

Hello everyone, my name is Bowen, Julia, Amy. Sally and Yahoo. We are Keimyung University students. Welcome to Daegu. Daegu has lots of attractive places. We've chosen to introduce the Daegu Arboretum to you.

Hello, now we're going to the Daegu Arboretum from the Dongdaegu Station.

The train station and the subway station are not connected directly. When you come out to the gate, you will find a restroom on your left. Turn left, and go straight until you get exit No.2 on your right. While you pass 5,4,3 exits, you can see a pharmacy and many food shops such as Shinra Bakery and Seven Eleven on your left. Across from the "Seven Eleven", you can find exit No.2. Go through the exit No.2 and take an escalator. Go along to the street after getting the escalator off, until you get a fountain. And, you can find a red sign on your right. That is the Dong-daegu subway station.

Let's go~!!

Sally- Go down the steps and buy a ticket. Push the button including number 1 and insert 1100won to the intake then you will get a rounded token. Put the coin-like ticket on the yellow pad. Go through the ticketing machine and take a subway to Daegok-side. Fortunately, the daegok station is the last station. Besides, there is an English announcement, so you don't have to be worried about anything. Just take it easy. It takes about 30 minutes.

Amy- There are electronic Direction Boards and Maps in the subway. If you are worried that you miss the destination, you can take a look at them. But don't worry about it. The daegok station is the last station. Just take it easy.

Bowen- You need to go upstairs after getting off the subway. As soon as you get upstairs, you can find the way-out very easily. there is no alternative other than stairs.

Julia- Go through the tollgate, and you will find "3 way-out" on your left.

Sally- If you want to take a bus, you need to go through "4 way-out" but taking a bus is a little uncomfortable. Because there is no Bus-stop around the arboretum, so you have to get off the bus at the "Daegok Samsung Lemian Apartment" stop and walk more than 500m(0.3mile). Besides, there's no English announcement in the bus.

Amy- I'd like to recommend taking a taxi. It is faster than taking a bus and you can get to the arboretum for around 2000won. Just tell the driver -"Su-mok-won gayo"

Yahoo- As soon as you reach the arboretum, you will come to a fork of a road. Take a right-hand fork so that you reach the parking lot.

Julia— The opposite side of the parking lot, there is a big direction board and a flight of stone steps next to the direction board. Be sure to climb it so that you reach the Entrance.

Bowen— OK, we are in the " Daegu Arboretum"

Amy— This municipal arboretum is recognized as a good model for restoring a seriously damaged ecosystem. This site had been used as a sanitary landfill from 1986 through 1990. In its efforts to restore this area, the city government constructed botanical gardens that include more than 1,000 species of unique plants. Visitors to the arboretum can enjoy its gardens which contain giant cactuses, medicinal herbs, wild flowers, and potted plants. Ponds with aquatic life and groves with various kinds of trees are another attraction. In addition, the arboretum offers several trail courses and has large grassed areas, which are great for having a picnic or just relaxing as well as exploring plants.

Sally—Look over there! The greenhouse is filled with a variety of plants.

Yahoo— There is a long cactus. There is a round shaped cactus, too. How many cactuses in this garden?

Amy— There are almost 200 kinds of cactus. Be careful because the thorns are very long and sharp. The leaves of the tropical plants are very long and wide.

Bowen—Cactuses can grow very well in very hot places all a year round. It looks like looking at a picture.

Sally—The inside is warmer than outside. The plants have nice shape.

Julia—I think that they are more precious because we rarely see them every day. I've seen them at the Jeju—Island botanical garden.

Bowen—The greenhouse consists of glass walls and it is octagonal. What a beautiful place it is.

I second that! I wish I could get this one...

Amy—Ok, we completely looked around the greenhouse.  
Let's go to another place.

Yahoo—Ok! Let's go, go, go!

Bowen— In the end, We got to the bonsai garden~

Now~ What you can see on your left is a pine tree and you can find pine trees throughout Korea, I think.

The Bonsai is not a natural thing. people have made it more beautiful, since a long time ago. people wanted to have better things. That is why they started it. so how do you feel about it?

Sally~Hey look over there! Isn't that a maple? over there!

Yahoo~ Yes . you are right~that is a maple. It's the one I like the best. I have that one in my house.

Amy~ Also. here is one of the best places to take a picture. So, I really recommend it and it has got a nice path. don't you think so?

Sally~ Hey . there are so many bees.

Julia~ Sometimes, you can see bees, butterflies, as well as so many kinds of birds, unless the weather is really awful.

Sally~I hope it will be raining soon. i'm afraid of and hate bees

Yahoo~ OK.OK They won't sting you. Take it easy~

Amy~ Unfortunately we might not see any birds this season because winter is coming quickly than we expected.

Sally~ This is the Bamboo Garden.

Yahoo~ Wow, it's a little different from the bonsai garden.

Amy~ I think so. It's not a gorgeous place like a flower garden but pretty impressive.

Julia~Look at this. These bamboos are really green.

Sally~Yeah, bamboos have green leaves in winter like pine trees.

Bowen~Do you know it is regarded as a plant symbolizing principle and integrity from old times?

Amy~ Really? I didn't know that. Why did people think the bamboo like that?

Bowen—Because it grows uprightly and doesn't get bent easily. So, people compared the attitude of Sun-bi to the bamboo.

Julia—I see. And so, is the word 'Dae-jjok-gatta' made?

Yahoo— 'Dae-jjok-gatta'? What does that mean? I've never heard of it.

Julia— It's ridiculous. It means to be faithful to one's principles and not to make a compromise with injustice and immorality.

Yahoo— As soon as I saw this bamboo, I understood why people made that word.

Bowen— Hey, guys! We finally arrived at the hibiscus garden. Do you know anything about the Rose of Sharon?

Amy— Yes, I know that the Rose of Sharon is regarded as the national flower of Korea. According to the bible, Sharon was a fertile and holy land and, the rose means it is the most beautiful flower. Therefore, it means that it is a very special and blessed flower.

Julia— The meaning of flower is eternalness, immortality and endlessness. Hey, why don't we go into the garden? That sign said there is a Korean Map made from hibiscuses.

Everyone— Yeah, Let's go, and find it.

Sally— Wow, Here's the map. It's in a pond! What a beautiful it is.

Yahoo— It's a whole map including North Korea. If we reunified North Korea and South Korea, it would be better.

Sally— I agree with you. I am hopeful of the reunification of North and South as soon as possible.

Yahoo— Yeah, but I'm getting hungry now. Does someone know any places to eat?

Julia—Let me see, Oh! There is a lawny plaza over there. Go up to the road.

Yahoo— But, is it available for eating on the grass?

Amy— Yes, we can take a lunch on the grass. but the liquor is prohibited. Look at that! It's a nice place for picnic and relaxation! There are some people eating something.

Bowen— Let's have a seat! I've brought some kimbab and fruits. Let's eat!