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Actress Youn Yuh-jung, first Korean actress awarded Oscar



Youn Yuh-jung poses for a photo with Brad Fitt, an American actor and film producer of *Minari* after winning Best Supporting Actress.

By Yang Yeo-sub

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Youn Yuhjung became the first Korean

actress to win "Best Supporting Actress" for her film *Minari* at the 93rd American Academy Awards, popularly known as the Oscars, held at Union Station in Los Angeles on April 25th (local time). Other candidates included Maria Bakalova from

Borat Subsequent Moviefilm, Glenn Close from Hillbilly Elegy, Olivia Colman from The Father and Amanda Seyfried from Mank.

"My name is 'Yuh-jung Youn.'"
The actress started her speech with wit when she received the Oscar from Brad Pitt. "In most of Europe, people call me 'Yuh-young' or 'Yoojung,' but I will

forgive them all tonight." Then actress Youn thanked other actors, actresses, and directors who worked with her in this film.

Minari is a parsley-like vegetable that is ubiquitous in Korea. It grows anywhere, including moisture wetlands and abandoned rice paddies. movie Minari, written and directed by Korean-American director, Lee Isaac Jung (Korean name Jeong Isak), tells the story of a Korean family who moved to Arkansas in search of their American dream in the 1980s. Youn Yuh-jung played Soon-Ja, who moved from Korea to help her daughter Monica and take care of her grandchildren. She told Morning Edition, an American radio news program produced and distributed by NPR, that her performance in Minari paid spiritual homage to her own great-grandmother who survived near-famine conditions after the Korean War.

"I don't believe in competition," Youn Yuh-jung said in her acceptance speech. "We won the award for different roles in different movies." The audience saw her Oscar speech as the perfect combination of

funny and touching moments.

Youn Yuh-jung is the first Korean to win an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress and the second Asian in 64 years since Miyoshi Umeki of *Sayonara* in 1957.

Youn Yuh-jung has been active for 55

years, appearing in producer Na Young-Seok's TV entertainment shows, *Sisters over Flowers, Youn Restaurant*, and *Youn Stay*, loved by all people in Korea. Youn Yuh-jung is receiving love calls from overseas and is currently filming Apple

"Two soccer fields" disappear each minute in Amazon



The Brazilian space agency INPE (Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais, the National Institute for Space Research) identified 8,426 square kilometers of the Amazon rainforest lost due to deforestation in 2020, which means that the equivalent of more than two football fields each minute in the Brazilian Amazon is disappearing. The INPE also operates another satellite-based monitoring program known as PRODES (Programa Despoluição de Bacias Hidrográficas, or "Basin Restoration Program") that analyzes deforestation once a year in greater detail. It found deforestation surged 9.5 per cent annually in the 12 months to August 2020, destroying 11,088 square kilometres of the Brazilian Amazon - an area larger than Jamaica.

The destruction in Brazil, the world's biggest exporter of beef and soybeans, is being driven largely by farmers, ranchers and land speculators bulldozing trees and burning them to make way for crops and pasture. The number of fires in the Brazilian Amazon increased 16 per cent last year, to a total of more than 103,000. Fires also devastated the Pantanal wetlands to the south, a paradise of biodiversity that saw an estimated one-quarter of its surface area go up in flames last year.

Environmentalists blamed for Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, who has cut funding for environmental programs and pushed to open protected Amazon lands to agribusiness and mining.

IU and Suzy included in the "30 Under 30 Asia 2021"

By Han Ji-su

IU and Suzy were reportedly included in the "30 Under 30 Asia 2021" list

by *Forbes*, a U.S. economic magazine. According to *Forbes* and other media outlets on April 20th, Hwasa and Nam Joo-hyuk were also selected in the list of 300 under-30-year-old entrepreneurs, leaders and trailblazers across Asia braving the challenging environment of the new normal era caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Forbes has selected next-generation leaders in 10 categories (The Arts; Entertainment & Sports; Finance & Venture Capital; Media, Marketing & Advertising; Retail & E-Commerce; Enterprise Technology; Industry, Manufacturing & Energy; Healthcare & Science; Social Impact and Consumer Technology) across the U.S., Canada, Asia, Europe, and Africa every year since 2016. Asia selects a total of 300 people, 30 from each category.

