



THE ISLAND OF QUELPART



an instant photoalbum by Florentin Smarandache

This photojournal is accompanied by the traditional Korean song "너영 나영" "You and I Both Dear". This unique Korean folk song from Jeju island is a typical classical folk song which sings about unfulfilled love yearning for real love.



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FOREWORD

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The island is the largest island in South Korea, 73km wide and 41km long, with a total area of 1,848 km. Jeju came into existence 700 to 1,200 thousand years ago when lava spewed from a sub-sea volcano. Mt. Halla rises in the center of Jeju to 1950m above sea level. The rest of the island slopes down from its summit and is covered with dark gray volcanic rocks and volcanic ash soil.

Jeju is South Korea's top honeymoon destination, with delicious seafood, gorgeous beaches and mild weather.

Jeju, with a harsh natural environment and its shamanist roots, is distinctly different from mainstream Korea. Relatively isolated from the rest of the world, the island's nature has been well preserved in its prehistoric state, being designated a UNESCO World Natural Heritage in 2007 for its scenic and scientific value.

The island was annexed by Korea in 1105. During the subsequent 500-year Joseon dynastic reign, Jeju was a place of political exile.

The dialect spoken on Jeju Island is known for being almost incomprehensible to speakers of standard Korean. But the Jeju dialect is a critically endangered language spoken by no more than 10,000 people. In December 2010 Jeju dialect was included in UNESCO's Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger.

Jeju means in Korean *place over there*, and the island has been called during times by many different names, such as:

Doi (도이, literally "Island barbarian")

Dongyeongju (동영주; 東瀛州)

Juho (주호, 州胡)

Tammora (탐모라, 耽牟羅)

Seomra (섭라, 涉羅)

Tangna (탁라, 毛羅)

Tamna (탐라, 耽羅)

Joonwonhado (준원하도, 準元下島)

Taekseungnido (택승리도, meaning the peaceful hot island in Joseon)

Samdado (삼다도, meaning "Island of Three Abundances").

To Europeans, the island was known as **Quelpart**. The name came from the first European ship to spot the island, the Dutch Quelpart, led up by Hendrik Hamel, in 1653.



