



A flock of seagulls creates a spectacular scene over "Pawi-som" (Rock Islet) in Chuksong-ni, Ilgwang-myon, Kijang-gun, Pusan, Tuesday.  
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## Every School Classroom to Have Pentium Computer Projection TV, VCR by 1999

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By the year 1999, all 200,000 primary, middle and high school classrooms in the country will be furnished with at least one Pentium personal computer, projection television and video cassette recorder.

This year alone, a total of 290,000 Pentium or 586-class personal computers will arrive at schools, of which 212,500 will be for computer rooms, 68,600 for ordinary classrooms and 10,000 for multi-media rooms in vocational schools. Another 50,000 notebook and desk-top computers will be distributed to teachers.

According to a package of programs announced by the Education Ministry yesterday in its bid to build the classroom infrastructure necessary to cope with the information age, the multi-media equipment will arrive at one-third of targeted classrooms this year with the rest due to arrive within three years.

To this end, the Education Ministry will spend 100 billion won this year alone and the same amount for the

next two years in a row. Provincial or municipal educational offices will be responsible for finding the remaining amount.

The amount allocated per classroom will be 3 million won. There will be two options: either a Pentium 586PC, 43-inch or 52-inch projection television, video cassette recorder and encoder (for PC/TV conversion) or a Pentium 586PC, 37-inch computer monitor, VCR and decoder (for VCR/monitor conversion).

By 1999, every primary and middle school teacher will have a personal computer of his or her own and every school will have at least two computer rooms, according to the plan.

It is hoped each school will have its own work station connected to separate terminals at teachers' desks the following year. Multi-function computers and high-tech communications devices will make their inroads into libraries the same year.

Next year, satellite education will reach areas where programming on the Education Broadcasting System (EBS) is poorly received due to reasons

of geographical location.

A center planned under the umbrella of EBS will be committed to producing software for multi-media education and providing education in its use.

It will develop as many as 4,500 software and database programs for classroom education and community college use by the year 2000, according to the master plan released yesterday.

In 2000, those seeking help in education-related matters will be given access to EDUNET, which will provide services in six categories and 48 sub-categories like remote education, counseling of students and on-line schools.

By then, all 343,000 elementary and secondary school teachers will be trained in computer disk operational software and other system programs to boost the efficiency of computer-aided education.

About 420 teachers deemed to have outstanding command of computers will be sent overseas to observe how computer-aided material is taken advantage of at schools in other countries.

## Gov't, Airliners at Odds Over Abolition of GTR

The government and the aviation industry are at odds over the former's abolition of GTR, or government transport request, that requires public servants to use flag carriers when traveling overseas beginning on July 10.

The nation's carriers are complaining that the government made the decision without being pressed by foreign countries.

They argue that the abolition of GTR puts local airlines at a disadvantage, as the system is still in force in most advanced countries.

They also said that the system is necessary only in terms of reducing dollar spending.

Before the scheduled abolition of GTR, the government will first lower the seating class of government officials taking advantage of this system. Under the new temporary rules, deputy ministers and public servants in equivalent grades who travel overseas

will get business class, instead of the first class they now enjoy.

Government officials of deputy director or lower will have to travel economy class, down from business class. Public servants of minister level or above will be allowed to fly first class only.

This downgrading of traveling class for government officials was included in a government plan aimed at plugging loopholes and reducing government spending.

A government spokesman said that, once GTR is done away with, government agencies will be allowed to use their discretion to arrange air travel of their officials.

GTR is often considered a privilege as public servants have allegedly pressured flag carriers — Korean Air and Asiana Airlines — to upgrade their plane tickets. The system, which is still used in other countries, is intended to encourage public servants to use

national carriers instead of other countries' carriers in order to save on foreign currency.

It has been reported that the GTR has become the target of criticism from airlines. The spokesman said, "Also, when the government agencies use their discretion, I am quite sure that they will try to cut down on expenses and fly economically."

### 18 Moviehouses, Theaters Cited for Poor Fire Prevention Facilities

Seoul City Firefighting Headquarters announced yesterday that 18 small moviehouses and theaters failed to pass its requirements for fire prevention.

Most of the cited small theaters are located in Taehangno Street.

The headquarters conducted an intensive inspection of 147 moviehouses and theaters in the city from Jan. 10 to 17.

### County Councilor Informs Police of Colleague's Drunk Driving

TAMYANG, Cholla-namdo — A county councilor informed the police of a fellow councilor's drunk driving in an effort to get back at the drunk man who had refused to support his bid for council chairman during an earlier election, it was learned yesterday.