The list includes 300 influential figures from 10 areas by *Forbes* journalists and experts in each field, and this year, young people under the age of 30 from 22 countries were selected in the Asia-Pacific region.

Forbes said, "We selected the leaders from the 2,500 candidates recommended after final evaluation by the professional evaluation team, based on strong will, diligence and innovation."



▲ Five Korean stars who made it to Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2021

IU debuted in 2008 and has been at the top of popularity. Her fifth full-length album, *Lilac*, recently released, received favorable reviews from critics and fans. Currently, she is filming a movie, *Broker*, directed by a Japanese director Hirokaz Korgeda

Suzy, who has the nickname of "first love for the people," debuted in a girl group "Miss A" and is now a full-time actress. The movies *Architecture Introduction* and *Baekdusan* are her representative works. She recently appeared in the drama *Startup* and became very popular. She will also appear in *Wonderland* written and directed by Kim Taeyong, which is about to be released.

Hwasa is a member of MAMAMOO who was nominated for Artist of the Year at the 2020 Mnet Asian Music Awards. Last year, she became the first Korean female solo artist to reach number 7 on the Billboard World Albums Chart and number 1 on the iTunes Albums Chart. She is strengthening his position as an all-around entertainer by performing a wide range of activities across various fields such as entertainment and advertising, as well as group activities.

Meanwhile, a total of 23 Koreans were included in the "Under-30 Asia 2021" leaders. There are 15 representatives of Korean startups including Kim Do-jin, CEO of Happy Moonday, a feminine healthcare company, and Jeong Seung-hwan, CEO of LionRocket, an AI-based voice synthesis technology company. Professional golfer Kim Se-young was also selected

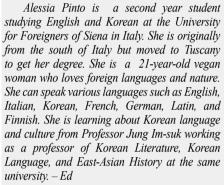




Italian vegan culture focusing on plant-based recipes







In cultural anthropology, culture means "the pattern of learned behavior that is shared and understood by a particular social group, behavioral norms utilized by people in a society to construct and understand their identity and view of the world." It also can be specific to a nation or time period, and we humans use culture to adapt ourselves to the world we live in and sometimes our culture can transform it.

There are many cultural things uniquely Italian, but one of the most typical things nowadays is "vegan culture." What is veganism? It is a philosophy and way of living that tries to avoid and substitute all forms of cruelty towards animals used principally for food and clothes. It promotes the use of animal-free alternatives for the benefits of animals and the environment. In terms of food, veganism tries to cook food free from meat, fish, and dairy products.

In Italy, this is a rising phenomenon, but to understand further, let me put it like this; 9% of Italians have a green diet (7% are vegetarian and 2% are vegan). According to the news reports, the number of vegetarian and vegan people is constantly rising up to 9 % from 7% two years

The key points of this way of thinking and living are that it aims to to protect not only













By Alessia Pinto

the environment and animals, but to enhance individuals' well-being. Silvia Goggi, an Italian vegan doctor says, "Proteins are necessary to live, however they don't come from animals, but from plants." In fact, vegetables are the only organisms that can – thanks to the bacteria present in the soil - fix the nitrogen in the most important organic molecules for our life on the planet. I am talking about amino acids. This means that the proteins that we can find in animal products come from vegetables first. Even the B12 vitamin is not a product of animals, but it comes from the bacteria present in the soil that animals eat, so it isn't

The lack of meat, fish, and dairy products does not mean lack of nutrients. Cereals, seeds, vegetables, and fruits contain all the necessary nutrients (except for the B12 vitamin). Even older people, pregnant women, and children can have a vegan diet, which doesn't cause any harm.

necessary to eat meat to absorb the vitamin.

