

Tongyeong City - Population: 140,399 (Whole City Submission Category - C)

Tongyeong, the center of Hallyeo Marine National Park, is a city of history, culture, and art. The city boasts of its picturesque landscape and 300-year-long Tongjeyeong(navy command headquarters) culture. Further, it is home to a great many artists who represent Korea.

1. Enhancement of the Natural and Built Landscapes



▲ **Somaemul-do(Island)**

Tongyeong is preserving and managing its sustainable forest resources and marine environment through afforestation, marine waste clean-up, marine environment investigation, marine ranching, and so forth. Also, the city has many green areas, including Tongyeong Eco-Forest, Wonmun Park of Marine Corps, Culture Neighborhood Park, Admiral Yi Sun-sin Park, and a number of small parks which were built on little pieces of leftover land. Such areas are in harmony with the scenic coastline. In addition, Tongyeong is making efforts to develop Jangsado Island as the island of wild flowers and Maemuldo Island as the island

of charm. Such efforts are in line with the city's strategy to attract tourists.

Tongyeong is restoring Jeongryangcheon Stream, which is a covered stream, to its original state. And with Tongyeong Port at the center, the indigo sea harmonizes with the night view, making the city a truly attractive place. Dongpirang Village, once the village of the poor, was reborn as Mural Painting Park in which culture and life come together. Culture Plaza and Marine Park mix well with the crystal-clear sea, offering true relaxation for all the visitors. Also, at Nammangsan Mountain Sculpture Park, you can appreciate sophisticated art works along with the indigo sea.

2. Arts, Culture and Heritage



▲ **Hansandaecheop Festival**

Tongyeong International Music Festival is held every year to remember Yun, I-sang, the maestro of modern music. The feast offers excellent musical performances. When the construction of Tongyeong International Music Hall is completed, the Festival will become the central axis of the musical cultures of Asia and the world. The city is dotted with memorial halls and monuments that were established to celebrate world-renowned artists who brought great honor to Tongyeong. You are welcome to attend polished theatrical performances during Tongyeong Theatre Art Festival.

The restoration of Tongjeyeong and the making of Tongjeyeong Street are underway. Such projects are aimed at shedding a new light on the culture of Tongjeyeong, which lasted for 300 years. The festival to commemorate Hansandaecheop, the prime of the four greatest naval battles in the world, is held in August every year. Hansandaecheop Plaza is under construction at Hangnam-dong, which is adjacent to the sea.

3. Best Environmental Practices

Yeondaedo Eco Island, the first of its kind to pursue "carbon zero", has become a role model of sustainable development in responding to the global warming. The sewage disposal plant regained ISO 14001 Certificate in 2008, following the initial acquisition in 2002. As such, it is recognized as an environment-friendly sewage disposal plant at home and abroad. Also, Tongyeong is making efforts to

become a “Low Carbon, Green City” by disseminating new and renewable energy, promoting the use of bicycles, introducing carbon point system, establishing climate schools, and so forth. Best environmental practices include the sanitary and stable disposal of daily waste through the use of incinerating facility, food waste composting through the utilization of residual heat, and the transformation of Duchang Industrial Waste Landfill into a sports park through a close cooperation with local residents. In 2005, for the first time in Korea, Tongyeong was designated by the UN as the 8th RCE (Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development). The designation served to upgrade and consolidate the city’s status as the center of sustainable development education and training.

4. Community Participation and Empowerment



▲ Youth Workshop at Tonaveona RCE

Tongyeong RCE and Green Tongyeong 21 are at the heart of Tongyeong’s Green Governance. Green Tongyeong 21 is aimed at preserving healthy natural environment and making pleasant living environment through the cooperation among the administrative authorities, residents, and corporations. Meanwhile, Tongyeong RCE focuses on the education for sustainable development through the establishment of a comprehensive network of the public sector, the private sector, the academia, the civil society, corporations, and the media. Tongyeong Education Foundation for Sustainable

Development carries out scholarship and education programs, develops education contents, and supports education institutions. In 2007, Tongyeong was selected as one of the life-long learning cities. The whole city is becoming an integrated learning center, and citizens can learn anytime and anywhere.

5. Healthy Lifestyle

Citizens’ health is managed systematically under the Regional Healthcare Plan. Operation of obesity and non-smoking clinics, teeth care, provision of custom-tailored nourishment for low-income children and pregnant women are among the many healthcare projects. Custom-tailored Visiting Healthcare Project provides customized healthcare service by identifying the patient’s health problems in advance and treating the patient when the medical team visits the patient’s home. Mental Healthcare Center is carrying out mental healthcare projects in a systematic manner. Community Social Welfare Center focuses on improving the residents’ welfare and preventing/treating the community’s problems. It is also making efforts to improve the citizens’ health and to make a pleasant social environment through a variety of domestic and international sports events and sports for all events. Citizens of Tongyeong are making good use of their spare time and are exercising at Tongyeong Sports Park (construction completed in 2011) and small-scale sports facilities (which were built on little pieces of leftover land).

6. Strategic Planning

Tongyeong’s vision is to make a prosperous future by becoming an Environment-friendly Green City. In 2005, the Long-term Comprehensive Development Plan was established; in 2008, “Land of the Sea, Tongyeong” was proclaimed as the brand slogan. The city is making a systematic approach to achieve its aims. Also, civic education through Tongyeong RCE and Green Tongyeong 21 will enable citizens to prepare for the sustainable future. Through such efforts and strategic plans, Tongyeong will become a sustainable environment-friendly city where history, culture, art, and the nature get together.