

## Peaceful Living in Gwangmyeong~!

### 『2021 Gwangmyeong Special Week for Peace and Empathy』

For five days from October 7 to 11, 2021, the city of Gwangmyeong hosted the 『2021 Gwangmyeong Special Week for Peace and Empathy』 in locations all across the city, such as the Gwangmyeong Cave Media Tower, on the theme of ‘Peaceful Living in Gwangmyeong~!’ The Special Week was planned to establish actionable peace as the city’s policy direction moving forward and to build a consensus for peace within the everyday lives of Gwangmyeong residents. The city of Gwangmyeong is planning for the reunification of Korea by envisioning KTX Gwangmyeong Station and Gwangmyeong Cave as the starting point for inter-Korean peace and is building towards peace that protects the happiness of individuals, together with its residents.

#### ◆ Official Events

##### ▶ Opening Ceremony

In Part 1 of the Opening Ceremony, the city of Gwangmyeong was declared a ‘City of Peace’ to convey its vision as a peaceful city that plays a leading role in establishing peace on the Korean Peninsula. In Part 2, an opening ceremony for the Inter-Korean Peace Railroad was held, which was followed by various performances, congratulatory ceremonies, and varied programs such as a ceremony proclaiming Gwangmyeong as a City of Peace.



▶ City of Peace Gwangmyeong Forum

Experts and scholars were invited to an academic forum as presenters and panelists. The forum provided a space for meaningful and multilateral discussions on action plans for peace through 3 sessions: a session on the city of Gwangmyeong as the home of the first station of the Inter-Korean Peace Railroad; a session on inter-Korean exchange that can bring about peace on the Korean Peninsula; and a session on Gwangmyeong's developmental direction for continuous growth as a City of Peace.



▶ Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony consisted of a screening of videos taken by Gwangmyeong residents participating in the 5-day Special Week for Peace and Empathy, a pansori performance, a congratulatory performance by the Gwangmyeong Women's Choir, a sing-along session for participants, closing remarks, and a bicycle donation ceremony for The Two-Wheeled Expedition! World Travel within Gwangmyeong.



## ◆ Programs for Citizens

### ▶ Peace and Empathy Student Drawing Contest

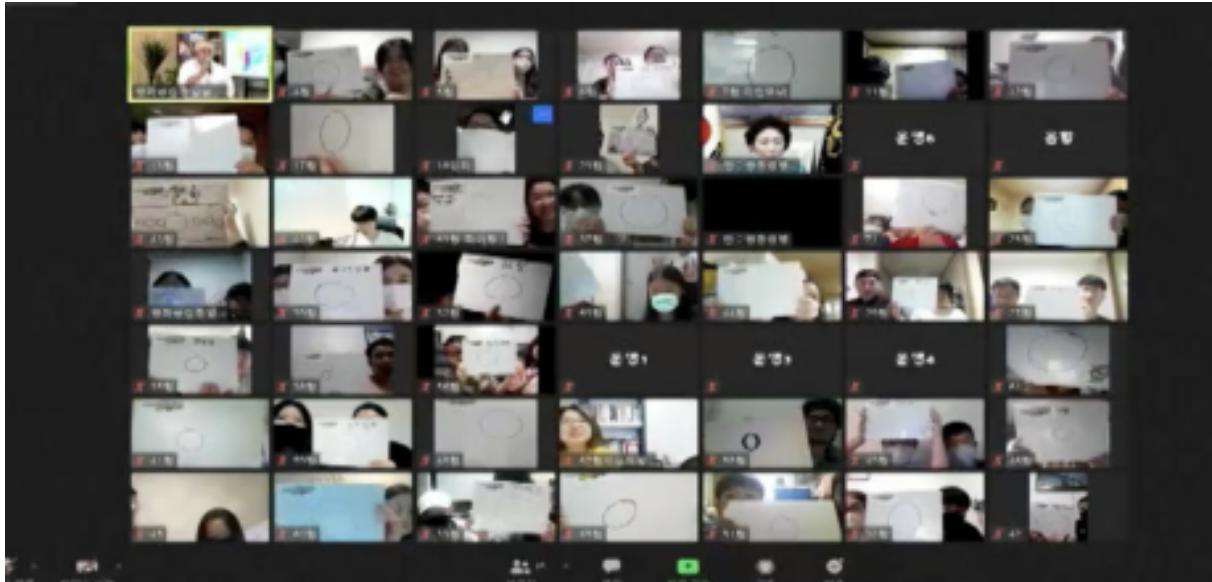
Kindergarten, elementary, middle, and high school students were asked to create a drawing on the theme, “My idea of peace.” A total of 71 students submitted their work, out of which 33 pieces were selected and awarded after judging. The contest was a great opportunity to gain insight into students’ perspectives on peace.





▶ Peace and Empathy Quiz Contest

An entertaining virtual quiz contest was held to establish a lasting consensus for peace among curious Gwangmyeong residents.



◆ Everyday Programs

▶ The Two-Wheeled Expedition! World Travel within Gwangmyeong

From Oct. 7 to 10, Gwangmyeong residents were encouraged to explore the 9km-long trail between Anyangcheon and Mokgamcheon on foot or by bicycle and take pictures at photo booths depicting major cities connected by the Eurasian Railway. Moreover, citizen participation contributed to a bicycle donation scheme for vulnerable social groups. The program was planned to convey Gwangmyeong's aspiration to have KTX Gwangmyeong Station designated as the first station of the Inter-Korean Peace Railroad.



▶ Special Sale of North Korean Cuisine

Meal kits of North Korean cuisine were sold through prior registration so that Gwangmyeong residents could make North Korean cuisine at home, learn more about North Korea, and participate in its culture.

▶ Pyeongyang Picnic Virtual Travel & Virtual Quiz Show

Australian travel writer Jeong Jae-yeon shared stories from her trip to Pyeongyang, quizzing audiences about travel information regarding Pyeongyang such as the city's subway system, amusement park, dishes, and accommodations.

▶ Peace and Empathy Special Exhibit

A photo exhibit was planned and held on the theme of the Gaeseong Industrial Complex and North Korean scientific technologies to give viewers a sense of North Korea as it is today.



Through the Special Week for Peace and Empathy, the city of Gwangmyeong made clear that it will embrace the future-oriented value of peace and work together with its citizens to build a City of Peace where peace is enjoyed in everyday life. Gwangmyeong plans to regularly host the Special Week every year to engrave ‘peace’ in the hearts of its citizens.