There are some events in Italy that have been organized to spread awareness of veganism such as the "Vegan Week" in May and "Veganuary" in

Veganuary was launched in 2014 and its mission is to encourage people to consume only plant-based food for the month of January in its entirety. The participants in the event have steadily grown each year, and the number reached almost 1.3 million in 2019. The aim of Veganuary is not to lose weight, but it is a way to protect the environment and reduce the suffering of animals, and naturally improve people's lives, too.

The planet's finite resources are being consumed at a rapid rate, which, we have worried, would eventually lead to fatally damaging our planet and human beings. I think veganism can't completely stop deadly disaster from occurring once for all, but I believe it can a part of the solution. I think we should try whatever we can to hand down sustainable resources of our planet to our future generations.

Many Italian famous dishes such as lasagna and carbonara can be cooked as vegan recipes.

We use fake and plant-based meat to achieve the flavor of the original dish as you can see in the vegan carbonara. You can even eat tiramisu, a coffee-flavoured Italian dessert and Sacher chocolate cake, cooked in a vegan way.

Ruling Party defeated due to "Naeronambul"

By Keum Seo-young York

(NYT), used

keywords such as "Naeronambul" when analyzing the cause of the ruling party candidates' crushing defeat in by-elections held in Seoul and Busan on April 7th.

Critics said the election was a judgment of President Moon and the ruling party. They also added the remarks of Kim Jong-in, chairperson of the Emergency Response Committee, which came at a time when the election result was revealed.

NYT explained the changes in the political situation in Korea from last year to the upcoming by-election. It also pointed out that President Moon's pledge on his inauguration to "create a world without privileges" has been overshadowed by various political scandals including allegations against former Justice Minister, Cho Kuk in 2019.

NYT added, "South Koreans expressed their growing cynicism over what they considered the hypocritical practices of Mr. Moon's progressive allies with a popular saying: Naeronambul. It roughly translates to, 'If I do it, it's a romance; if you do it, they call it an extramarital affair.'

The result of the election is allegedly the result of long-standing public discontent

Seoul election votes by district

over the explosive Naeronambul scandalous incidents of the current administration, and President Moon seems to be now a "lame

Foreign media outlets also heavily covered the by-election held in Korea, predicting that it will be difficult to resolve pending issues or improve relations between South Korea and Japan for the rest of the Moon administration's term. According to them, this is because, if President Moon becomes a lame duck due to a crushing defeat in the election, he will lose his diplomatic and political capacity. NYT even said, "According to the survey, those who voted for Seoul Mayor Oh Se-hoon did not do so because they thought that Mayor Oh was morally superior, but because they wanted a 'judgment against the Moon Jae-in government'."

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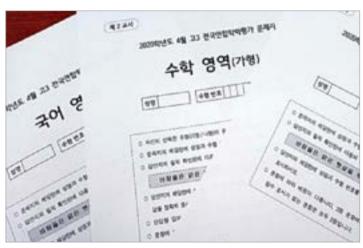
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New CSAT policy: Controversy over fairness of college admission



By Hwang Ji-ye

From 2022, students will take the same College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT) regardless if they are from the liberal arts track or the natural sciences track. Voices of concern have been raised due to the unfairness of this upcoming change, especially in the Mathematics section

So far, students, depending on their track, have take different types of tests in the Korean Language and Mathematics sections. Students could choose two subjects in the Social Studies and Science subject clusters respectively in the Inquiry section. However, in the 2022

CSAT, which will be held in November this year, students from both tracks will take the same subjects in these sections.

To be more precise, among four subdivided subjects of the Korean Language section, all students will take "Reading" and "Literature" as common subjects

and either one of "Speech and Writing" and "Language and Media" as an elective or optional subject. As for the Mathematics section, they will take "Mathematics I" and "Mathematics II" as common subjects, and one subject among "Probability & Statistics," "Differential & Integral Calculus," and "Geometry." When it comes to the Inquiry section, the conventional division between Social Studies and Science subject clusters will be abolished. Students will choose two from seventeen subjects from Social Studies or Science subject clusters.

