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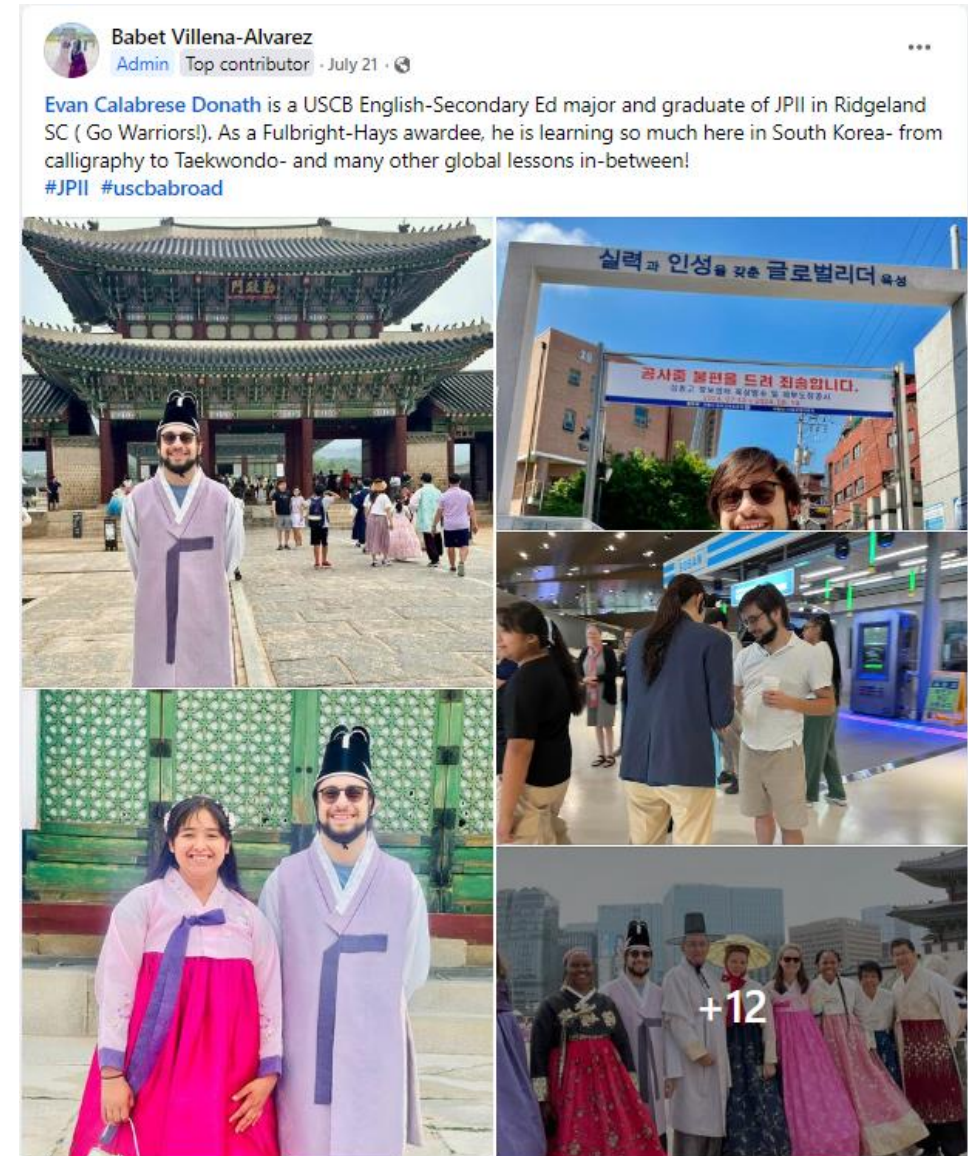
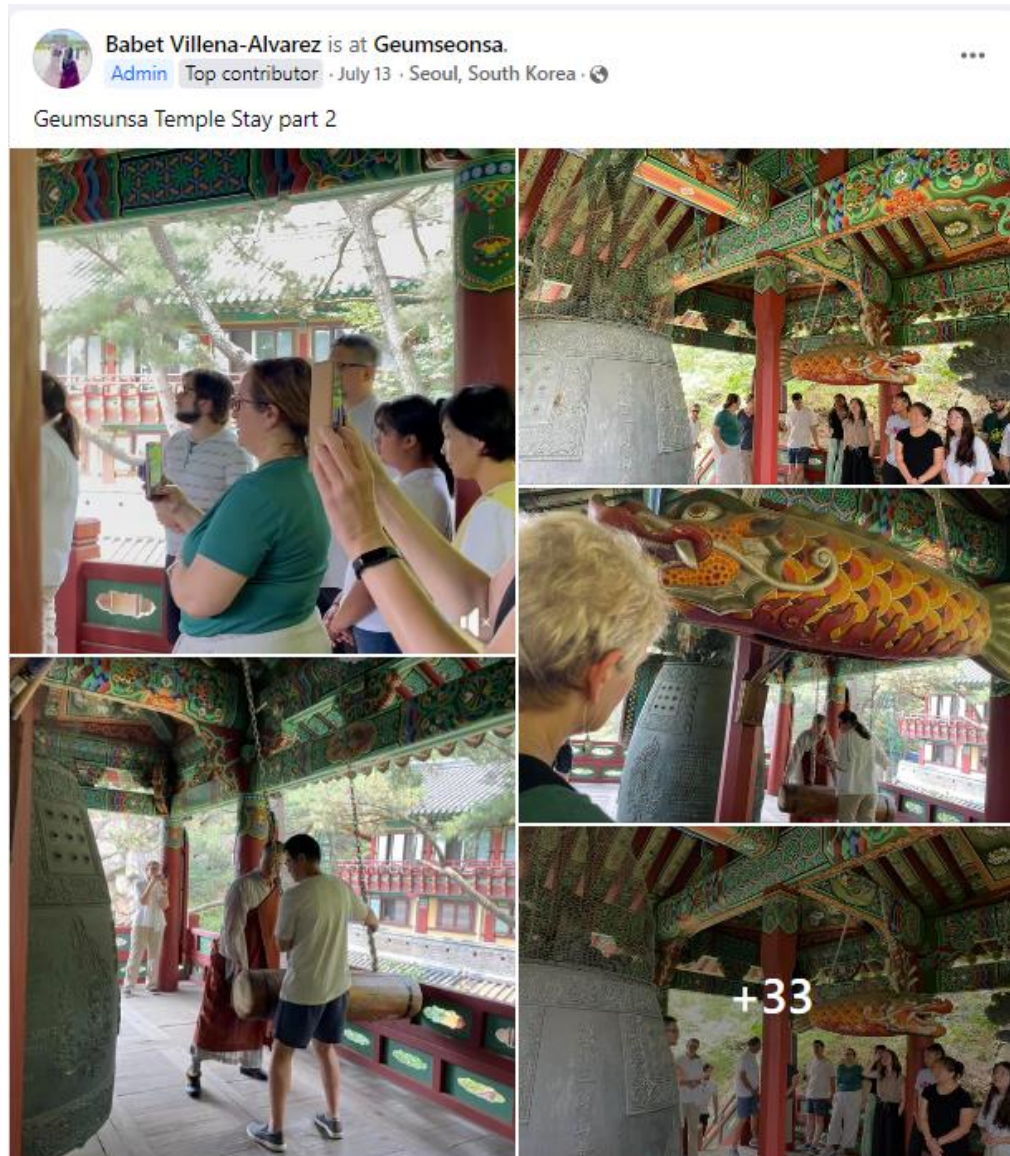


