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GLOBAL DIALOGUE WITH REGIONAL SEAS ORGANIZATIONS
AND REGIONAL FISHERY BODIES
Busan, Republic of Korea, 25-28 October 2022

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1. Opening

The Third meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies will be held in Busan, Republic of Korea from 25 to 28 October 2022. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on 25 October and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the venue.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

The Westin Josun Busan

67 Dongbaek-ro, Haeundae,

Busan, Republic of Korea

Tel: +82 51-749-7000

Web site: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/puswi-the-westin-josun-busan/overview/>

A map of the area is available in Annex A below.

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be conducted in English.

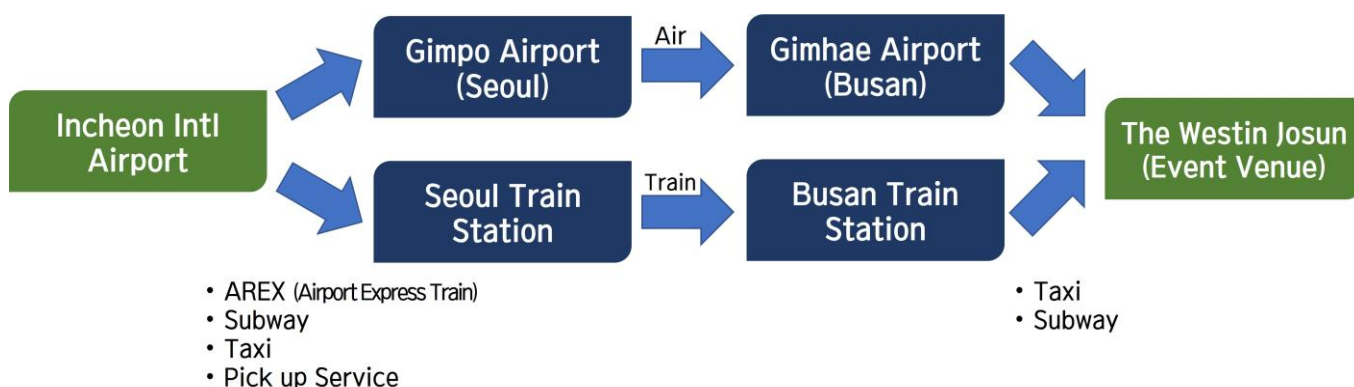
4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the meeting as there will be no hard copies made available on site during the meeting. Meeting documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SOI-OM-2022-01>

5. General information on access to Busan, Republic of Korea



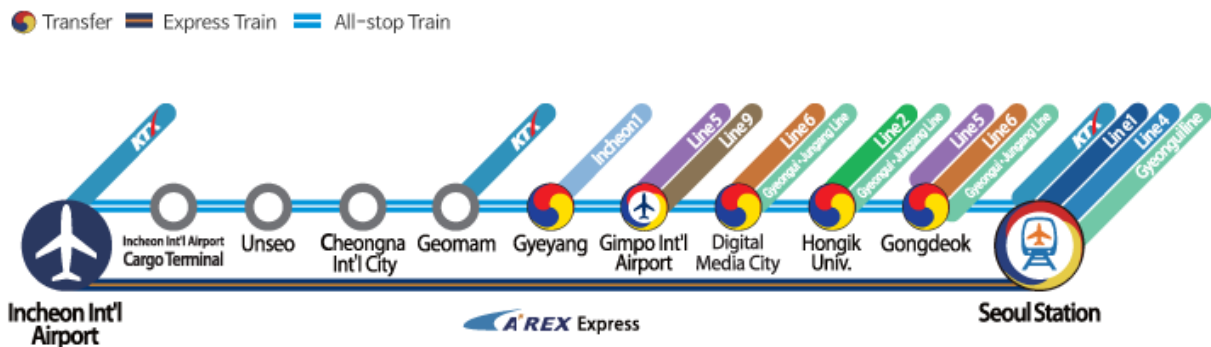
Incheon International Airport (Incheon) ⇔ Gimpo Domestic Airport (Seoul)

If your flight itinerary indicates that you must change airports in Seoul, please allow at least 4-5 hrs of transit time from Incheon International Airport to Gimpo Domestic Airport.