welcoming Christmas

urbanization





fence in



gazebo



touristry



visitors



preparing for a horse riding

Seongsan Ilchulbong





promenade



mesmerised



land and sea



blue infinity



up high



tabular



floating



entering the sea

destinations





Hallasan



rocky roof



on the Seongsan Ilchulbong's peak



posture



shopping



water source



wood joinery



the well



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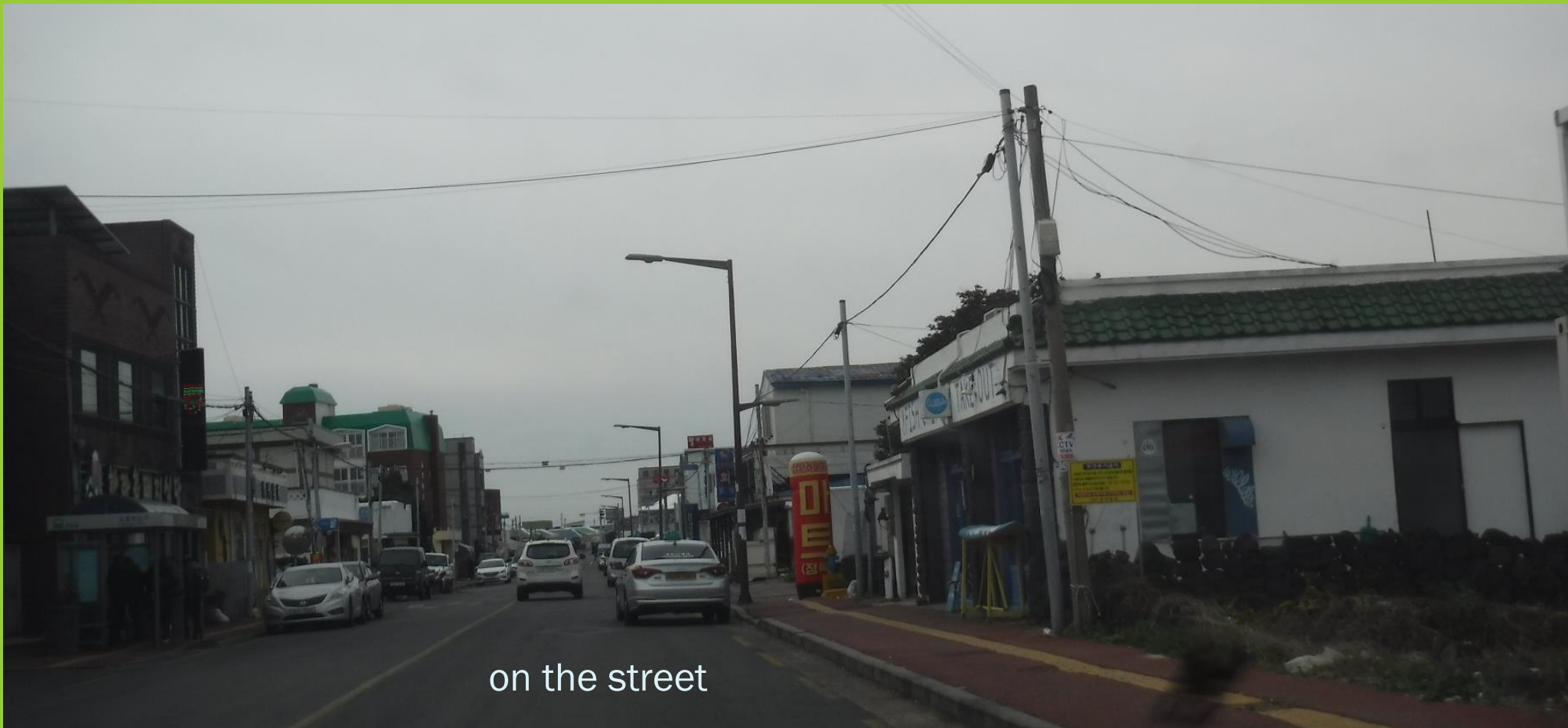
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seafood restaurant





