

Welcome to Daegu!

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This beautiful city has very famous places such as parks, markets, temples and so on. Gukchaе –Bosang Park is the one of the popular places in this city. The meaning of this park's name is “The National Debt Repayment Park” It was constructed to celebrate the spirit of national salvation. More than 7000 people visit this park on weekend. Particularly, Couples like this place because of beautiful sceneries. The gross of the park is 42,509 square meters and location of the park is by Dong-in St which is close downtown. It takes only 10minutes from downtown to this park on foot. Because this park is near downtown, transportation is very convenient. A lot of buses stop at the entrance of the park. These are the bus numbers which stop at the park; 305,403,425, and 805. Another is using subway to get this park. There are two ways to get this place by subway. You should get off at Jungangro station, which is one subway line number 1. If you are on line number 2, you should transfer trains at Banwoldang station. From Banwoldang, take line number 1 towards Ansim and then get off at Jungangro station. After you get off the subway, walk towards the Jonggak 4 intersection. It only takes 15 minutes from Jungangro station to the park on foot. The bus and subway fares are both 1,100Won. However, if you use a transportation card, the fare is 950Won. In addition, you can transfer from bus to bus within 1 hour and subway to bus within 30 minutes for free. You can purchase the card at subway stations and convenience stores. If you take the bus to the park, you can see Main Street as soon as you get off the bus. If you take subway, walk to the bus station which is located on the right corner of Jongkak 4 intersection. As you walk down Main Street, you will see a large bell. This is the Dalgubul grand bell, which is the symbol of this park.

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From now, let's talk about the Dalgubul Grand Bell. It awakens the spirit of every Daegu citizens with a clean and deep sound. It informs that Daegu citizens wish to harmony and prosperity. According to those reason, it was built in The National Debt Repayment Park on December 22nd, 1998. Dalgubul Grand Bell has 4 purposes.

First, it's a bell of harmony gathers 2.5 million Deagu citizens.

Second, this bell is a symbol of development in Daegu.

Third, the clean and bright sound that leads new generation.

Forth, it's a bell of culture including spirit and soul of Daegu.

Dalgubul Grand Bell weighs 22.5 tons. Its external diameter is about 2.3 meters and internal diameter is about 1.9 meters. Its height is approximately 3 meters. The area of the bell house is 77.2 square meters and the height of bell house is 11.6 meters.

Striking a bell event of Dalgubul Grand Bell is at 3 o'clock every Saturdays in The national debt repayment park. Citizen can participate in striking a bell event after that event end. I also want to hit Dalgubul Grand Bell when I have spare time.

Especially, Dalgubul Grand Bell is hit by Daegu citizens on December 31st midnight of every year. At that time, a lot of Daegu citizens come in front of Dalgubul Grand bell for striking a bell event. According to this event, every citizen looks back this year and hopes to desire coming year. This event means the start and the end of year. So, what a wonderful bell!

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Walking along Dalgubul grand bell, we can see the bulletin board on right side of the path which discusses the park's purposes. It shows not only names of the leading pioneers in an effort to pay our debts back but also pay-back activities. The national Debt Repayment Movement arose in Daegu at the beginning of 19 century to repay Japan's loan, which is not only the fixed purpose of colonization but also an economic invasion. Japan gained military control in accordance with an unfair treaty and Russia-Japan's war at the beginning of 19 century. As a result, Korea's debts to Japan reached 4.5billion from 1905 to 1910. It was a pilot which imputed Korea government to colonial construction costs. So, the movement arose to keep Korean's right to live by Korean. It was the first national movement in our history. So, this park was constructed and located in the center of Daegu to admire this patriotic spirit. Along the path with bulletin board, there are many flowers, trees and benches where people can take a break. Also, we can see the woman memorial statue of national debt repayment on the right side. To repay the debts, Korean women donated gold rings and jewels to the Korean government. People say that this movement influenced the gold gathering movement of the fund crises that happened at the end of 20 century. The form of the statue resembles a set of twin rings, which symbolizes the gold rings and jewels that women receive for their wedding. The path is made of various colored blocks different than others. When we walk step by step, I feel to take the same colored blocks. After taking a few steps, we reach the small fountain which does not operate. It does not seem to operate in autumn and winter. But, it is still beautiful and fits its surroundings. The management office is not far from the fountain. It offers a guide map and explains about the history. And the rest room is located next to

the management office. It is constructed with Korean traditional construction methods, in keeping with surroundings.

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You pass the management office then, there is a small garden in the middle of the road. It is a small but very popular garden to have your pictures taken because of its beauty. If you are thirsty, you can get water from a water fountain on the right of the garden. Pass the garden, you see a crossroad. Walk to the right one and you see a big square called Square of Harmony. There are many events, flea markets, concerts and many kinds of contests going on, such as singing or eating in this square. As you can see the hoops, people play basketball games, especially, in summer. However, people don't usually play basketball in winter because of the cold weather. Some small companies advertise their new products or nonprofit organizations hold charity events to donate money for people who need financial help. If you keep going this way and you can find a tiny road that has a tiny entrance. That is Wave Road. The road is a winding path and it looks like waves when you look down the road from the sky. That's why it is named Wave Road. The difference from other roads at the park is that the road is paved with special stones. The stones feel so soft that you feel as if you are walking on the water. There are benches with a wooden cover covered with ivy above the benches along the street. The cover makes shade in summer, so people can relax and avoid hot sunlight and also the benches are a good place to date, so you may see couples talking on the benches as you walk now. At the end of the road, you see the 2003 Universiade tower. It was built in 2003 to commemorate 2003 Universiade meeting held in Daegu. Universiade is a complex word for university and Olympiad. It is a global student sports meeting managed by FISU and held every 2 years. 170 countries participate and they compete in 13 kinds of sports to receive gold medals in each sport. Korea has 26 gold medals, so held the 3rd rank. If you go straight and cross the street, then you can go downtown, but turn left, walk along the street.

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Then, you will come to the fork of a road. You shouldn't turn left, just go straight. You will see the Daegu Metropolitan Jungang Library on your left. This library was built in 1919 and it consists of four floors. The purpose of establishment is to improve the citizens. The information center is located on the first floor. If you are interested in how to use this library, feel free to request advice there. Sometimes, various kinds of exhibitions are held in this floor. On the second floor, there are many books from Korea and overseas. So,

citizens can lend these books. Also, this floor has Life-long educational center for development of citizens. There are reading rooms on the third and fourth floors where students and citizens can study and read a book. Citizens can take various cultural classes and computer classes for free in this library. Go past the library and turn right, you will see the electric sign indicating information of the park guidance. Whenever there is a soccer match, it will show the soccer game like World Cup and Asian cup. So, a lot of citizens and Red devils were gathered in this place and watched soccer match in 2002 and 2006 World Cup. They supported our soccer team. At that time, it was filled with wild and enthusiastic citizens. Because this place has wide lawn, that is well-known for supporting our soccer team. If you come to here again during World cup season, you'll feel our wild enthusiasm. You pass the electric sign then; you come to the fork of a road. If you turn to the right, you can go to the bus stop or if you turn to the left, you can see the Dalgubul Grand Bell again.

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Fresh air and pleasant scenes makes you relax. Have a good time in this place. Here is a travel tip: this park is near downtown so you can meet a variety of people and experience our culture. Enjoy the beautiful park and the exiting downtown.