for the fever. People always carry their smart phone, so the accessibility to the games is very easy.

In order to properly prevent the problem, it is necessary that we ourselves consciously try to reduce the time for playing the games. Setting up the place that you must not play is also a nice method. For example, 'I don't play while I eat,' or 'I don't play in class.' As these detailed plans, it will be helpful to escape from the addiction. Even at this moment, if you don't have any feelings for solving a problem, you might be falling into a swamp made by a skilled seller.

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## Are You a Morning Person or Night Person?

<http://www.google.com>



Those who are dozing off in morning classes are frequently seen. They are probably night people, who have less energy in the morning and daytime. They say they have trouble waking up early in every morning. It is a big challenge for them. On the contrary, there are some people who easily get up early and fall asleep before midnight. They are 'day people' or 'morning people.' It sounds so natural that people are active in light daytime and inactive in dark night, but it is not necessary to argue that which type is better. It depends on the situation or who you are. This article is just for making clear the difference between a day person and a night person, not weighing both of them. Furthermore, it will be helpful to realize themselves and give some suitable directions on each of the type.

If someone thinks that he or she is an artistic soul, they might be a night person. Just like there is a saying; "if you were to write a love letter to your lover, write at night." The reason is that most people become more emotional at night. They are easy to concentrate on something artistic more at night and usually, the something can be like such an emotional thing. For example, writing a poem, composing a song, bursting into tears, etc. It is dark outside and the streets are a deserted, so they hear well about what they truly think and feel. In reality, there is a research claiming that "night people are good for concentration than morning people."

On the other side of the coin, from successful businessmen, Bill Gates to Lee

Lee Gun Gun-hee, it is no secret that many of them are early birds. It is clear proof that "the early bird catches the worm." According to Takai Nobuo, author of the recent bestseller "Transform Yourself into an Early Bird", the accomplishment capacity and happiness index of early risers are much higher than those of late risers. Every morning, they read the newspaper or do exercise. From these early morning activities, they can get self-esteem and strong confidence, and start their day. It constantly makes their habitual mental attitude. They say "the most important factor of their success is keeping the positive and confidential mindset."

Even though the world imposes you to be a morning person, you don't need to follow the order. There are many types of people and jobs. They have different lifestyles. Every man knows his own best. In this matter everyone must be a law onto him or her. In some ways, it would be pretty weird to establish two kinds that are 'morning people' and 'night people.' The most natural thing of your own is the best for your health and success.

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## UEFA Champions League

The Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Champions League is an annual continental soccer competition. It is one of the most prestigious soccer tournaments in the world. Soccer fans sit in front of their TVs, praying that their team wins the game every Wednesday and Thursday night. Some Korean fans call the night 'The Day of the Dead Chicken' because viewers frequently order chicken and beer before the game starts, especially big game. It is usually important whether the team could join the Champions League or not when a superstar signs the team to play the following year. A team that receives a ticket for the Champions League can easily negotiate a favorable contract with a big star. It also acts as the gateway to career success for rookies.

The first Champions League took place during the 1955-56 seasons. It was called the European Cup and renamed the UEFA Champions League in 1992. The league will be conducted as a tournament. The tournament begins with a group stage of 32 teams, divided into eight groups (four teams each group). Each team meets the others in its group, both home and away. The top team and the second-placed from each group then progress to the next round. The third-placed team enters the UEFA Europa League which is one level below. For the next stage, the top team from one group plays against the second-placed team from another group, and teams from the same association may not be drawn against each other. From the quarter-finals, the draw is entirely random. The tournament uses the 'away goals rule': if the final score of the two games (home and away) is tied, then the team which scored more goals at the away stadium goes next stage. The away goals rule leads teams to concentrate on a game until the referee blows a whistle to finish.