In the mock CSAT test taken last March, the first practice test utilizing the new CSAT system, students from the natural sciences track far outstripped liberal arts track students

in the Mathematics section. According to the sample survey, more than 94% of the stanine 1 students in the Mathematics section turned out to belong to the natural sciences track. Among those students, 88.5% chose the subject of "Differential & Integral Calculus" and 5.5% chose "Geometry." Among the students who chose "Differential & Integral Calculus" or "Geometry," 83.4% of the students succeeded in achieving stanine 2, 80.0% of them stanine 3, and 62.3% of them stanine 4. On the other hand, among the students who chose "Probability and Statistics," only 6% of them managed to achieve stanine 1 and moreover, 54.1% of them reached only stanine 5.

The scores in the Mathematics section have always proven to be the decisive factor in students' successful college admission. If they can get a comparatively higher score in the Mathematics section, that means they receive a higher standard score in comparison with students who gain a higher score in other sections of the CSAT. Under the new CSAT system, the score in Mathematics section is obviously expected to be more crucial than the scores in other sections. As a result, students from the liberal arts track will likely not do as well or fail in competing with students from the natural sciences track.

Lim Seong-ho, CEO of Jongro Haneul Education said that it would be impossible for top level students to maintain their rank if he or she gets comparatively lower score in the Mathematics section, even if they obtain high scores in the Korean Language section.

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh has passed away at 99



By Ko Bu-Kyeong

Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II of

England, passed away at the age of 99. In a statement on April 9th, Buckingham Palace said, "It is with deep sorrow that Her Majesty The Queen announces the death of her beloved husband, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. His Royal Highness passed away peacefully this morning at Windsor Castle." The funeral was held at Windsor Castle, a suburb of London, at 2:40 p.m. on April 17th.

"During the 70 years Prince Philip spent carrying out royal duties, accompaniing the queen around the world, on Commonwealth tours and state visits."

Funeral services have been drastically reduced in the wake of the COVID-19. When the funeral began at 3 p.m., a one-minute of silence ceremony was held nationwide with a salute. Takeoffs and landings were delayed for five minutes at the airport. Major sports events such as English professional football and the Premier League have also been suspended for a while.

It was held in a small manner with only 30 people, including the queen and immediate family members, participating. In the aftermath of COVID-19, all those who attended the funeral wore masks and kept their distance. Prince Philip was buried in the chapel's underground royal cemetery after the funeral.

Prince Philip was born to a father who was Prince of Greece and Denmark and a mother who was the great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria of England. He first met Elizabeth II when George VI and his wife visited the Naval Academy in 1939. Elizabeth II was 13 at the time. After the meeting, the two became fond of each other. At the end of World War II, King George VI allowed him to marry Elizabeth II and the two married in 1947.

Prince Philip was patron to many charities and was an active member of the royal family. He consoled citizens after Princess Diana's death and as consort to the Queen accompanied her to official events until his retirement in 2017. He accompanied the Queen on their state visit to Korea in 1999. He also created a youth program called "The Duke of Edinburgh Award," which was named after him, and operated in more than 100 countries around the world. He was also active in environmental movements.

South Korea takes slow steps in providing corona vaccines

By Lee Ga-hyun

On April 12th, the South Korean government officially announced the current situation regarding COVID-19. According

to the announcement, vaccine supplies have been reduced. However, the government promised to try to distribute the vaccine faster and more efficiently as soon as possible.

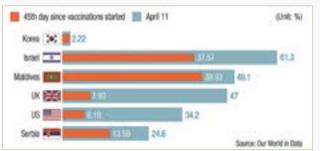
However, the government seems to have difficulty securing a sufficient quantity of vaccines, thereby slowing the vaccination rate. The average number of COVID-19 cases still lingers at dangerous levels with around 600 to 700 per day. Why does South Korea have trouble securing enough vaccines to cope with the situation properly?