A Kim, 56, a member of Tamyang-kun County Council, drank with a Cho, 49, also a member of the council, at a restaurant Saturday night, and then told police that an intoxicated Cho was driving his car home.

Cho was caught by police for drunk driving and had his driver's license suspended for 100 days.

Police said that Kim reported Cho's drunk driving to police after he had a quarrel with Cho while drinking together, over Cho's refusal to support him in the Jan. 13 election for council chairman.

### Bar Owner Arrested for Employing Schoolgirls

The Seoul Chongno Police Station yesterday arrested Ms. Lee Chong-ja, 34, owner of a singing bar in Tangju-dong near Kwanghwamun, on suspicion of hiring female high school students and runaway girls as "hostesses."

Lee is suspected of employing six high school girls and three runaways as hostesses and had them offer obscene services to customers since June of last year.

The high schoolgirls, all aged 16, worked at the bar after school, and earned 50,000 to 100,000 won a night.

They worked at the bar when they needed pocket money, one of the girls told police.

### TV Actor Caught Driving While Intoxicated

The Seoul Chongno Police Station yesterday booked a TV actor on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and cancelled his driver's license.

Hwang Chun-uk, 31, allegedly drove his Galloper sedan after drinking with his friends at a tavern in Tonggy-dong Monday night.

Hwang will face charges of violating the Road Traffic Law.

The police said that Hwang also behaved badly during the questioning at the police station.

## Against Taiwan's Dumping of Nuclear Waste in NK

## Pan-National Campaign Hq. Formed

More than 50 social organizations, spearheaded by the Korean Federation of Environmental Movement (KFEM), inaugurated a pan-national headquarters to thwart Taiwan's nuclear waste disposal deal with North Korea yesterday.

Representatives of the groups decided to hold an inaugural rally at Tapkol Park in Chongno, downtown Seoul, tomorrow.

Among those joining the organization are Seoul YMCA, Hunsan-dan, women and consumer's organizations as well as environmental groups, including the KFEM and Green Korea.

The pan-national organization, named "Pan-National Campaign Headquarters to Stop Taiwan's Shipment of Nuclear Waste to North Korea," will kick off various campaigns to stop the island's dumping its nuclear waste on the Korean peninsula.

The anti-Taiwan movement will highlight a boycott of Taiwan goods and a public campaign discouraging people from going to the island country for sightseeing, according to the KFEM officials yesterday.

However, they resolved to work out details after watching the development of situation and the growing anti-Korean feeling some Taiwanese people.

The headquarters will also receive signatures from people and hold rallies to protest the Taiwan-N. Korea deal.

Park Sang-chol, policy bureau chief of the KFEM, said, "We organized this body in order to thwart the shipment of Taiwan's nuclear waste to North Korea by integrating all the forces of social organizations."

"We will fight until Taiwan scraps the nuclear waste disposal deal with North Korea," he emphasized.

In the meantime, the KFEM yesterday opened a window to receive people's opinion about the controversial



Choi Yul, secretary general of the Korean Federation of Environmental Movement, presides over a meeting of representatives from about 50 social organizations to discuss how to cope with Taiwan's nuclear waste disposal deal with North Korea at YMCA building in Seoul Tuesday.

Taiwanese plan. It is also stepping up its efforts to fight it in solidarity with international organizations.

Greenpeace, the world environmental protection group based in the Netherlands, has agreed with the KFEM to stage a joint struggle against Taiwan.

As early scheduled, the KFEM will send a 12-person delegation to Taipei Friday to stage a hunger strike in front of the Taiwanese Electric Power Corporation, the exporter of the nuclear waste to North Korea.

The KFEM delegates will also hold a ceremony there highlighted by "shaving their hair in a gesture of protest against the inhuman attempt of the Taiwanese government," an official said.

Meanwhile, nine nuclear energy-

related organizations, including the Korea Nuclear Energy Society, demanded Monday that Taiwan immediately withdraw the nuclear waste dumping plan.

In a meeting at the conference room of the Science-Technology Ministry, the representatives from the nine establishments made it clear that any kind of nuclear waste created outside the Korean peninsula should not be brought into the peninsula.

The group has also decided to notify their position to the United States, China, Japan and other countries as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency, saying that if Taiwan ships its nuclear waste to North Korea, the Korean peninsula might become a dumping place of international nuclear wastes.

## Soldiers Banned From Using Privately-Bought Daily Necessities, Beepers, Public Phones

The Defense Ministry has decided to ban enlisted soldiers from using privately purchased daily necessities and to discourage junior officers from buying cars.

