

A Warm Meal and a Place to Connect

Busan Jung-gu Comprehensive Social Welfare Center opens 'Daon Hankki'



On August 26, Busan Jung-gu Comprehensive Social Welfare Center opened Daon Hankki, a free ramyeon facility where visitors can prepare and enjoy a warm meal. Led by Sr. Joan Maria, head of the Welfare Center, and supported by Sr. Maria Ga In, a social worker, the initiative aims to identify socially isolated individuals and reduce gaps in the social welfare system. The name *Daon* means “all good things come,” while *Hankki* means “a meal.”

Daon Hankki is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is equipped with two automatic ramyeon cookers, a water purifier, a microwave, and a sterilizer. The facility expects to serve approximately 50 people each day. Jung-gu, Busan, is a popular destination for foreign tourists, and the area around the Welfare Center attracts many visitors. Recognizing this, Daon Hankki welcomes tourists as well as local residents, offering a variety of Korean ramyeon noodles and cup rice to accommodate different tastes.

The interior renovations were funded by a 20-million-won grant from the Hometown Love Donation program, while ongoing operating expenses will be covered by donations. Sr. Maria Ga In will take a leading role in managing the facility and helping establish it as a welcoming and sustainable community resource.

Through Daon Hankki, the Welfare Center hopes to offer more than a free meal. The initiative seeks to provide comfort and encouragement to those experiencing hunger while creating a welcoming space where people who may feel isolated can meet others, build relationships, and reconnect with their neighbors.