By Airport Railroad (Recommended method to avoid any traffic)

To access the Seoul Subway system from Incheon International Airport, use the AREX airport rail service (B1 level of Transportation Center). There are 2 types of service: Express trains (direct from Incheon Airport to Seoul Station; 43 min.), and All-stop train (stops at nine stations between Incheon Airport and Seoul Station; 53 min, fare varies). **Please take the all-stop train.** Among the 12 stations along the commuter service, you should exit at the Gimpo Airport Station (Incheon Int'l Airport -> Incheon Int'l Airport Cargo

Terminal -> Unseo->Youngjong->Cheongna Int'l City-> Geomam -> Gyeong -> Gimpo Airport). It takes about 40 minutes. More information can be found here: <http://event.arex.or.kr/>.



By Taxi

- Taxi Stand: Taxi Stand No. 16~21 on the passenger car platform on the arrivals floor (1st floor).
- Toll fees shall be furnished by the passenger. There is a toll fee when crossing the bridge linking the island and the mainland. It costs 6,600 won.

By Chauffeured Services

- Personalized meet & greet service at the airport.
- The service price varies depending on the vehicle type and distance. The price of using a sedan or a van is 150,000 won (100 USD) from Incheon airport to Gimpo airport.
- For more information, please contact Excellent Limousine Service (ELS).
- Tel: 82-2-773-5588

Incheon International Airport (Incheon) ⇔ Seoul Station (Seoul)

If you arrive at Incheon International Airport (Seoul) and plan on taking a train to Busan, or vice versa, please note that the train from Seoul to Busan departs from Seoul Station ([Link to Google Maps](#)). There are several options to travel between Seoul Station and Incheon Airport, we would recommend either by AREX Airport express train or subway/all-stop train. From the Arrivals Hall at the Incheon Airport, follow the signs leading to “Airport Railroad”, and go to the Transportation Center B1F.

By AREX Airport express train

The Airport Railroad Express runs directly from Incheon Airport Terminal 1 (approx. 43 min) and Terminal 2 (approx. 51 min) to Seoul Station, with no stops along the way. You will need to purchase an Express Train Pass at the station. The ticketing locations are at the Incheon Int'l Airport Terminal 1 Station (Transportation Center B1F) / Incheon Int'l Airport Terminal 2 / Station Seoul Station Airport Railroad B2F. The journey should cost 9,500 won. Credit card and cash are both accepted. More information can be found here: <http://event.arex.or.kr/>.

By subway/all-stop train

The All Stop Train runs from Incheon Airport Terminal 1 (approx. 59 min) and Terminal 2 (approx. 66 min) and makes stops at 14 subway stations on the way to Seoul Station. To take this train, you will need to purchase a transportation card, which will require a 500 won deposit and can be refunded at the arrival station. The journey costs between 4,150 and 4,750 won. Please note that only cash is accepted. The transportation card purchase locations are Transportation Center on B1F of Incheon Int'l Airport Terminal 1 & Terminal 2 (Single journey transportation card), convenience stores inside Incheon International Airport (Tmoney card), KTO Tourist Information Center near Arrival Gates 5 & 10 on 1F of Incheon International Airport Terminal 1 (MPASS).

 Transfer
  Express Train
  All-stop Train



By taxi

You may also wish to take a taxi from the airport. The taxi stand is located just outside the Arrivals Hall (1F) of both terminals. Toll fees shall be furnished by the passenger. There is a toll fee when crossing the bridge linking the island of the airport and the mainland. It costs 6,600 won.

Seoul Station ⇄ Busan

Upon arrival at Seoul Station, make your way to the ground floor or follow the signs that mention the KTX Station. The KTX is a high-speed train and is the fastest way to travel between Seoul and Busan. Tickets can be bought online in advance or at the KTX Station. Please consult the following link for the timetable and reservation: <https://www.ktxtrains.com/all-about-ktx-trains.html>. If you need to take this train, we recommend that you book it in advance, depending on your flight itinerary.