Experiencing Korea: Touch, Feel, Hear, Taste, and See

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Experiencing Korea



Experience

Studying abroad – removes blinders and we see how different they do things abroad



Babet Villena-Alvarez

Admin Top contributor · July 10 · 🌐

My most important task as a study abroad professor is to train everyone to be comfortable with the local transportation system- subway, bus, train etc. since all my abroad programs are at least 30 days long. They live like locals. I am HAPPY to see them all go different directions 😊 and they are LIVING and NAVIGATING on their own their brief Korean lives - discovering and adventuring . 🇺🇸🇰🇷 The SKALE team is required to do lessons and present on these here and in HHI Campus f...
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Experience

The wearing of the Hanbok is a true homage to the Korean culture because of how the Japanese had tried to erase the Korean culture – prohibiting the spoken Hangeul and the wearing of the Hanbok. Now, the Korean government encourages all to wear this – free entry to the royal palace with anyone wearing their Hanbok

Babet Villena-Alvarez is at Gyeongbokgung Palace. Admin Top contributor · July 6 · Seoul, South Korea · 🌐

The Korean government encourages everyone to try their Hanbok. There was a time when they were conquered and prohibited from wearing these and speaking Korean - an attempt to erase their culture. Now, they want the world to "experience" their culture- beyond just K-pop and Kdrama. Entrance to the Gyeongbokgung Palace is FREE TO ANYONE wearing Hanbok. 😊🇰🇷❤️ On this day SKALE paid homage to the NON-ERASURE of the Korean culture by wearing their Hanbok!



Touch

Participants take turns

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Babet Villena-Alvarez is at Dongdaemun Design Plaza 동대문디자인플라자.