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traffic

Jeju's streets





quietness

cloudy





poles



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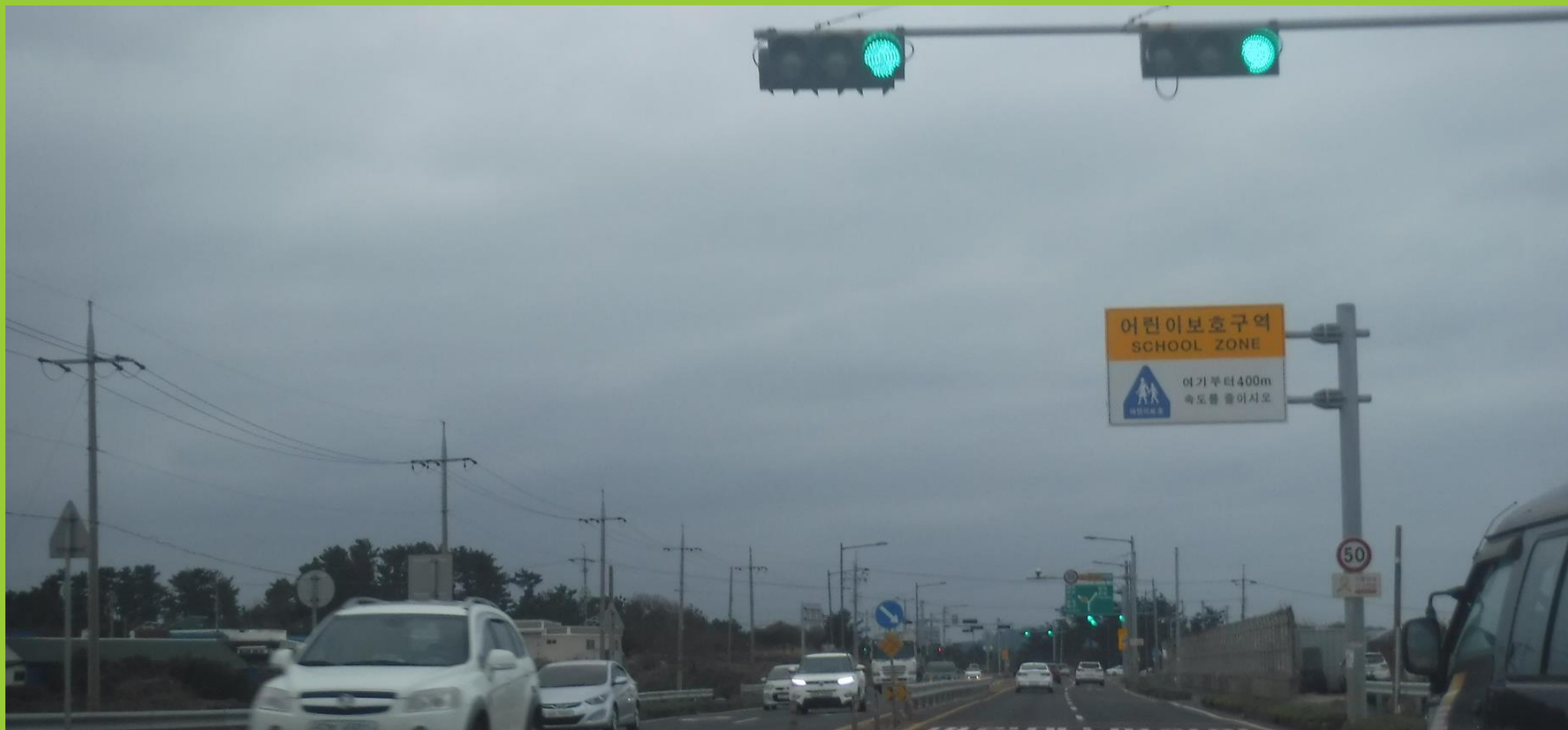
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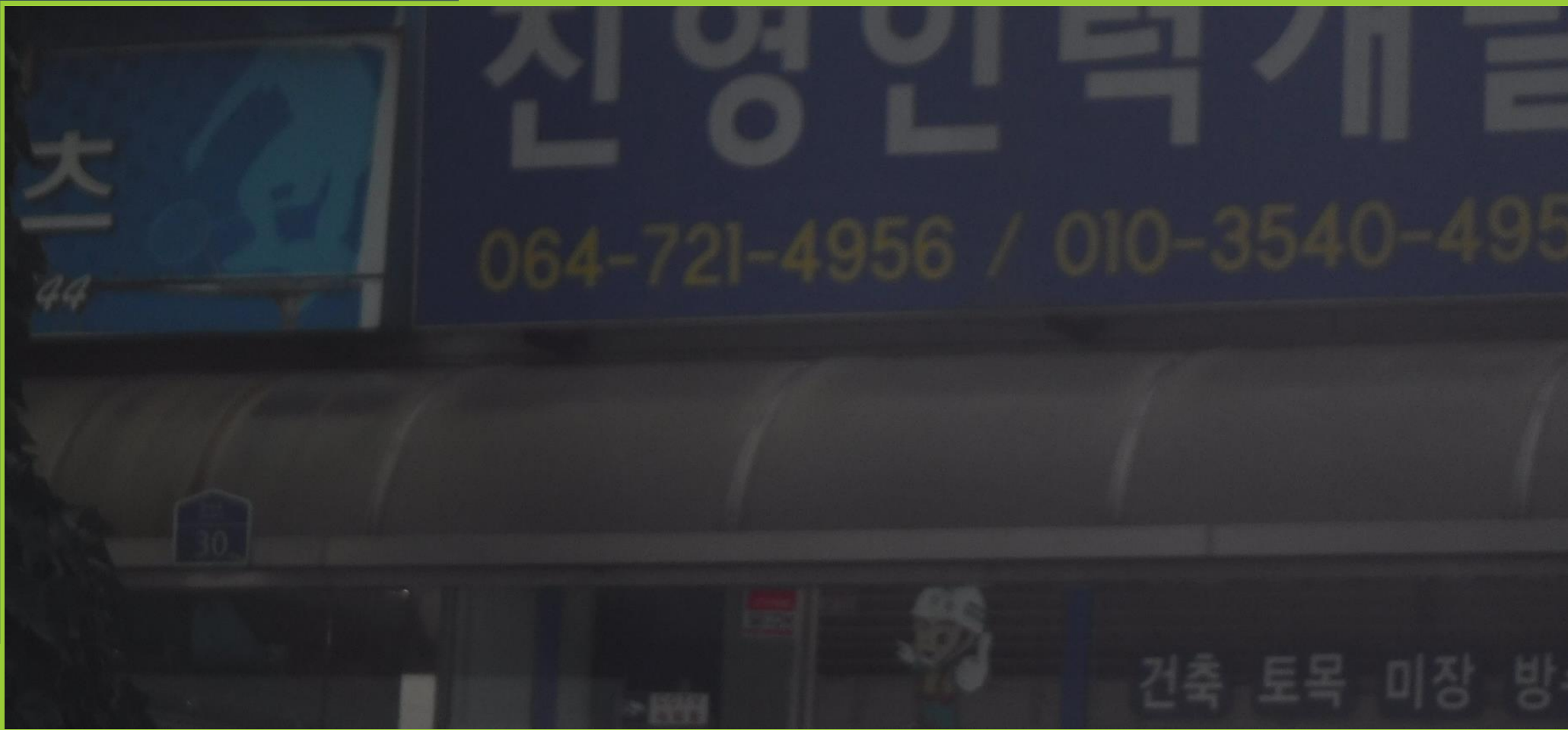