The ministry also will not allow soldiers to use beepers unless they have been issued by the military for official use and will restrict their use of public phones installed in barracks only to holidays and free time.

These steps, which will clip the personal freedom of soldiers, were ordered enforced in all military units throughout the country in order to strengthen discipline, the lack of which

has been criticized since a series of mishaps in barracks brought the issue to public attention.

According to the ministry's directives, junior officers from staff sergeant to captain will be asked not to buy cars and banned from using their private cars during training, should they own them.

The action follows the robbery of a bank by a noncommissioned officer deeply in debt and a series of other crimes by soldiers.

The criminal NCO ran up debts of tens of millions of won because of his gambling habit and licentious lifestyle;

he robbed the bank to pay them off.

An Army 2nd lieutenant on coastal guard duty handed over a rifle to a man disguised as a senior officer, illustrating the poor state of military discipline.

In addition, the ministry is planning to improve the quality of military- issue daily necessities such as soap, towels and other things so soldiers will not have to buy better-quality substitutes at off-post shops. The ministry ordered unit commanders to confiscate the private beepers of soldiers and to send them home.

## 16 Schools for Disabled Offer Special Vocational Courses

The Education Ministry will open special vocational courses at eight schools for the disabled this year, bringing the total number of schools offering such programs to 16, a ministry official said yesterday.

The establishment of "special departments" at schools for the disabled is designed to intensify vocational education for them and thus raise their employment rate, the official said.

The special departments are regarded as vocational training organs for the disabled as designated by the Labor Ministry.

The status means that such schools will receive subsidies from the Labor Ministry's Fund for the Promotion of Vocational Training of the Disabled.

Last year, a total of 1,256 disabled

students graduated from the special departments, and 520 of them found jobs and 73 went on to higher learning institutions.

Each department was given up to 100 million won to cover the expenses of the facilities, 100 million won for equipment and 20 million won for materials last year.

But this year the subsidies for facilities will double to 200 million won, according to the official.

The special vocational courses include massage for the blind and carpentry and baking for the mute, among others.

### UNC Returns Remains of Chinese Soldier

#### Killed in Korean War

PANMUNJOM — The United Nations Command yesterday repatriated the remains of a Chinese soldier killed during the 1950-1953 Korean War.

The remains were found last summer in a rain-swept town near the Demilitarized Zone.

In a solemn ceremony, six UN honor guards returned the remains to the Chinese side across a concrete line, which divides the truce village jointly guarded by US-led UN soldiers and North Korean troops.

The remains were discovered in Yonchon county near the DMZ (

) last August when torrential rains swept the region.

Chinese soldiers fought alongside North Korea during the Korean War.

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## Weather Forecast

### TODAY

Generally clear but western areas will see a little snow. Morning lows will be -15 to -3°C (5-27°F), daytime highs, -5 to 4°C (23-39°F).

Sunrise: 7:39a.m.  
Sunset: 5:52p.m.

Seoul: Clear  
-7°C (19°F) / -3°C (27°F)  
Pusan: Clear  
-3°C (27°F) / 4°C (39°F)  
Taegu: Clear  
-5°C (23°F) / 1°C (34°F)  
Kwangju: Cloudy, slight snow  
-5°C (23°F) / 0°C (32°F)  
Taejeon: Cloudy, slight snow  
-6°C (21°F) / -1°C (30°F)  
Chuncheon: Clear  
-12°C (11°F) / -2°C (28°F)  
Kangnung: Clear  
-5°C (23°F) / 1°C (34°F)  
Cheju: Cloudy, slight snow  
-2°C (36°F) / 5°C (41°F)

### TOMORROW

Skies will be clear nationwide. Early morning lows will be -17 to -4°C (1-25°F), midday highs, -3 to 6°C (27-43°F).

Sunrise: 7:38 a.m.  
Sunset: 5:53 p.m.

Seoul: Clear  
-9°C (16°F) / -2°C (28°F)  
Pusan: Clear  
-4°C (25°F) / 6°C (43°F)  
Taegu: Clear  
-7°C (19°F) / 3°C (37°F)  
Kwangju: Clear  
-7°C (19°F) / 3°C (37°F)  
Taejeon: Clear  
-10°C (14°F) / 0°C (32°F)  
Chuncheon: Clear  
-14°C (7°F) / -1°C (30°F)  
Kangnung: Clear  
-6°C (21°F) / 2°C (28°F)  
Cheju: Clear  
-2°C (36°F) / 7°C (45°F)