Admin Top contributor · July 15 · Seoul, South Korea · 🌐

Shopping traditional Korean fabric and materials 🥰❤️🌸 2 building complexes with about 5 floors. Teaching materials for experiential learning- so students can touch, feel, try on, hold expands the reach of this training trip to students in the USA. The lovely lady at the Hanbok stall gave me a cooling vitamin drink! SKALE-Visit her store if you can - see picture 16 for her address 🥰



Touch

Experience the sands from the beach in Busan and Haeundai



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6:30 am Busan Haeundae Beach



Touch

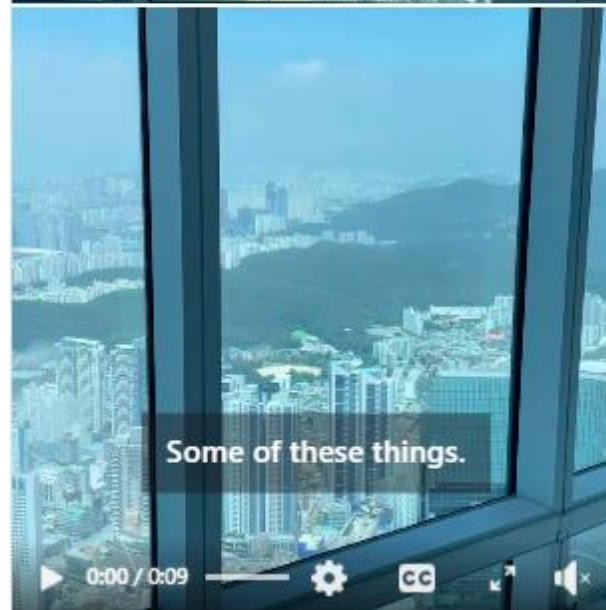
Imagine being above the clouds



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Busan Pass activity 2 is X in the Sky - a must see! 100th floor views. Note - the clouds are below us!



Feel

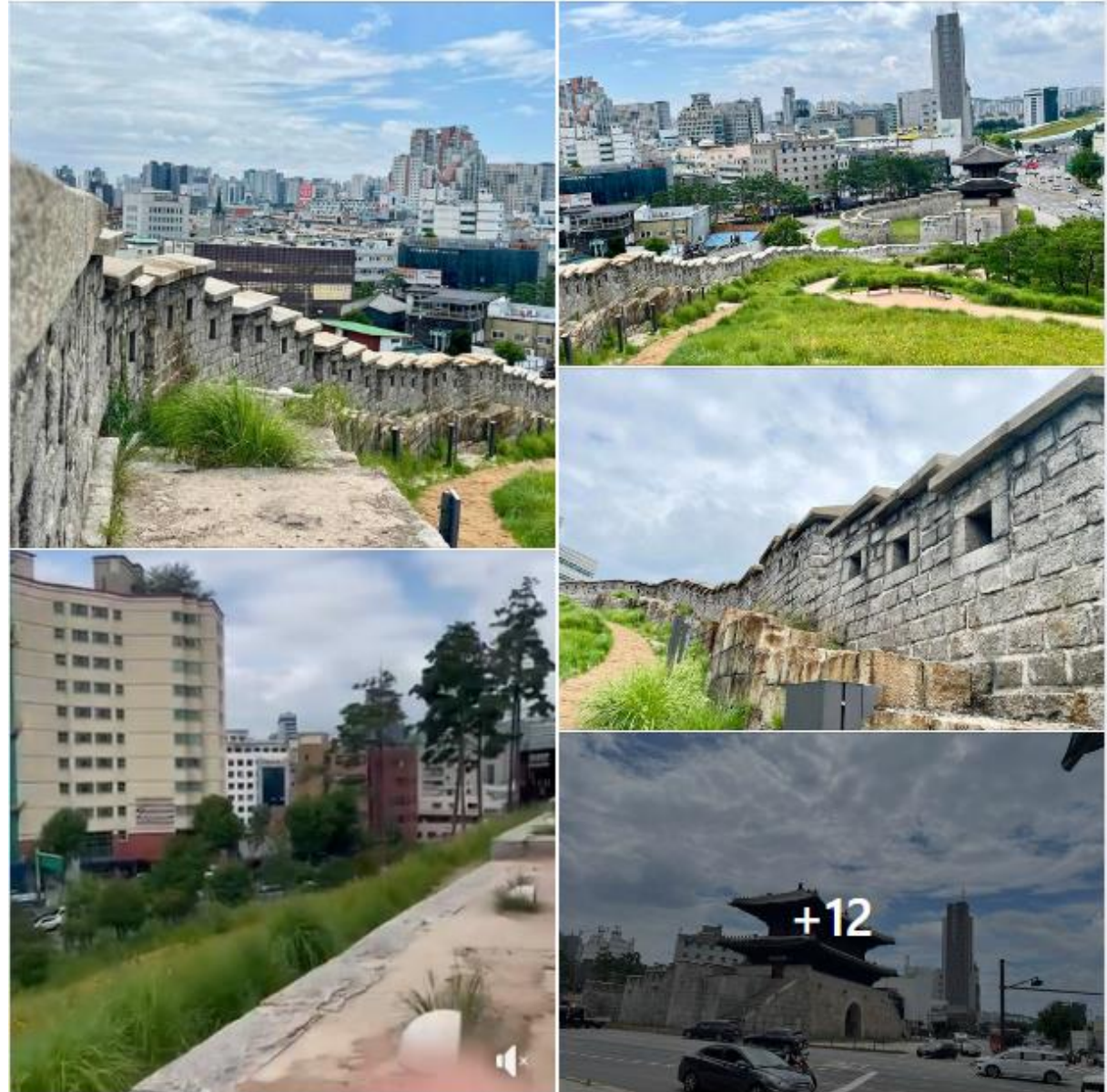
Imagine the scorching heat and feel the fan that helps alleviate

