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English conversation for tourism #03

Daegu metropolitan subway

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Introduction about the Daegu subway

-> **Together**

Hello~! We are Kei-myung University students.

-> **Miya**

Is this your first time visiting Dae-gu by yourself? Maybe you don't know much about how to take the subway, do you? Don't worry. We can help you. Just follow us. We will show you the way from Dong-Dae gu station to downtown by subway. Also, during the subway trip, we will give you specific information about the subway. It will be fun.

-> **Julie**

We are going to start at Dong-Dae gu station. Do you know how to buy a ticket for the subway? You can choose from two methods to buy a ticket. First, you can pay cash. In this case, you will pay 1100 won with no discount. As you can see, the ticket box on the wall is available for those using coin or bill. If you don't have 1000won, you need to exchange 10000won or 5000won to 1000won by using the cash exchanging machine next to the ticket box. Then, put 1100won in the ticket box. You can choose the number of ticket you want. If you push the first button, it gives you one ticket. If you push the second button, it gives you two. It is on the right side in the upper corner. After that, you need to push a button called 'Fare selection'. The yellow button, under the fare selection, is for children. Because you are an adult, you don't need to push anything.

Second, you can buy a prepaid card in Dae-gu Bank. If you use a prepaid card, adults, aged 19 to 64 pay 950won, Juveniles aged 13to 18 pay 670won, and children aged 6 to 12 pay 400 won. If you buy prepaid card, you need to bring some identification with you. When you enter the platform, you need to put the card on an entrance bar, the machine will check your card by ringing.

-> **Miya**

Did you get a ticket? Good.

Can you see the 2 gates?

One side is for Ansim, the other is for Daegok. You should be careful at this moment. We must take the subway for Daegok. You got it??? OK. Let's pass the gate and take a train.

Now we've just arrived at the subway platform. We will wait for several minutes and take one step back from the yellow warning line until the train arrives. You know what? There are some poems on the wall. Some people spend their time reading them while waiting for their train. Oops, I'm sorry, they are written only in Korean. Oh~~ the train is coming. Let's get on it.

-> **Hoho**

Do you know anything about the Daegu subway? No?? OK. I will tell you.

- This subway has two lines. The first line was opened in 1998; it starts at Jincheon and goes to Ansim. The second line was opened in 2005; it starts at Moonyang and goes to Sawol. You can transfer to the other line at Banwol station. I will show you later. As you

can see, the second line has more well-equipped facilities than the first line such as elevators, spacious places for meeting people, and exhibition halls.

- For meeting people?

-Yes, every station has a meeting place. It offers seats for important meetings, resting and cultural events. They also give you some chances to experience art. The various frescos and art works represent Daegu's people, history, nature, and culture. You will also feel the future image of Daegu as the infinite paradise. For example, if you have a chance to go to Duryu station, I recommend looking at the art called The Dream of Duryu by Lee Jeom Chan and Jun Young Sin. The history of Duryu Park and Sungdangmot and the patterns of symbols of good luck are the background of the design. The art work shows the living spirit marching into an international city based on the health, hope, and dreams of Daegu citizens.

-What about the exhibition halls you mentioned?

-The exhibition halls are offered free .They are usually used for the exhibition of flowers, sculpture, photo, and art works. Exhibitions for fairgrounds or public relations magazine are also held there. The Daegu subway has good handicap-friendly facilities and lost-and-found offices, and toilets. Every station has braille side blocks. And wheelchair lifts, handicapped-friendly ticket gates, pictograms, braille signs on handrails, and restroom braille signs are furnished for the handicapped. I think the escalator and elevator are the representative of Daegu's concern for the handicapped.

- I would like to know how to get my lost property back.

- If you find an item missing right after the train left, report it immediately to the office. If you find items missing afterwards report it to the terminal station or the lost-and -found center.

- Are there any other tips to find lost items sooner?

- Remember the train number and the time you got off the train, if you can.

-> **Myra**

Now you understand about Dae gu subway well .

Do you have any question about it? Mm...Have you heard about the tragedy of Daegu subway? No? It may be interesting. We have a sad story from back in 2003.

Let me tell you about the sad Daegu subway story. Daegu City subway had a serious disaster 3 years ago. It was big issues at that time. It occurred on Feb. 18. 2003.

I think there are no words that can express the nation's shock. It killed more than 100 people and 130 others got injured, with about 60 missing. Many Daegu citizens prayed for the victims and express their deep condolence to their families. It is cause of the reckless behavior of a man who had mental problems. It resulted in such a terrible incident.

Speaking in more detail, an arsonist committed the crime because he was angry about his physical disability, he incurred during brain surgery he received for a stroke in 2001. According to the news, suspect pulled out the gasoline bottle from a black bag and lit it. He threw the bottle while people fought to take it away from him. I heard that most of the victims suffered from thick smoke and toxic gas from the burning material in the cars, such as seat covers and advertisement boards on the walls.

Since that subway is a closed space used by tens of hundreds of passengers at one time, an accident could develop into a big disaster easily. This showed that the subway authorities had violated the regulations and no inflammables should be used in the facilities. But after the accident, the Daegu city subway absolutely. Now I am sure that Daegu City subway is completely safe.

-> Hanna

Wow~ we are almost downtown. Can you hear the music? It means we have arrived at Banwoldang. Let's get off the train.

OK. Do you see the two exits? If your destination were not downtown but somewhere near the second line, you would need to transfer from this line to the other. You need to turn right and go straight along the way. You will go down little further. The second line also has two ways. The first line is for Moonyang on your left, and the other line is for Sawol, on your right. If you look at it, you will feel that the first line is older than the second one. So, the trains of the first line are less pretty than second one. But the speed is the same. Anyway, don't forget to take the first line when you come back from here to Dong-Daegu station. If you are still confused, you can check the map on the wall which is located in the center of this lounge. It will show you where you are and various directions of Banwoldang.

Did you find your direction? OK, let's go upstairs to your right.

Can you see the gate? If you get out of the gate, you will see a central culture-lounge. In the middle of the lounge, there is a beautiful fountain, and around it, there are many kinds of shops where you can go shopping. Every weekend various performances are held at the lounge. People can enjoy cultural activities. If you have a plan to visit Daegu next time, please don't miss the lounge.

How was our subway trip? Did you enjoy it? How about finding directions? The Daegu subway is always ready to help foreigners. When you are on your way going back, you could use Daegu station instead of Dong-daegu station. This is combined with Lotte Department store. You can enjoy shopping and take the train easily at one place. Before saying goodbye, I want to tell you this: KTX doesn't stop at Daegu station. If you want to take KTX, you need to go to Dong-daegu station where you need to go 3 more stops from Daegu station by subway. Anyway, have a nice trip in Korea and I hope to see you again. Take care. Bye~~~~~!!!!!!!

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Our destination: Dong-Daegu station to downtown