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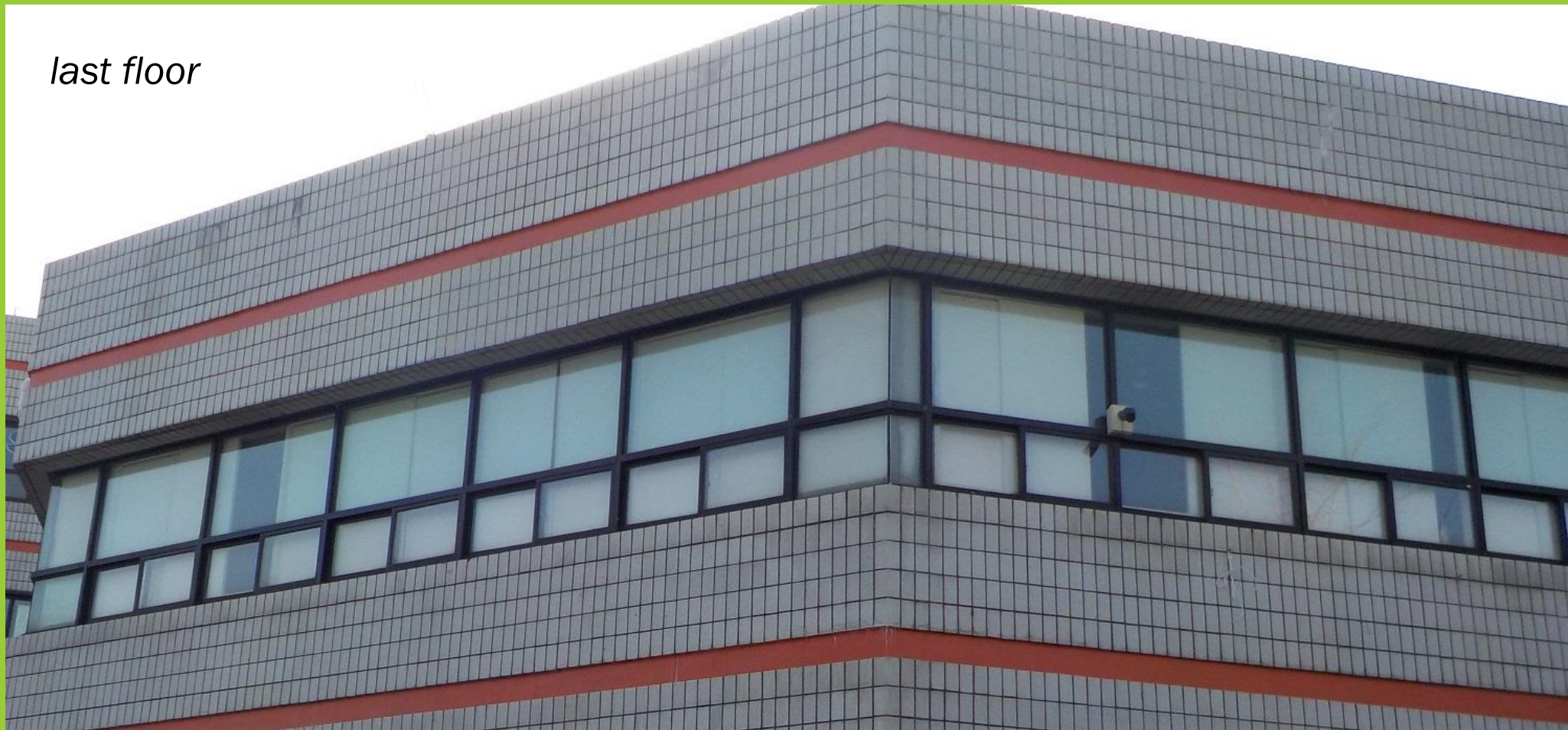