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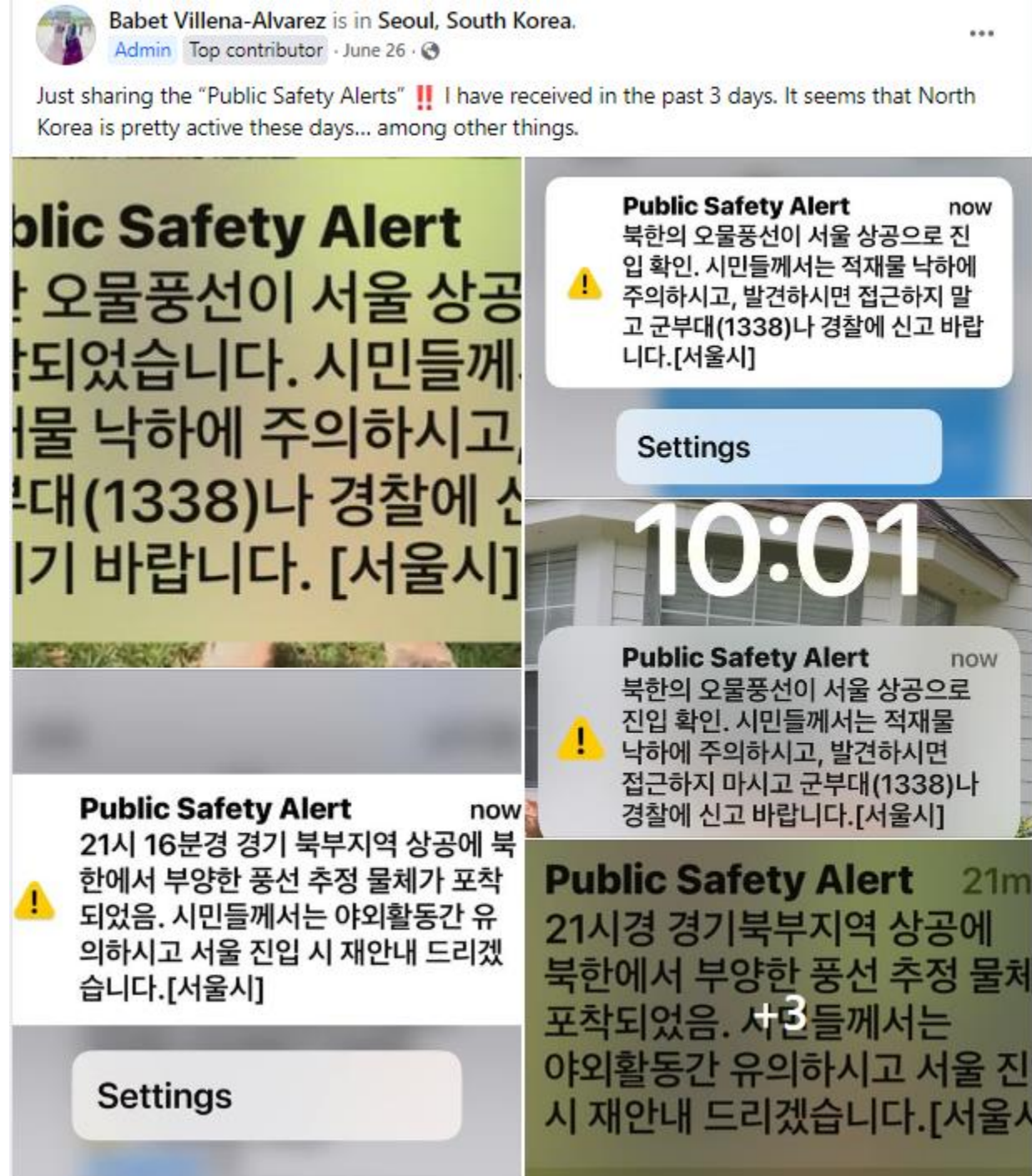
 **Babet Villena-Alvarez** is at **Heunginjimun Gate**.
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Right beside the traditional fabric market is the Heunginjimun Dongdaemun Gate and the old city walls! 🥰🌸 Bonus side trip - on the HOTTEST time of the day 🤔🥵🥵🥵🥵



Feel

We feel the panic in these instances



Feel (Link)

We feel the height above the harbor



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Admin Top contributor · June 28 · 🌐



Busan Harbor Bridge. Wait until the top!



