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SMG is turning into a harmonized area with nature and people!

- Eco-friendly development based on eco-environment conservation

Saemangeum area is accelerating its infrastructure construction and land reclamation*.

* (Reclamation Rate) 30.6% of the total land area(291^{km}²) had been reclaimed by January, 2023

Since its opening, Saemangeum Development and Investment Agency (SDIA) reached a remarkable achievement, attracting most companies (21 companies, 42% of the total achievement) last year. KRW 1 trillion (\$ 767 M) Inter-regional Road Project was confirmed in October 2022, and the first phase of the South-North Highway was completed in December 2022. These serial events show Saemangeum changing itself a entrepreneurs' favorite place.

Accelerating development, Saemangeum is turning into an eco-friendly city in which nature and people are harmonized, established on an eco-environment.

Eco-environment Site Project (17.1% of total land area) is under construction in stages from 2013 to 2050 by Ministry of Environment. The first stage of the project was already completed in August, 2021 and opened on Environment Day (June 5) in 2022

Stage 2-1 of the project (3.57km²) is the largest part of the project and halophyte habitats, wildlife habitats, and eco-islands will be established adjacent to Saemangeum Lake by 2030.

The first stage of 785,832m² (size of 110 soccer fields) is composed of three districts - conservative area of swamp (354,712m²), wildlife observation area (221,023m²), educational & experiential zone(211,023m²).

* (Location) #2402 Jangsin-ri, Haseo-myeon, Buan-gun, Jeollabuk-do (Booldeung-gil 58-85)

The natural eco-wetland of the area improves the water quality of the Jusang Stream flowing into the Saemangeum Lake, allowing wild animals and plants such as various birds, mammals and amphibians to get inhabited.

The area is inhabited by endangered wild animals such as wildcats and otters. The number of species increased from 396 species in 2021, the year of completion, to 430 species in 2022.

This project shows the necessity and importance of eco-environment complex which supports wildlife habitats. Wild animals can be watched at the observation deck of the eco-wetland from this year.

There are also three types of trails - a walking path(3km) - a children's course (1.1km), a bike route (2.3km) with the view of wide horizon and relaxing spaces.

The second phase of the South-North Highway will be completed in July, improving mobility and accessibility to anywhere in SMG as well as making easy access to the eco-complex.

In addition, National Saemangeum Reclamation Museum* near the eco-complex, which shows the history and culture of reclamation in SMG, is scheduled to open in July in 2023, generating synergies with the eco-complex.

* (Location) #29-7, Saemangeum-ro, Byeonsan-myeon, Buan-gun, Jeollabuk-do

(Major Halls) Reclamation History Hall (human challenges of land expansion, concept of reclamation and transition, etc.) / Reclamation Science Hall (building technique, technology history, experiential learning of reclamation science) / Reclamation Future Hall (export of reclamation technology, international exchange, etc.)

Kim Gyu-Hyeon, Administrator of SDIA, said, "Recently, Saemangeum is making a good environment for entrepreneurs

through active land reclamation, construction of infrastructure, and establishment of good investment condition as well as the foundation of Waterfront City.”

The Administrator also said, “Saemangeum will promote eco–environment development and establish eco–friendly tourist destination along with the urban development.”