In Busan, the KTX train arrives in, and departs from, Busan Station (KTX). Please note that there are two “Busan Station” in Busan, one for KTX and one for subway. These two stations are about 100 meters away from each other. The address of the Busan Station (KTX) is: Jungang-daero, Choryang 3(sam)-dong, Dong-gu, Busan ([Link to Google Maps](#)).

Incheon International Airport (Incheon) ⇄ East Busan (Busan)

By Bus

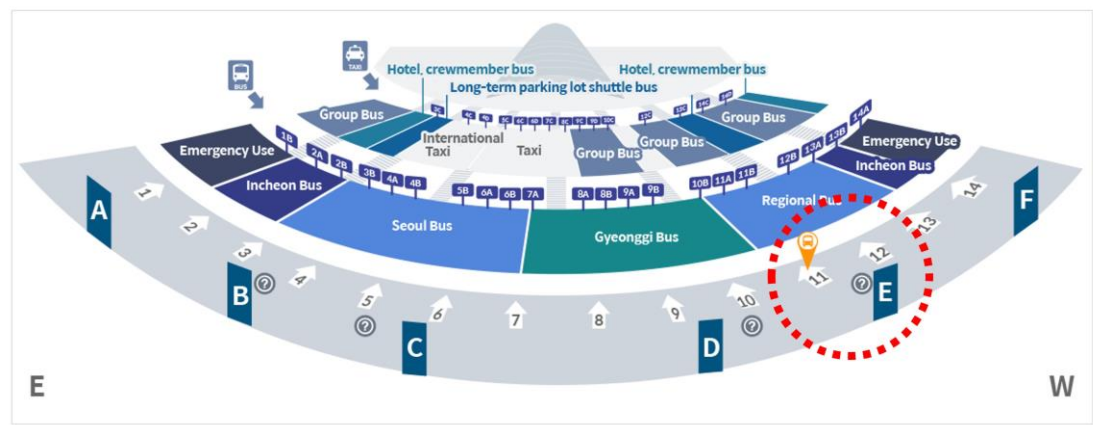
There are direct long-distance buses between Incheon and East Busan. It takes 5 hours, and the fare is 44,900 won. The bus departs from the Terminal 2 and stops at the Terminal 1 and goes to directly to Busan. The bus arrives at Busan Central Bus Terminal. It takes 30 mins by taxi to the Westin Josun Busan (event venue). More information at: <https://www.airport.kr/ap/en/tpt/busRouteList.do>.

Route Schedule

Bus Schedule(T1)	09:10	16:30	20:40	23:30
Bus Schedule(T2)	08:50	16:10	20:20	23:10

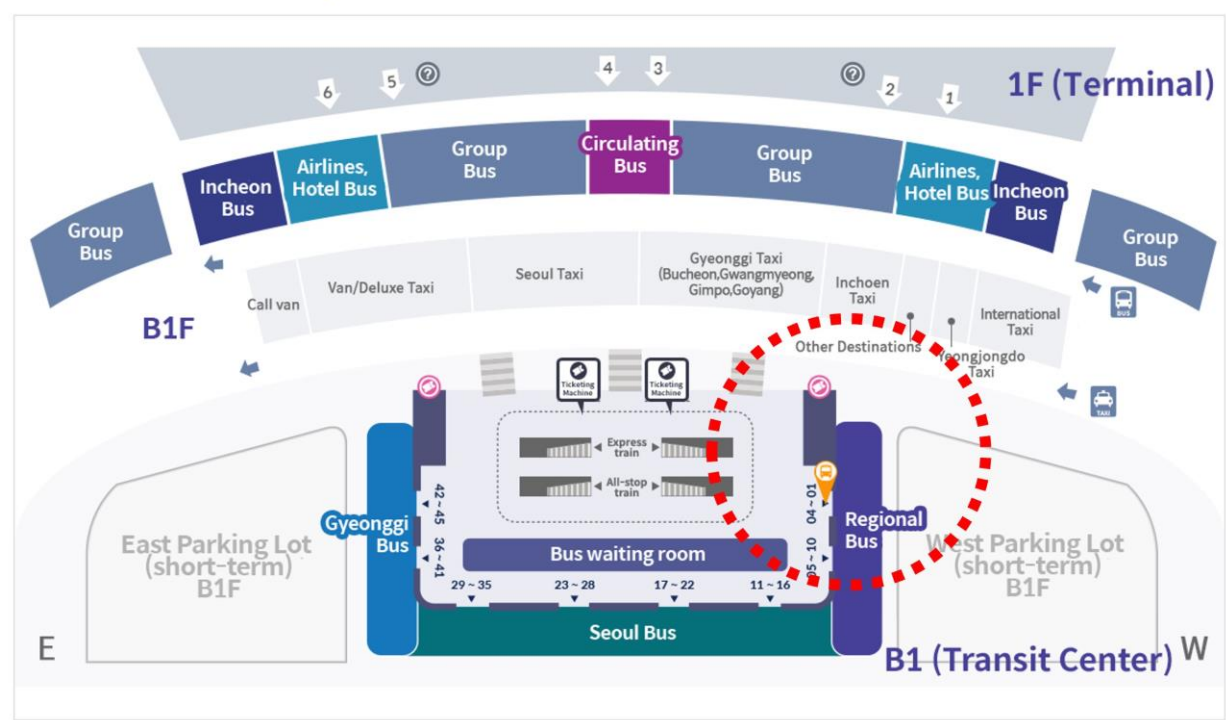
Terminal 1. The bus stop is at the exit 11 on the 1st floor, there is a ticket booth near the exit E.