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last floor





canteen



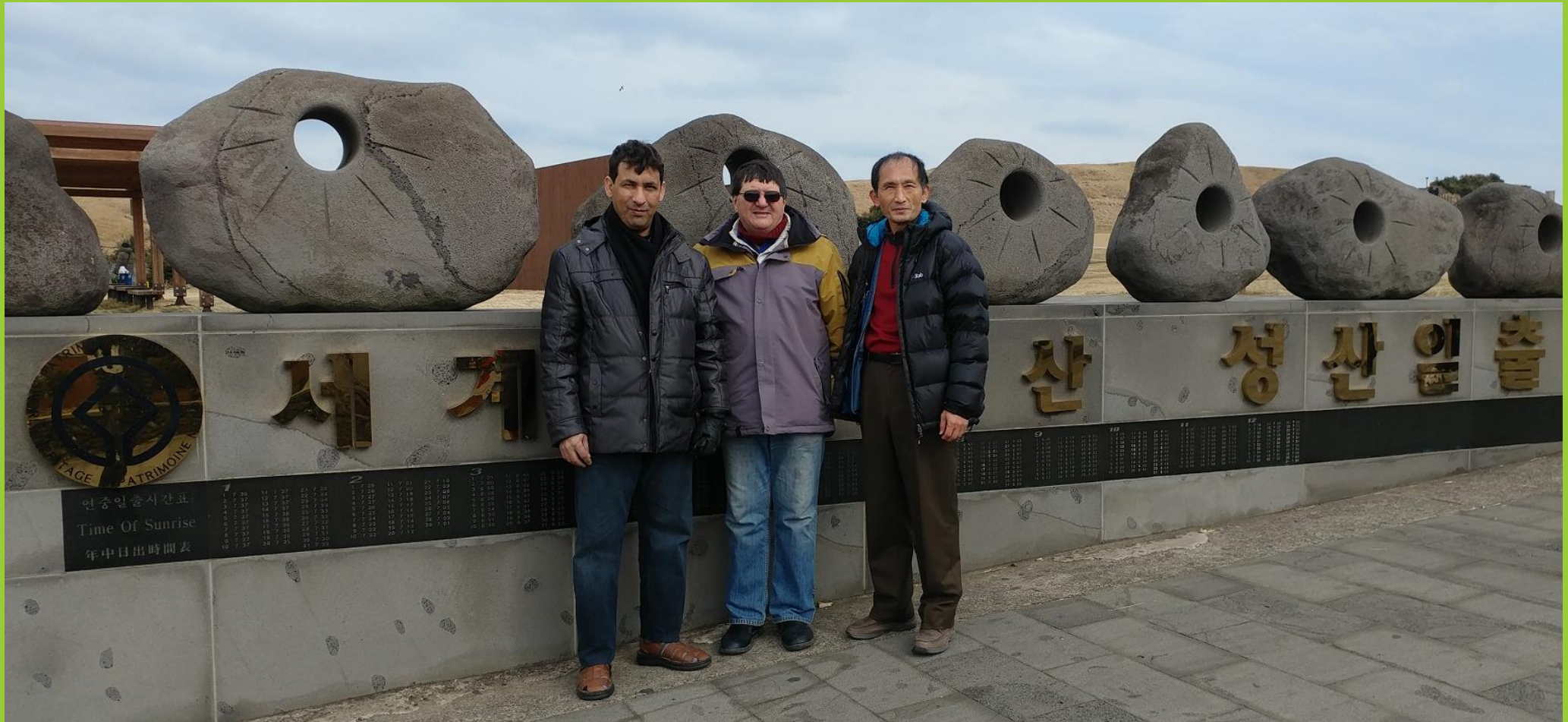
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perambulation