There should be lots of reason why teams do their best, but the most major cause might be the money prize. For example, UEFA awards €2.1 million to each team in the play-off round, €8.6 million for a base fee and €1 million for victory in group match €0.5 million for draw. In case a team survived with 16 teams, they get €3.5 million, €3.9 million for quarter finals, €4.9 million for each semifinalist, €6.5 million for runners-up of the league, €10.5 million for the winners. Additional money from sponsors, advertisements and television is also available. Most teams in Europe work very hard towards a Champions League win.

The best feature of the Champions League is the diversity of team nationality. Many teams appear in the league around Europe. In addition to EPL (England), Primera Liga (Spain), Bundesliga (Germany), Serie A (Italy), many teams of Netherlands, Serbia, Portugal, Scotland, Wales, Romania, Turkey, Sweden, France, Greece and many others participate for the championship.

Archi-cup, the Champions League of KMU, is held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Central Sports Ground. Twenty-six teams have applied for the league and are divided into eight groups. after the first round, the remaining teams continue the tournament.

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# Jinhae Cherry Blossoms

The 51st Jinhae Cherry Blossoms festival was held from April 1 to April 10, attracting many couples and families to the Jinhae Naval Port Festival originally held on April 13, 1952, to commemorate the memory of Yi Sun-shin, who protected the territory from Japanese invasion of Korea in 1952. The first monument for Yi Sun-shin was built in Jinhae. In its early days, people performed ancestral rites for Yi Sun-shin in front of his memorial.

However, Changwon held a festival to show rural area arts cherish Yi and host a variety of events for people who visits Jinhae during the festival. These include the world military Festival and a festival of Korean percussion music which engage 2 million every year and are established as world-class festivals.

What makes Jinhae Naval Port Festival good is its continuous efforts for improving the Jinhae

Festival. Additionally, a place called Romance Bridge is a good place for taking pictures and sightseeing for cherry blossoms and is a filming location. Kyung-Hwa Station is also famous for its good photo zone. There are many places for people who hope to feel the breath of spring and places for sightseeing cherry blossoms except for two places. The Republic of Korea Naval Academy is only open to the public during the festival period where people can look around and take pictures.

However, there is a downside. There were not enough garbage cans. One person requested people to look for garbage cans but no one could not find any and he was anxious to keep trashes. Finding solutions are essential for the Jinhae Naval Port Festival to keep its status.

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## How about Visiting Secondhand Bookstores?

Whenever a semester begins, many university students complain about the cost of their textbooks. The books usually cost from 150,000 won to 300,000 won per semester. If a student graduates, he or she needs to spend up to 2,400,000 won. Some generally have original textbooks bound. However, it is illegal. Students try to find expedients to save their money. Buying books at a secondhand bookstore is one of the most convenient alternatives.

Luckily, Busan has lots of secondhand bookstores in Bosu-dong. It is renowned for the location of *Friend* (2001), a famous Korean movie. These days, there has been a steady increase in sales. Only two years ago, the owners of book stores were worried about the problem of keeping or discarding. One reason they are finding their heyday is the severe recession. Another reason is the popularity of old downtown around a hillside. Visitors buy at least a book when they try visiting

Bosu-Dong. It contributes to the invigoration of secondhand bookstores there. Three-hundred people visit there on weekdays and 3,000 people come to Bosu-dong on average.

Kwon Young-gu, chairman of a cooperative of secondhand bookstores in Bosu-dong, said, "Active publicity and the high awareness of secondhand bookstores have been really helpful for us to attract visitors. I am happy to find the number of people who seek books increasing."

Besides secondhand bookstores in Bosu-dong, there is the beloved secondhand bookstore of the underground shopping area in Seomyon, Aladdin. The bookstore is crowded with people especially in the afternoon. By contrast to other secondhand bookstores in Busan, this bookstore is clean and well equipped since it opened last year. In this bookstore, thousands of books are sold every day. The target consumer is students who do not have enough money to buy new books at fixed price.

University student Kim Su-hyun, who usually

visits this bookstore, said, "I love to read novels. However, they usually cost from ₩15,000 to ₩25,000. Whenever I come to here, I can buy three or four books at that price. Additionally, the quality of the books is nearly similar to new one."