Terminal 1 Bus stop location (1Floor 11No.)



Terminal 2. The platform for the regional bus is at the transit center (B1), there is a ticket booth near the platform.

Terminal 2 Bus stop location (Transportation center Basement 1 4No.)



Incheon International Airport



Location

There are two Incheon Airport Terminals. Please be aware of it.

- Terminal 1: 272, Gonghang-ro, Jung-gu, Incheon
- Terminal 2: 446, Je2terminal-daero, Jung-gu, Incheon

• Incheon Airport Information Center in Terminal 1

- Location: 1st floor - in front of Gate "E", or Gate "B"
- 3rd floor - at the center of the airport, and 4 more information desks
- Refer to the link. <https://www.airport.kr/ap/en/map/mapInfo.do#none>
- Languages: English, Japanese, Chinese
- Hours: 24 hours
- Tel: +82-1577-2600 or +82-32-741-0114

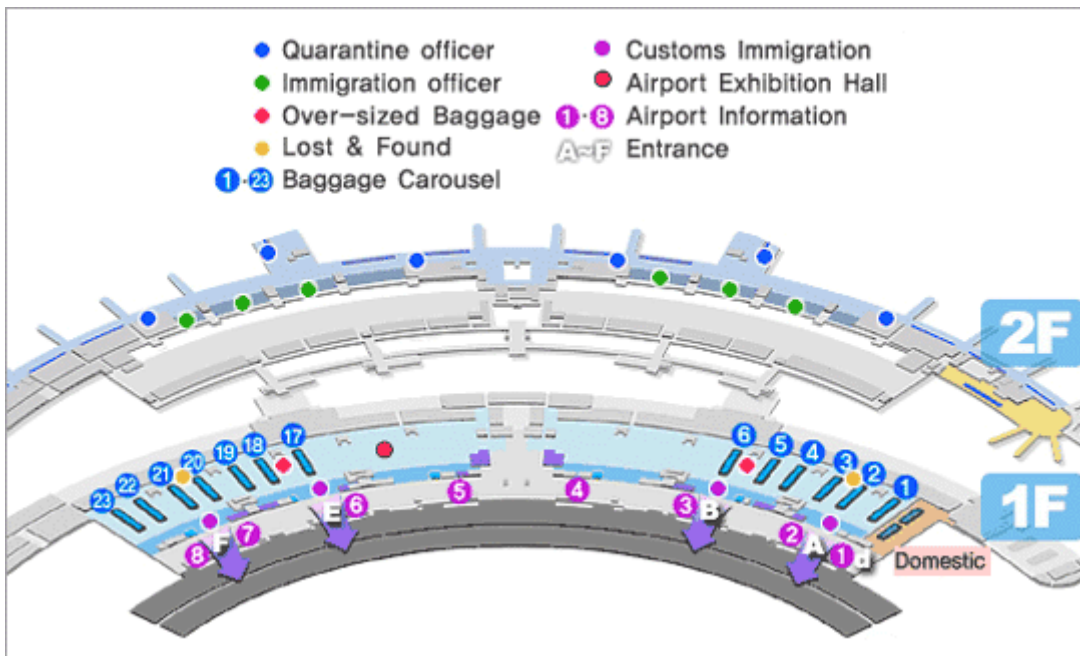
More information at Website: <https://www.airport.kr/ap/en/index.do>