Feel

The fingers feeling the characters being formed



Hear (Link)

We hear the joy and excitement



Hear

[Baseball Game Link 1](#)

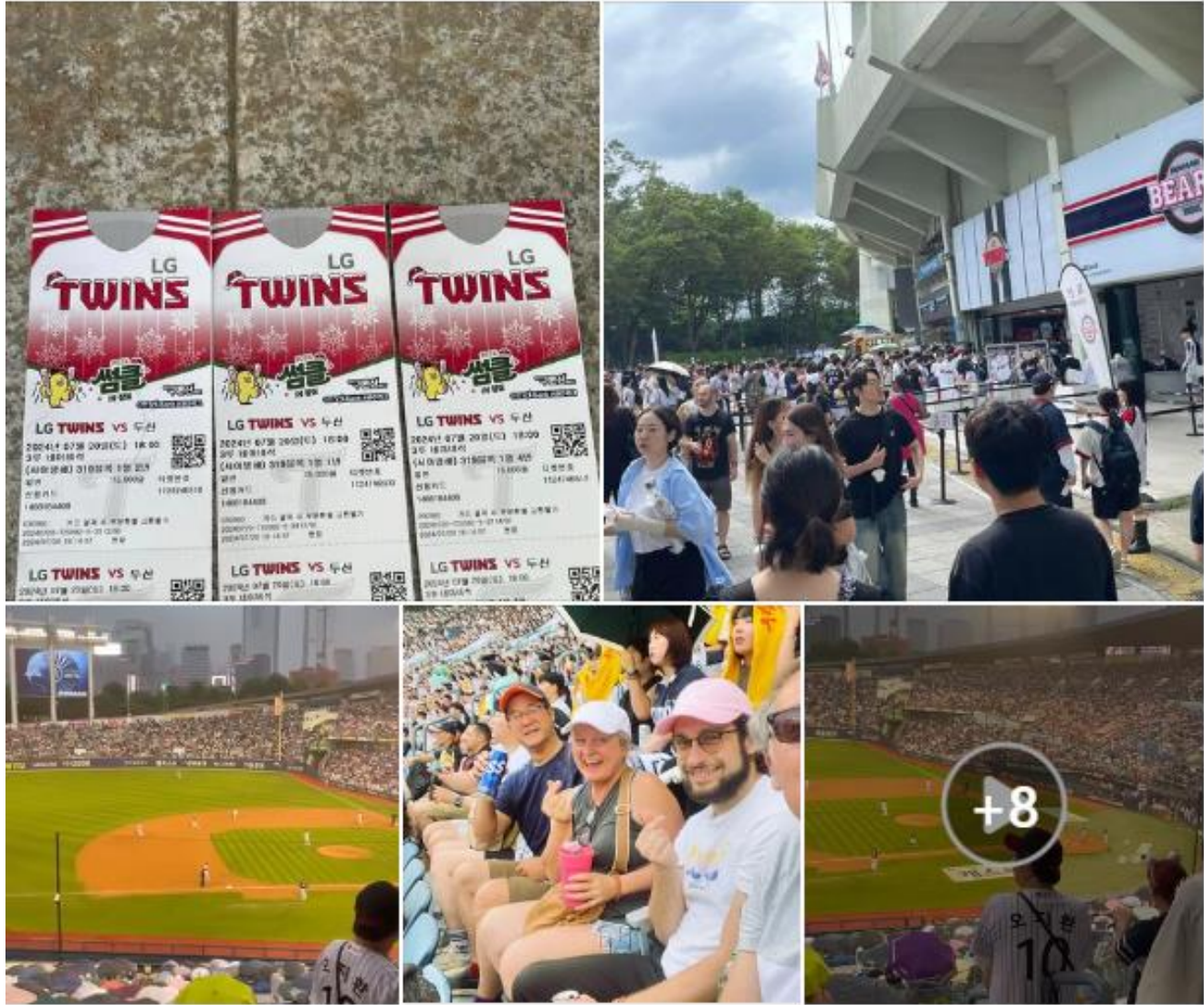
Hear this shows how vastly different the games are as compared to the USA

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 **Babet Villena-Alvarez**
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Guess what some SKALE Team members are doing??!! 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔. Everyone says THIS is the favorite sport of Koreans. We are here to observe!



Hear

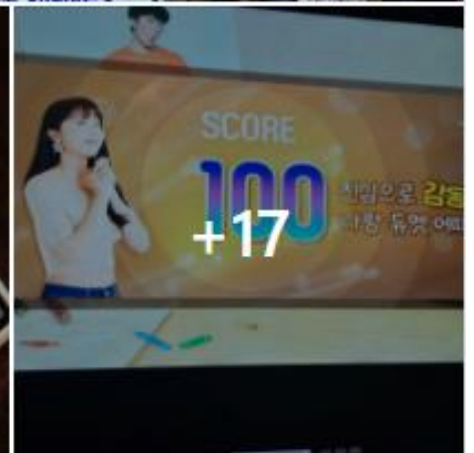
Have you tried signing
Karaoke?



