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National Matters Update by Korea

1. Expansion Grand Opening of the National Lighthouse Museum

As the role and importance of the National Lighthouse Museum has been highlighted due to the increase in leisure activities, field oriented experiential education and family travelers, the need to expand facilities for exhibition halls and educational spaces has been constantly raised.

With the completion of this expansion project, the National Lighthouse Museum has an exhibition space of 11,000 m², more than twice the size of the existing one. Accordingly, it is expected to be reborn as a complex marine cultural space where all citizens can enjoy more comfortable viewing.

The museum has been under construction from 2019 to 2022 after the expansion project was confirmed in 2017, and is scheduled to reopen officially on July 1, 2022.

2. Celebration of the 4th World AtoN Day

Following the successful the expansion of National Lighthouse Museum, the Korean government is planning to hold a ceremony to commemorate the 4th World AtoN Day at the National Lighthouse Museum on July 1st.

At the beginning of every year, the Lighthouse Cultural Heritage Committee of Korea selects the 'Lighthouse of the Year' among historical lighthouses and holds its own ceremony in the city where it is located. It is to promote the importance of AtoN such as lighthouses worldwide, the cooperation among IALA member states, and the interests of the public.

This time, it is expected that the effect of the commemorative event will be maximized by re-illuminating the value of the lighthouse in connection with the 4th anniversary of the Incheon Declaration and the reopening of the National Lighthouse Museum.

3. Amendment to the 'Aids to Navigation Act'

In the era of the 4th industrial revolution, the smartization of the industry is being applied to many fields, and Aids to Navigation also need to be developed in line with the changing flow from physical signals to digital information, and from unidirectional to interactive and multidirectional.

However, it was difficult to establish an AtoN Master Plan that predicts the appropriate level of technological development because the 'Aids to Navigation Act' remained in the existing analog management system, and the unit period for establishing the plan was 10 years.

As we realistically shorten the unit period of AtoN Master Plan establishment to 5 years, it can contribute to the systematic safety management as well as the digitalization of AtoN.