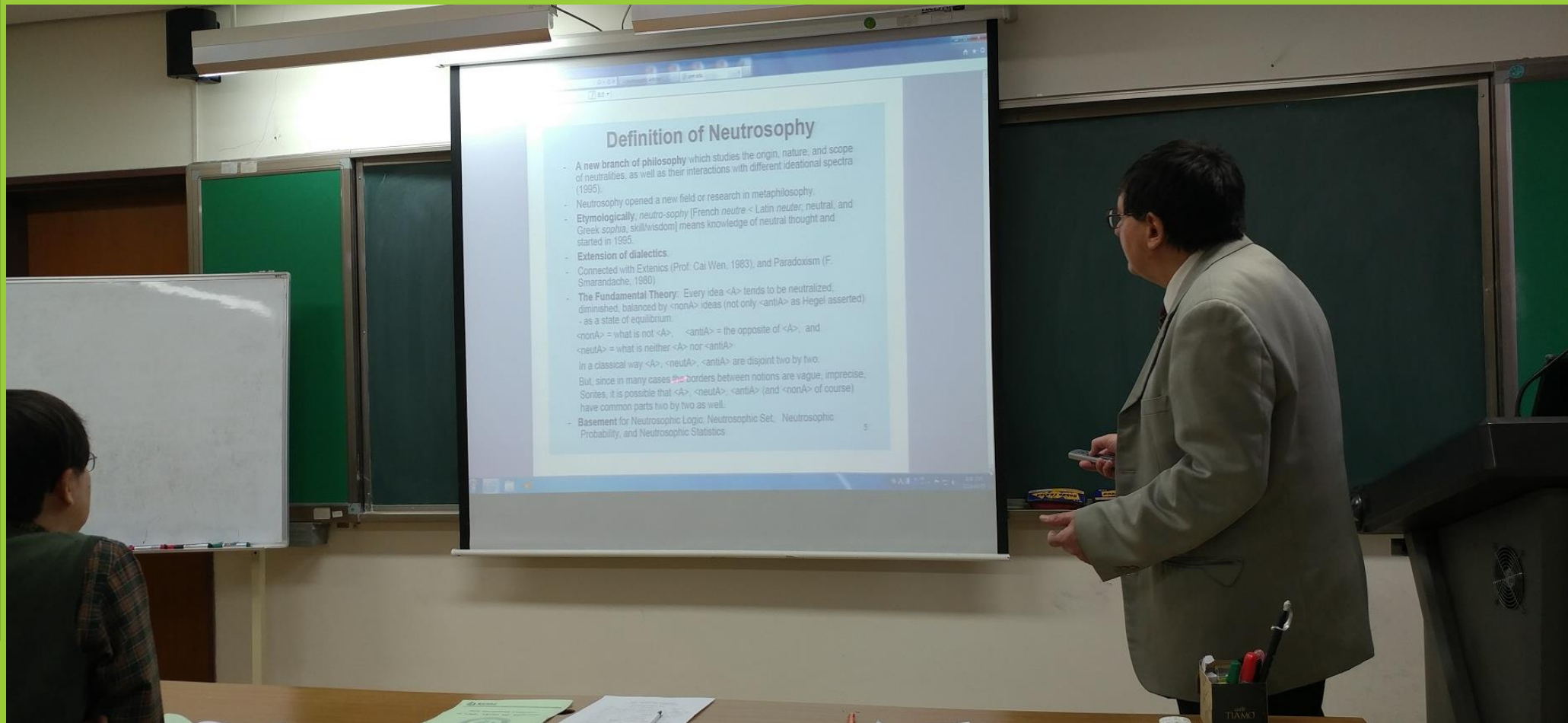
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