Babet Villena-Alvarez is at Hongdae, Hongik, Seoul.

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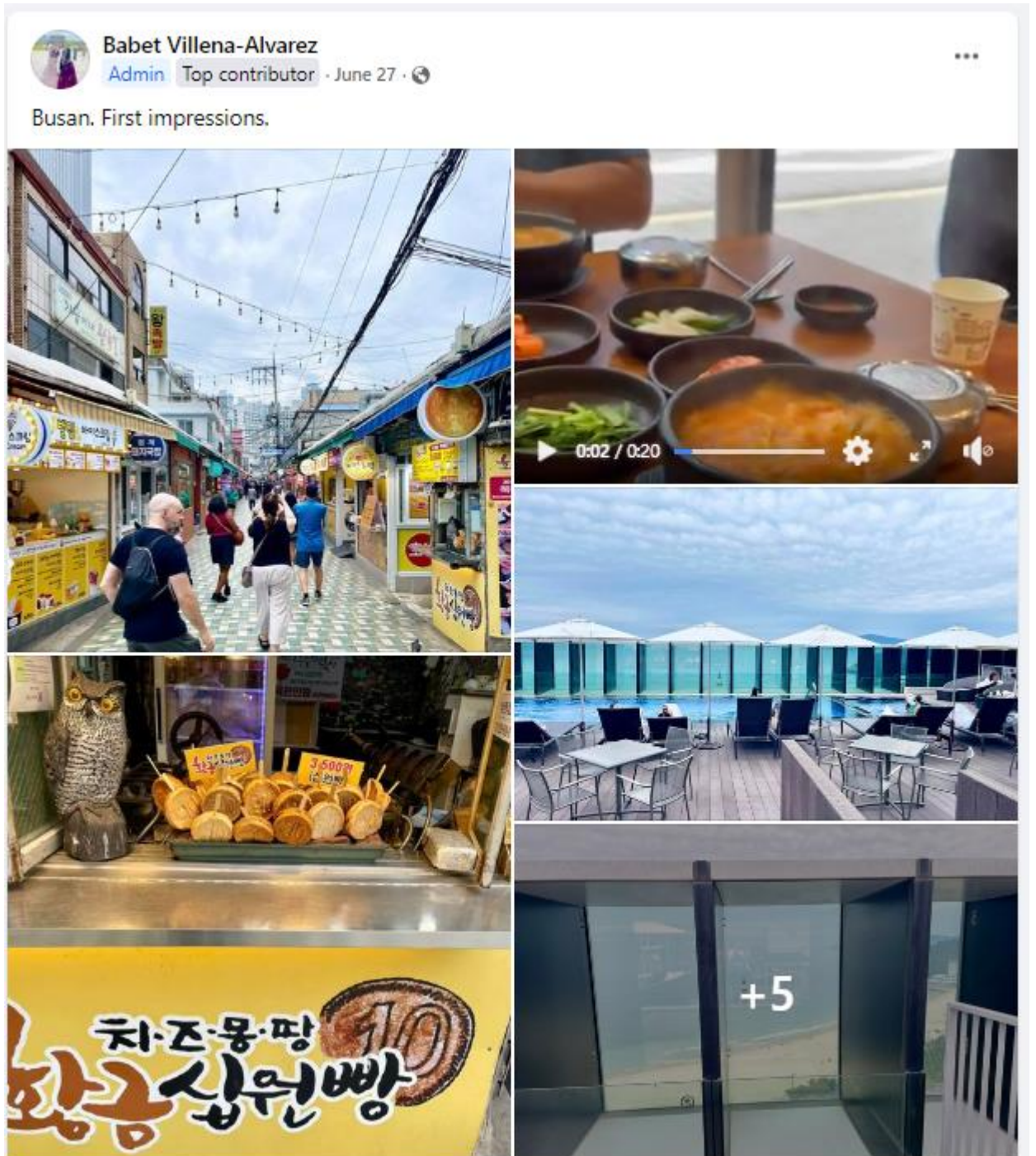
July 3 - Ken and Jay Choi were simply fabulous - SKALE Scholar Escort Dr. Greg Choi (University of California Berkeley) offered a seriously "Korean" exploration. Each part of the day was a heightened cultural adventure!



Taste

I welcome everyone now
to taste something from
Korea – the Dalgona, the
ginseng, the bamboo
candy

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Taste

The food being cooked in front of you. Try the bulgogi and the kimchi.



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W.O.W. Day with Dr. [Greg Choy's](#) cousin Ken Choi-who is editor at the biggest newspaper in Korea!



Taste

Street food may have become too touristy, but some places are still favored by locals.