Incheon Int'l Airport Customer Service: +82-1577-2600 or +82-32-741-0114

Airport Guide: Procedures

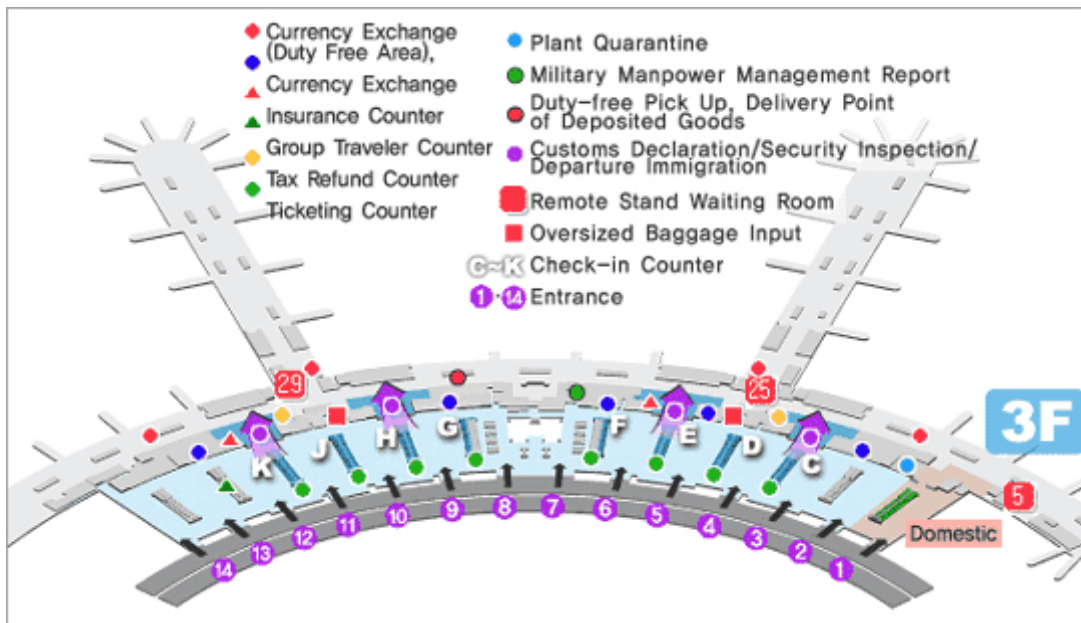
• Arrival

Arrival→ Quarantine Regulations→ Arrival Immigration→ Baggage Claim→ Customs
Immigration→ Meet and Greet Hall



• Departure

Check-in with Baggage→ Complete the E/D Card and Pay Airport Departure Tax→
Quarantine Regulations→ Customs Declaration→ Security Inspection→ Departure
Immigration→ Boarding



- Website: <https://www.airport.kr/ap/en/index.do>
Incheon Int'l Airport Customer Service: +82-1577-2600 or +82-32-741-0114

Gimpo International/Domestic Airport (Seoul)

Address

Seoul Gangseo-gu Gonghang-dong Haneul-gil 100

Homepage

<https://www.airport.co.kr/gimpoeng/index.do> (English)

- Airport Information Center
 - Location: 1st floor (center)
 - Hours: (1st floor) 6:00 a.m. ~ 10:00 p.m.; (2nd floor) 6:00 a.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.
 - Tel: +82-2-2660-4463~4
- Domestic Terminal
 - 1st floor - Arrivals
 - 2nd floor - Boarding and Ticketing
 - 3rd floor - Departures

Gimhae International Airport (Busan)

Address

108, Gonghangjinip-ro, Gangseo-gu, Busan, 46718

Homepage

<https://www.airport.co.kr/gimhaeeng/index.do> (English)

Airport Information Center

- Location: 1st floor
- Hours: 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.



