



**2022 IFOAM-Goesan**  
International Organic EXPO •Industry Fair

## **Information on Logistics**

**For the Participants**

**of the**

**2022 IFOAM-Goesan International Organic Expo**

**(Sept 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022)**

**In the Organic Hub of Asia**

**Goesan County,**

**Chungbuk Province, Republic of Korea**

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## 1. Introduction to Goesan County, Chungbuk Province, Republic of Korea



**Chungbuk Province** is situated in the middle of the Republic of Korea, two hours from the capital city of Seoul and two and the half hours from Incheon International Airport.

**Goesan County** has a population of over 38,000. It is less than an hour's drive from the capital city of Cheongju and is known for its clean air and beautiful natural environment as it is also the source of three major rivers of Korea.

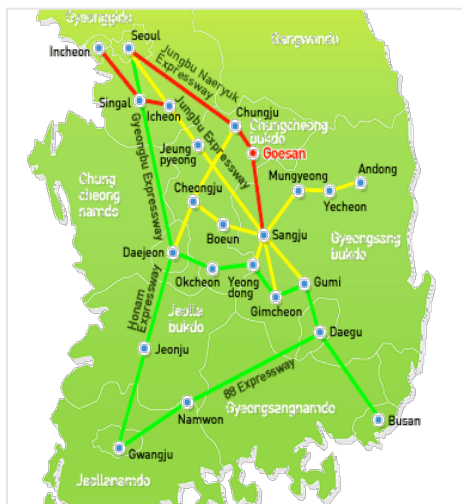
### Goesan is one of the Birthplaces of Organic Farming in Korea

A predominantly farming area, Goesan County is unique as it is one of the birthplaces of organic farming in South Korea. Even today, the major organic farmers' and consumers' cooperatives like Hansalim and iCoop have their production bases in Goesan.

**Organic farming research and the seed-saving movement** remains crucial with organic groups like Heuksalim Research Institute at the forefront. A government-funded Organic Agriculture Research Center has been built to promote research and to assist farmers with the latest innovative technology.

### Hub of the Organic Movements in Asia

**Goesan County** is a major hub of organic agriculture in Asia with the establishment of the offices of **IFOAM Asia**, **ALGOA** and the **IFOAM Organic Education and Research Center** (MoU with IFOAM-Organics International in 2015). The **Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers Organizations (INOFO)** is also registered in Goesan County.



### Presidency of the Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) & Asia Secretariat of GAOD

Since 2015, Goesan County has been the holder of the Presidency of ALGOA and successfully hosted annual Summits. Membership in ALGOA has now increased to include over 260 members in 18 countries and areas in Asia.

In 2020, Under its leadership, ALGOA joined hands with the International Network of Eco-regions based in Rome, Italy, to establish the **Global Alliance of Organic Districts (GAOD)**. The county is also the Asia Secretariat of GAOD.

## Annual ALGOA Organic Foundation Courses & ALGOA, GAOD Summits



Since 2015, Goesan County has hosted annually the ALGOA Summit and from 2020, the annual GAOD Summits with participants from all over the world.

Annual Organic Foundation Courses for local government officials have been also held annually and since 2015, more than 260 people have been trained under the program.

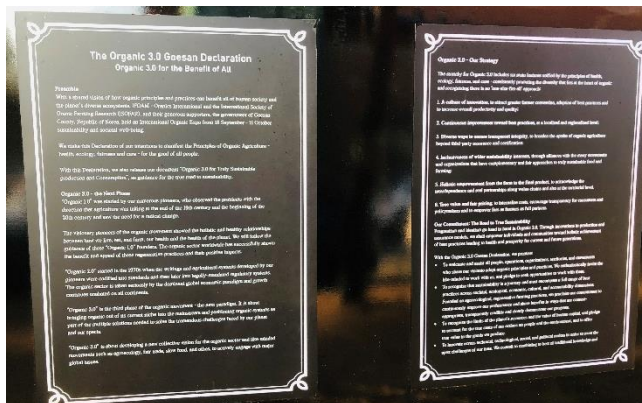
In 2016, the first graduates of the Organic Foundation Course spontaneously grouped themselves into the **Asia Organic Youth Forum** and since then, the organic youth have been progressing steadily to become an influential sector in Asia.

## Initiator of the International Organic Expo



In 2015, Goesan County made history in the organic world through its hosting of an international organic expo which brought more than 1.06 million visitors.

The county also fully sponsored the “IFOAM Organic 3.0 International Conference” which culminated in the historic “**Organic 3.0 Goesan Declaration**”.