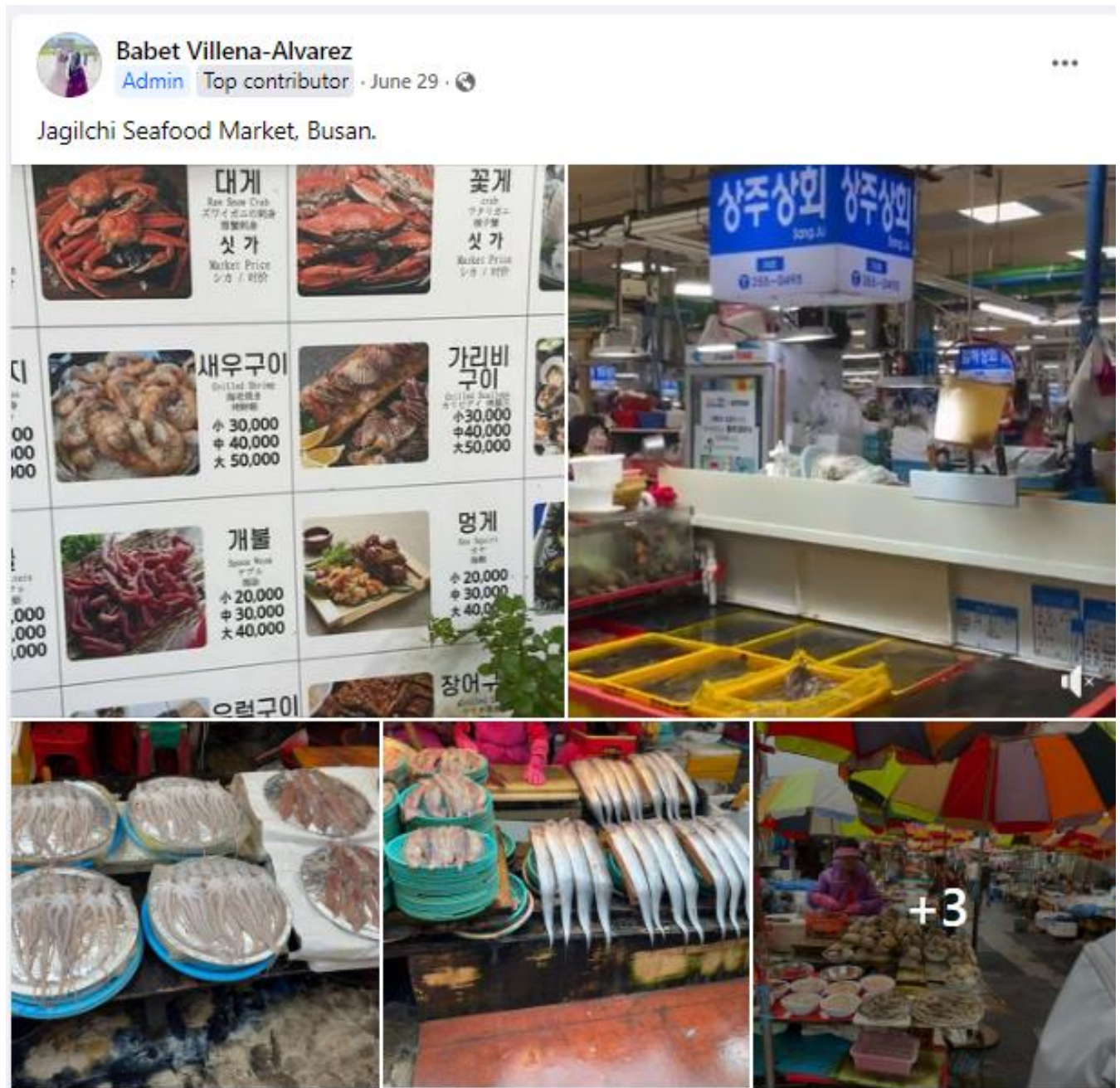
 Babet Villena-Alvarez is at Myeongdong Street 明洞街 명동 거리 서울 서울 Seoul ... 서울.
Admin · Top contributor · July 11 · Seoul, South Korea · 🌐

Myeongdong street food for dinner - with over a hundred vendors and choices



Taste

Now here, try this fish snacks. Seafood plays a major role in the Korean diet and cuisine



See

See the experiences

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 Babet Villena-Alvarez is at Haedong Yonggungsa Temple 해동 용궁사. Admin Top contributor · June 29 · Busan, South Korea · 

A group "adventured" (in a storm) to the famed coastal Busan Haedong Yonggungsa Buddhist Temple and here are the stunning pictures!



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See and hear, talk and learn from experts at HL Mando



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July 19 · 🌐

Pictures from HL Mando's official photographer of the event today.