When COVID-19 first broke out in the world, some countries, typically Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and South Korea managed successfully to control COVID-19. South Korea has overcome the initial stage of the crisis quite well and relatively quickly.

Many countries complimented South Korea's countermeasures for preventing the spread of the virus, which came to be called "K-quarantine." So, many countries predicted at first that South Korea would take the lead in ending the COVID-19 situation faster than any other country in the world. However, contrary to what was expected, South Korea showed sluggish results in reducing the confirmed cases and securing corona vaccines.

In the meantime, several countries such as Israel and the United States focused on delivering a strong vaccination program together with obtaining some protection through achieving herd immunity.

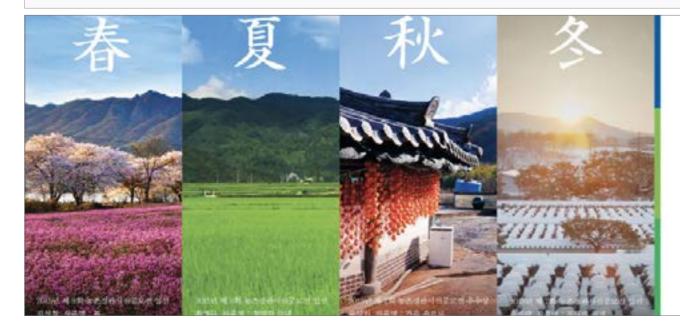
How did Israel and the United States achieve a better result than South Korea? The answer is that they were able to develop or secure



According to data collected by the University of Oxford-based Our World in Data, just 2.26 percent of Korea's population had been given at least one shot of the vaccine as of April 11, while Israel and Maldives recorded 37.57 percent and 39.93 percent, respectively, on their 45th days.

sufficient vaccines in a timely manner. For example, several corporations such as Pfizer, Janssen, Novavax in the United States have developed corona vaccines. The United States and Israel seem to have focused their efforts on the successful supply of vaccines, which is perhaps a response to their failure in managing the initial outbreak.

In Israel, which has achieved a 61% vaccination rate, people are not forced to wear masks outdoors. On the other hand, in South Korea, it is still mandatory to wear masks everywhere. Unfortunately, South Korea has not succeeded in providing satisfactory protection against COVID-19 yet. The government will have to increase its efforts to supply the vaccine before the situation of COVID-19 gets worse.



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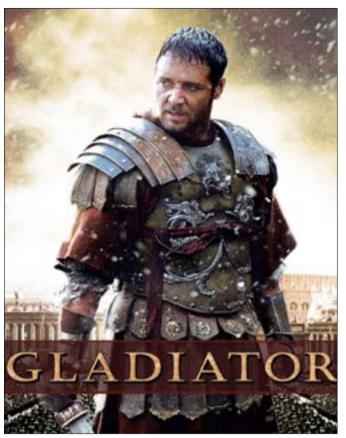
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The movie *Gladiator*, a dream broken in the bloodshed of power



By Heo Hyang-ki

Gladiator is a movie about a struggle toward authority or power, and revenge in the setting of ancient Rome. The movie received

high praise due to its realistic action scenes.

The movie was released in 2000, but is still popular because of excellent actors' wonderful performances. The main characters are Maximus (Russell Crowe) and Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix). Both Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix are famous for their authentic acting skills, which were revealed in the movie Les Miserables and Joker.

Maximus is a commander of an army regiment, fighting against Germanic tribes. After the war, he desires to return to his hometown, dreaming of a stable life with his wife and children. However, Marcus Aurelius, emperor of Rome, wants to make Maximus his successor to restore Rome as a republican regime. The emperor's son Commodus, the heir to the throne, kills his father in a rage. He hides the assassination and demands the loyalty of Maximus in vain. Maximus declines it and is given the stigma of a betrayer. He barely escapes Commodus' attack.