6. Visa information

Participants requiring an entry visa to the Republic of Korea are strongly advised to contact the nearest Korean diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. It should be noted that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea at: <https://visa.go.kr/main/openMain.do>.

A list of relevant Korean diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the same web site at: https://visa.go.kr/openPage.do?MENU_ID=10106.

Please note that nationals of visa waiver countries or designated visa-free countries must obtain the Korean Electronic Travel Authorization (K-ETA) before entering the Republic of Korea. If that is your case, please proceed to apply for K-ETA here: <https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/apply/index.do>. The K-ETA process may take up to 72 hours and the result will be sent to your email address. Please have the printed hard copy ready for your trip. If you have a valid visa to enter Korea, you do not need K-ETA.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue visa assistance letters to be attached to the visa applications for those who request them.

7. Health Requirements – COVID-19

At the time of writing of this document (1 October 2022), anyone can enter Korea regardless of their vaccination status. Pre-departure and after-entry COVID-19 tests are no longer required.

Travelers are still required to register their information into the Quarantine Information Pre-Entry System (Q-code) in advance of their flight in order to streamline the process upon arrival. Go to <https://cov19ent.kdca.go.kr/>, select “Input”, and complete the individual steps. After completion, a QR-Code will be issued which you will then present to the quarantine officer upon arrival in Korea.

Please ensure that you have travel insurance for the duration of your trip.

8. Hotel information

A list of recommended hotels in the area can be found as Annex B.

9. Payment of the daily subsistence allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be disbursed to sponsored participants on the first day of the meeting in the form of a prepaid credit card. For identification purposes, these participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes. These will be photocopied and returned to participants during the meeting. It is advisable that participants have some cash at hand to cover expenses that may occur between their arrival and the moment at which they are provided with the prepaid credit card from which they will access their DSA.

10. Official language in the Republic of Korea

The official language in the Republic of Korea is Korean. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information



In October, temperatures in Busan range between a maximum of +22°C in the daytime and a minimum of +13°C at night. Please bring warm clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=336>.

The standard time zone in the Republic of Korea is GMT / UTC +9 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents in the Republic of Korea are 220 volts, 60 Hertz as shown in the illustrations below.