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 Babet Villena-Alvarez is at Seongnam, Gyeonggi, South Korea. [Admin](#) [Top contributor](#) · July 18 · Seongnam, South Korea · 

HL Mando is one of the largest global suppliers of automotive parts- supplying BMW, GM, Ford, Rivian, Hyundai, Kia and many others. They have 2 locations in Georgia. The R&D tour they provided USCBA Fulbright-Hays SKALE team was VIP level. The lunch was phenomenal! Special thanks to Innovation Center Senior Director Hankyu Choi, JiYoung Min and their Mando team and to Greg's cousin Ken Choi, Director General at Chosun Ilbo for making this training visit possible. HL Mando was... [See more](#)

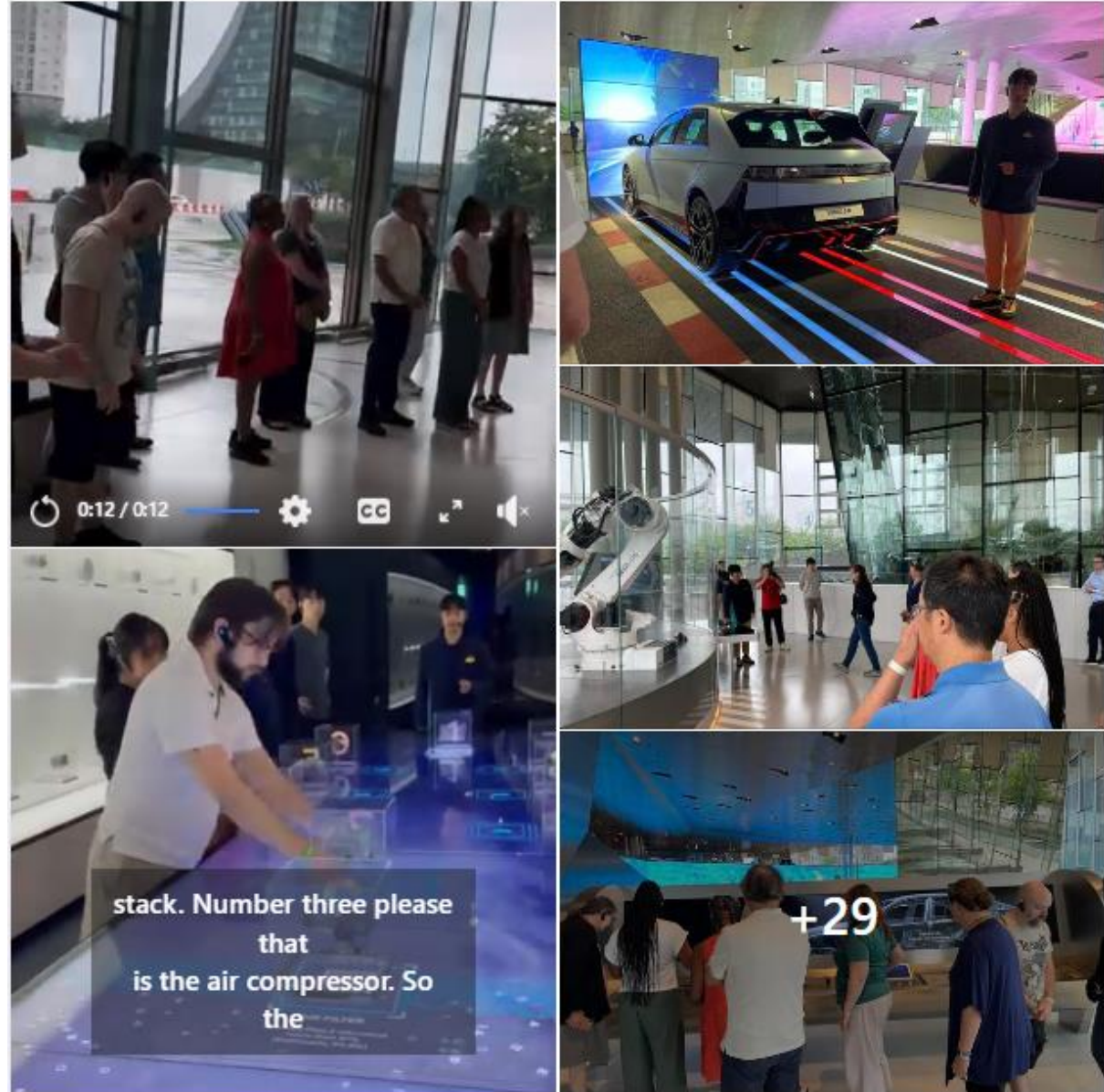


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And the Hyundai Goyang
Motor Studio

 Babet Villena-Alvarez is at Hyundai Motor Studio Goyang. Admin Top contributor · July 17 · Goyang, South Korea · 

Hyundai hospitality to SKALE was tops! USCB Fulbright-Hays' Seoul Hyundai visit was impressive, a private tour with Vice President Jin Cha and Global PR Sean Carson. Special thanks again to Ken Choi, Director General at Korea's largest News Company-Chosun Ilbo.



Different group activities over the July 12-13 weekend

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To each his own favored activity and the freedom to explore using the senses.



Thank you! 감사합니다 Gamsahabnida!

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New Video - Hyundai



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