(Photo: Expo Park with the “Organic 3.0 Declaration”)

## 2. Information on the International Events during the Expo

### International Conferences

- 1. IFOAM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference (Oct 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 3<sup>rd</sup>)**
  - Parallel IFOAM/ISO FAR International Conference
  - More than 100 foreign speakers / guests invited from all over the world
- 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> International Organic Marketing Conference (Oct 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>)**
  - More than 40 foreign speakers/ guests invited from all over the world
- 3. 5<sup>th</sup> Organic Asia Congress & 10<sup>th</sup> IFOAM Asia Anniversary (Oct 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>)**
  - More than 100 foreign speakers/ guests invited from Asia

### International Trade Fair

An organic trade fair takes place from Sept 30<sup>th</sup> to Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. More than 400 booth exhibitors are participating at the trade fair.

## 3. Covid Regulations

### 1. Covid Insurance & Quarantine Rules

All participants are asked to buy health insurance with covid-19 coverage.

**The local hosts cannot cover any covid related costs of the participants.**

### 2. Mandatory PCR-tests

**No tests are required to enter Korea as of Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.**

**Mandatory PCR Test upon Arrival in Korea at Incheon Airport (Before Traveling to Conference Venue)**

A mandatory PCR test within 24 hours of arrival is required for all foreigners.

There are testing Centers at Terminal 1 and 2. Please see [https://www.airport.kr/ap\\_cnt/en/svc/covid19/medical/medical.do](https://www.airport.kr/ap_cnt/en/svc/covid19/medical/medical.do) for more details.

For online reservations: <https://safe2gopass.com/>

There is a long wait so do try to reserve in advance.

The local hosts require that the PCR test be taken at **Incheon Airport before traveling to Goesan County**. Only those who are tested negative can enter the Expo Grounds.

The costs of the PCR test are self-paid by the participants. Test results are released within 2 to 4 hours. The test costs (80,000 Korean won / about USD 75).

Participants can only take the shuttle to Goesan County **AFTER** the release of the PCR Test. So please be prepared to **wait for an average of 2 to 3 hours at the airport**.

### 3. Q-code Registration Before & After Travel to Korea

Please register at: <https://cov19ent.kdca.go.kr/cpassportal/biz/beffatstmnt/main.do?lang=en>

Please upload the PCR test results received at the airport to the Q-code.

### 4. Arrival Information & Airport Transfers

**Arrival Airport: Seoul Incheon International Airport**

**Please note that the airport transfers will only be from [TERMINAL 1](#) of Incheon international Airport.**

**If you are arriving at [Terminal 2 \(SKYTEAM\)](#), please take the [free airport shuttle bus to Terminal 1](#).**

Upon arrival at Incheon international Airport Terminal 1, please proceed to the **meeting point (EXPO INFO DESK)** which will be operational on the dates prior to the events.

**EXPO INFO DESK: outside Customs Gate B, Arrivals Hall, Terminal 1**

A professional travel agent has been specially hired to guide you to the vehicles and Expo shuttle buses.

#### **Conference Shuttles from Incheon Airport Terminal 1 to Designated Hotels in Goesan**

Official conference shuttles and smaller vehicles have been reserved departing from Incheon Airport bound for Goesan County.

It takes about 2 and the half hours to get Goesan County.

### 5. Accommodation during the Summit

Participants will be accommodated in the following hotels in Goesan County. An international breakfast with vegetarian options is served at the hotels. Free wifi is available in all the places of accommodation.

<b>Conferences/Events</b>	<b>Dates of Hotel Stay</b>	<b>Hotel</b>
IFOAM Strategy Workshop	Sept 27 to 29	<b>J-One Hotel (Ochang)</b> Add: Chungcheongbuk-do, Cheongju-si, Ochang-eup, Jungbu-ro, 806 KR Phone: 043-249-7777
IFOAM 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary & ISO FAR Conference	Sept 29 to Oct 3	<b>Hotel Roum, iCOOP Natural Dream Park (Goesan)</b> Add: 240, Jayeondeurim-gil, Chilseong-myeon, Goesan-gun, Chungcheongbuk-do, Korea, Zipcode: 28019 Tel: 1833-5753

International Marketing Conference	Oct 5 to Oct 7	<b>J-One Hotel (Ochang)</b> Add: Chungcheongbuk-do, Cheongju-si, Ochang-eup, Jungbu-ro, 806 KR Phone: 043-249-7777
IFOAM Asia Board Meeting	Oct 10 to 11	<b>Jungwon University Guesthouse (Goesan)</b> Add: 85 Munmuro, goesan-eup, Goesan County, Chungbuk Province. Zipcode 28024 Tel: 043-830-8114
5 <sup>th</sup> Organic Asia Congress & 10 <sup>th</sup> IFOAM Asia Anniversary	Oct 11~15	<b>Hotel Roum, iCOOP Natural Dream Park (Goesan)</b> Add: 240, Jayeondeurim-gil, Chilseong-myeon, Goesan-gun, Chungcheongbuk-do, Korea, Zipcode: 28019 Tel: 1833-5753

### 1. J-One Hotel (Ochang)

Newly-built business hotel for long-term residence in Cheongju city, about 35 minutes away from Goesan County.