13. Currency

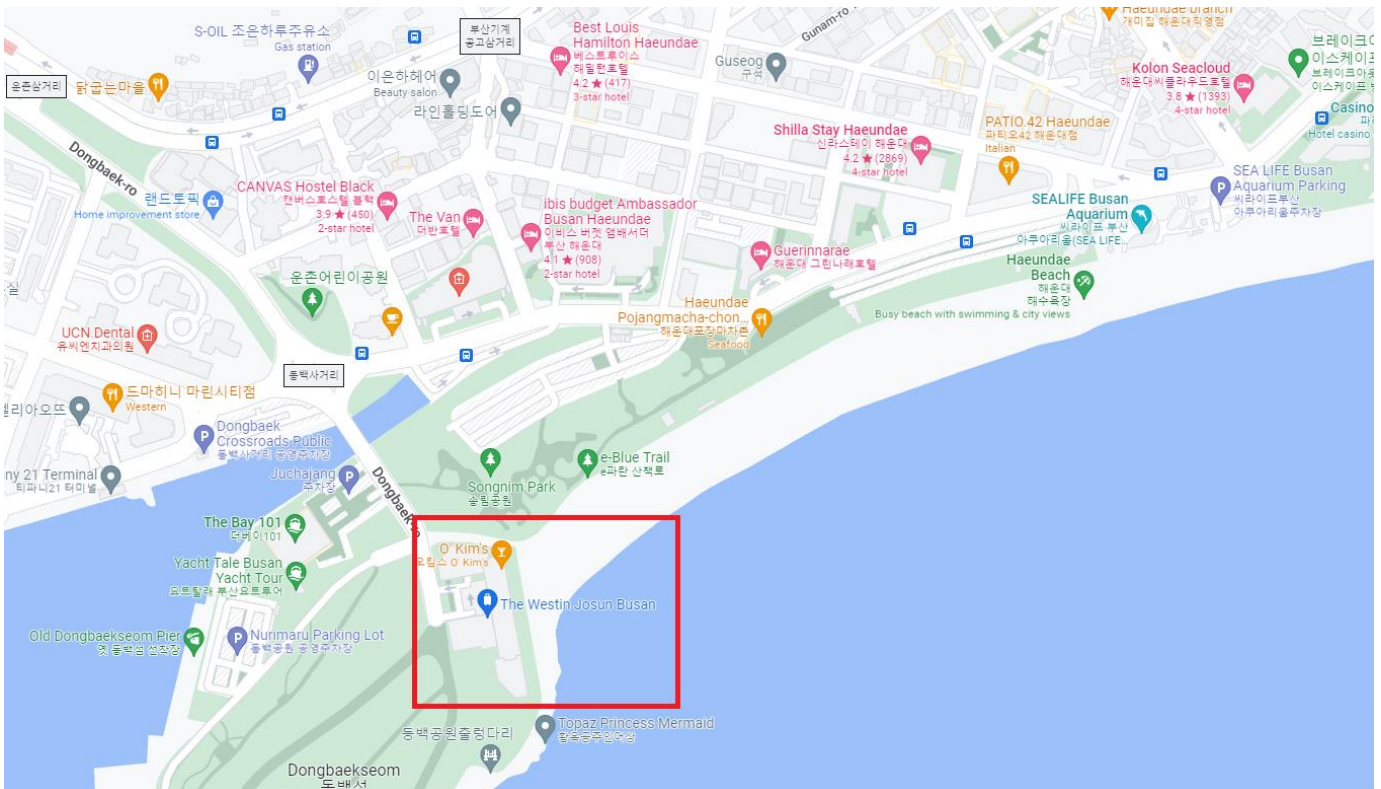
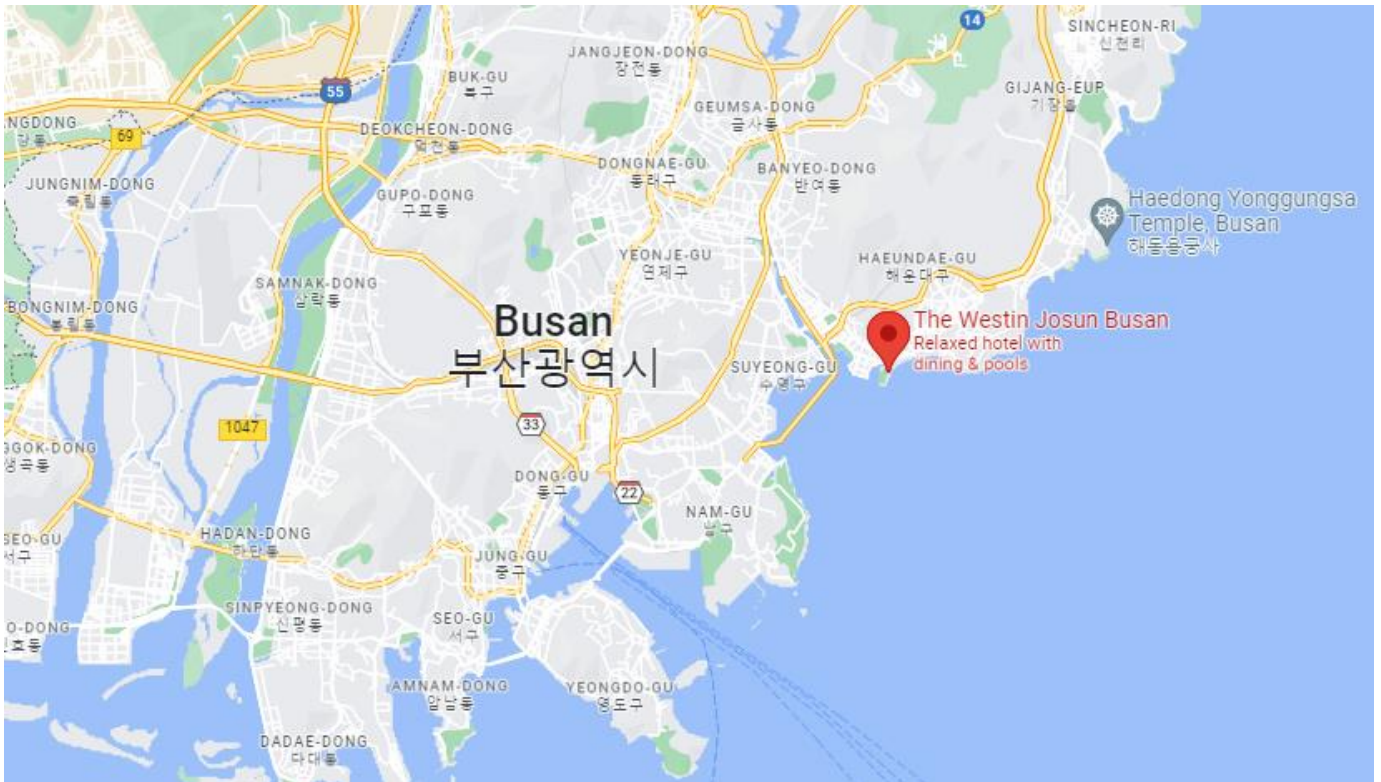