The war ends, and Maximus returns home. However, his wife and children have already been murdered by Commodus. Maximus, discouraged and injured, is arrested by Commodus' subordinates and sold as a gladiator. Maximus becomes a most popular gladiator, although he does not try to be so.

In the meantime, Commodus succeeds the throne, holding a nationwide gladiator festival to relieve the sentiment of public frustration. Maximus participates in the festival, the winner of which can be freed from bondage of being a gladiator which is basically the same as a slave.

Commodus tries to kill Maximus, but the public supports Maximus. Eventually, Maximus completes his revenge by killing Commodus. However, he also dies due to the injury inflicted by Commodus, seeing a vision of his wife and children.

The movie delivers the message that struggle toward the power is empty. Commodus, who desires to gain more authority through the gladiator festival, gets trapped in his own trick. Maximus, who also killed lots of people as commander, meets his miserable ending. The only thing he has wanted is a peaceful life with his family, but his dream never has the chance to come true because of bloody conflicts and misfortune.

The critics have applauded the movie, commenting that it well represents the fierce struggle toward gaining authority and power in the ancient Roman period. Also, the brilliant performances of Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix are praised for their contribution to the movie's lasting reputation as a masterpiece.

School Tree Bank is operating in Daegu for the first time in Korea

By Jeong Sae-mi

On April 5th, the Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education announced that the "School Tree Bank" will be built and operated in the

playground of Urok Branch School, which was closed in 2007, of Gachang Elementary School in Dalseong-gun, Daegu.



The School Tree Bank functions as a bank for trees, not for monetary management. Trees that have been managed to grow well for decades have often been removed because space to transplant them could not be found. The School Tree Bank is a system

that can solve this problem through conducting systematic protection and management plan. Trees with nowhere to go have the opportunity to be reused for building clean and green environments.

According to the Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education, the bank, which was set up on about 2,500 square meters with the joint effort of the Dalseong Office of Education and the Daegu Cultural Foundation, can have many positive effects. First, it can save trees by removing safely from the original places to the bank in the closed school. It will also give the additional effect of tree-related budget reduction in the process.

Kang Eun-hee, superintendent of Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education, said, "The tree transplant will save about 120 million won. We plan to recycle the trees for school forest development projects and various facility projects after transplantation without wasting precious forest resources."

Air Force Pictogram wins the iF Design Award 2021

By Kang Su-ji



On April 13rd, the work Air Force Pictogram from the Republic of Korea Air Force won the main prize in the communication field of the 2021 iF Design Award, one of the most

valued international design awards.

The iF Design Award is the global design competition organized by the iF International Forum Design GmbH and it is renowned as one of top 3 global design awards. Various Global brands from 52 countries appeared on the iF Design Award 2021 and about 10,000 entries passionately competed.

The Air Force Pictogram tries to express images of the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF). The design is divided into 27 categories and draws 720 representative ideograms depicting not only the military aircraft, but also other items including vehicles, tools, and facilities. The juries highly regarded the design for its originality, creativity and influence. It also conveys a trendy and classy image of the ROKAF.

Pictogram is the simplified picture design which can represent the meaning readily through pictorial resemblance to physical objects like the traffic sign or emergency exit sign. It is globally utilized because of the advantage of being helpful to convey the meaning and of being easily understandable without any language barriers.

"Air Force Pictogram was designed to introduce the Republic of Korea Air Force more comprehensibly to those who are not familiar with Air Force. I tried to express the unity and flexibility by consistently using the bold stroke that is neat. I hope that it becomes a design brand which can be easily accessible to the foreign forces and people to enhance communication," said Staff Sergeant Kim Hyeon-jun, the designer and creator of the work.

Kim, a design major at Hongik University, joined the Air Force as a specialist soldier and since 2019 has been in charge of the graphic design work for the army. He also participated in the production of the service "COVID-19 Check-up" as a creative director.

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