### 2. Hotel Roum, iCOOP Natural Dream Park

This is a newly-built hotel operated by one of the largest organic cooperatives in Korea. Rooms are modern and comfortable. It has organic restaurants, an organic supermarket and meeting halls in its premises. It is a 15-min drive to the conference venue.

### 3. Jungwon University Guesthouse

The guesthouse is part of Jungwon University and provides basic accommodation facilities with excellent restaurants catering to its guests and students. It is 5-minutes-drive from the conference venue.

## 6. Conference Venues

The conference venue is the Main Hall / Seminar Rooms at the Chungbuk Organic Agriculture Research Center in Goesan County, just opposite the Expo grounds. It is the same building where IFOAM Asia has its office.

The venue is a 5-min drive from Jungwon University Guesthouse and a-15-minute drive from the iCOOP Natural Dream Park.

## 7. Currency Exchange and ATM

In Goesan, it is not possible to withdraw Korean Won from ATM machines using foreign credit/debit cards.

However, it is possible to make payments with international credit cards that have a Visa or Mastercard logo. Certain vendors only accept cash when shopping so having some cash on hand will be helpful.

Foreign currency is not accepted at any stores.

**Money exchange** can be done at the Incheon International Airport and at NH Bank, Level 1, Goesan County Office (5 mins away from the Expo Grounds)

## 8. Phone & SIM Card Rental

Korea's internet and phone services are very good. If you need to purchase internet or phone services during your stay, it is easy to do from the airport.

Directly outside of the baggage claim are a number of booths which have signs reading "Rental Phones" and "SIM Cards" with English speaking staff who will assist you in renting phone services.

\* **Hotels do not provide adapters** so please bring your own. You can buy one at a convenience store located right outside of baggage claim at the airport.

Korea electric plug type is 220V



## 9. Dress Code

The dress code is formal to semi-formal.

Participants are encouraged to wear their **national dress** on the first day of the opening ceremony of the events.

## 10. Weather

October has temperatures ranging from 20 to 26 degrees. A light jacket is advised during the evenings especially in the case of rain.

## 11. Business Cards

Please bring your business cards as it is the custom in Korea to exchange them when meeting people for the first time.



## 12. Food Preferences

There will be many vegetarian and some vegan options for participants who do not eat meat due to health and religious reasons.

## 13. Medicine and Hospitals

Please bring any medications you may need such as Tylenol, aspirin, etc.

Medicine is only sold in pharmacies in Korea and there are very few over the counter drugs and it may be difficult to obtain at late hours. If there is an emergency, please tell a staff member immediately. Assistance will be provided.

Any medical fees incurred locally must be paid by the participants themselves.

## 14. Regarding Accompanying Family Members

Family members are discouraged from attending the conferences due to the circumstances under the covid-19 pandemic.

Accommodation cannot be reserved for accompanying family members in Goesan due to the lack of rooms and other services.

Please also note that there are no side events for accompanying family members. There are also no shopping malls or similar tourist facilities in Goesan.

## 15. Contacts Persons

- 1) **Vic Anthony (Chief Operations Officer, IFOAM Asia)**
  - **WhatsApp: +63 905 761 1206**
- 2) **Jack Choi (Protocol/Visa Officer, Expo Organizing Committee)**
  - **Mobile: + 82 (0) 010-9584-1595**

When lost or in need of help in Korea, ask any Koreans for assistance. Koreans are very hospitable people and will help to call our staff.

## 16. Useful Expressions in Korean

Can you help me call this person?	이분한테 전화 좀 부탁 드립니다.
Jang Sang Jun : 010 6360 2663	장상준 010 6360 2663
Jennifer Chang: 010 8206 7316	장혜선 010 8206 7316

I want to buy one ticket	버스표 하나 주세요.
What is the bus platform?	버스 타는 곳은 어디인가요?
Where is the taxi stand?	택시 타는 곳이 어디인가요?
I want to go to the Jungwon University	중원대학교로 가 주세요
Thank you!	감사합니다. (Gamsahamnida!)

**Thank You!**