The currency in the Republic of Korea is the South Korean Won (KRW). The current exchange rate as at 7 October 2022 is US \$1 = KRW 1,410.10 and € 1 = KRW 1,380.55 (source: www.xe.com). Rates are subject to change.

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

ANNEX A – Area Map



ANNEX B

List of recommended hotels in the area

(1) The room rate is the lowest price for this accommodation. Rates may vary according to season, room type and, whether or not guests are entitled to discount rates. Please make sure to check the exact rate in advance before making your reservations. The room rates listed below are subject to change.

(2) **Currently, Busan is the peak tourist season, so please make your room reservation as soon as possible.**

1. Ibis budget Ambassador Busan Haeundae		https://all.accor.com/hotel/9106/index.en.shtml	
Location	Rate per room(1night, including tax)	Distance to venue	Contact number
8, 209 Beon-gil, Haeundaehaebyeon-ro, Haeundae-gu 48093 Busan	Standard Room 63,750 KRW~~ Superior Room 97,750 KRW~~	8min.(by walk)	+82 051-901-1100
2. Best Louis Hamilton Hotel		https://be4.wingsbooking.com/BLH1	
Location	Rate per room (1night, including tax)	Distance to venue	Contact number
8, Haeundaehaebyeon-ro 209beonga-gil, Haeundae-gu, Busan	Superior Double: 62,500 KRW~ Deluxe Double 77,500 KRW~	10min. (by walk)	+82 051-741-7711
3. Baymond Hotel		http://baymond.co.kr/en/rsrv/step1.php	
Location	Rate per room (1night, including tax)	Distance to venue	Contact number
8, 209 Beon-gil, Haeundaehaebyeon-ro, Haeundae-gu 48093 Busan	Standard double 110,000 KRW~ Deluxe double 176,000 KRW~	11min. (by walk)	+82 051-702-0001
4. Shilla Stay Haeundae		https://www.shillahotels.com/seoul/resv/rpm/memSetStep1.do	
Location	Rate per room (1night, including tax)	Distance to venue	Contact number
46, Haeundae-ro 570beon-gil, Haeundae-gu, Busan	Deluxe 160,000 KRW ~ Stay Premier Deluxe 180,000 KRW ~	13min. (by walk) 8min. (by taxi)	+82 051-912-9000
5. Ibis Ambassador Busan Haeundae		https://all.accor.com/hotel/9643/index.en.shtml	
Location	Rate per room (1night, including tax)	Distance to venue	Contact number
12 Haeundaehaebyeon-ro 237beon-gi, Haeundae-gu, Busan	Standard double 76500 KRW~	13min. (by walk)	+82 051- 630-1100