The easiest way to go to Bosu-dong is to take bus number 135 from Korea Maritime University and get off at the Bosu-dong Book Store Street Station. It is worth a visit spending time in-between classes.

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## What Does *The Human Condition* Say to Us?

Every Saturday at 11:00 p.m. a KBS 2TV entertainment program airs. The show which has aired its seventh episode is increasingly becoming popular. It is named *The Human Condition*. Even on March 18, the team of the program was awarded an appreciation plaque by the Ministry of Environment. What earned them this honor?

For nearly one hour, nothing special appears. What six comedians do inside is just living their lives at a given house for a week for each task which they are told to do and they don't actually struggle for a bunch of humor like they normally do. However, its uniqueness comes from these tasks, which, they say, the modern society needs to keep in mind. The missions can be summarized as Live without something. The members have done four given missions so far: Live without TV, internet and cell phones, Live without trash, Live without cars and Live without money. Maybe each looks impossible to be carried out for

us living in Korea at the moment, but as they have succeeded, taking it seriously, the funny-looking guys seem to have a ripple effect on the public.

The producer, Kim Mi-jin answered as the project motive on a press conference last year that she had found herself absolved in the smart phone game Ani-pang which was hit all over the nation and then she started to think, "How could I control myself not to do this?" which led to the motive. She added that she had actualized the program with asking herself, "Away from the high-end technology including cell phones, internet, could the modern people actually breathe?" which was the first task for *The Human Condition*.

The members inside are aware of as many snags in coexistence with nature itself as the audiences are. Park Sung-ho of six comedians in the program said when they were given the award by the Ministry of Environment, "I have changed

as each episode has gone by. I have felt if I put up with a little bit of discomfort, others feel a little bit of comfort."

A student named Hwang In-ho from the Department of International Trade and Economics commented on the show, "Human beings have actually lost much due to the conditions of lives that we not necessarily set," adding, "As we pursue the convenience of cars and the space inside only for us, we ironically let the opportunity go. As well, the speed that we think we have gained from smart phones turns out same as the speed that we have cut off people around us."

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## San-bok Road Renaissance

"Keep tracing the fish's mouth on the wall" are kind words from a middle-aged volunteer showing people who visit Gamcheon village in Saha-gu, which is on San-bok road (Hillside Road). This area is known for its exquisite houses as well as a mazelike alley and has been attracting visitors, foreigners in particular.

Approximately 100,000 visitors have come to the village. About 3,000 people from other countries have already made their visits here as San-bok road tour programs have been introduced by hotels such as Lotte Hotel Busan and Paradise Hotel Busan.

Busan began a project called San-bok Road Renaissance through these hillside roads, the representative of backward areas splashed with various colors, reinforcing amenities and adding stories to every road since 2010. The combination of efforts from Busan officials, villagers and local artists has been creating such unique works and scenic views. The Gamcheon cultural village is

dotted with a gallery remodeled from the public bathroom and art works of empty houses.

Kim Young-hwan, the vice president for Creative City in Busan, said during the interview with Dynamic Busan newspaper that on the basis of success of San-bok Road Project, especially in Gamcheon, he is planning to make other areas which have lagged behind thriving and virtuous circulation of economy. The elders already living in Flower Village, Dongdaesin-dong have turned over good sales by their biscuit business where they can make some allowance and spend free time. Additionally the vice president is designing possible supports for young adults to run one-man businesses like design, fashion and craft workshops.

A student from the Department of Shipping Management who visited Gamcheon cultural village said, "It seemed really good to have a look at the area being preserved, not by being demolished or redeveloped, but by mural painting

and art spaces." He said that he wasn't sure if Gamcheon village is promising. "Because even though it has been successful to remodel the village, only with continuous and new contents inside, more visitors will come and see the art works but Gamcheon village hasn't got many", he said. And he added "more importantly, as I saw the villagers fighting visitors who violated their rights of residence, there needs to be a combination between their real lives and tourist attractions."

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