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Anseong City in Korea hosted the opening ceremony of the 2025 Culture City of East Asia events as part of an initiative to promote cultural exchange and strengthen cooperation among Korea, China and Japan.

Since the **culture ministers of Korea, China and Japan reached an agreement in 2012**, the three countries have annually designated a city with a distinct local culture from each nation as a Culture City of East Asia, starting in 2014. The designation **fosters diverse cultural exchanges and collaborations**.

For 2025, the designated Culture Cities of East Asia are **Anseong**, approximately 70 kilometers south of Seoul; **Huzhou and Macao of China**; and **Kamakura of Japan**. The event held in Anseong was organised by Anseong City and supported by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.

Read more about the programme on [The Korean Times](#).

*Image: Members of Namsadang Baudeogi, a traditional Korean performing arts troupe, perform at the opening ceremony for the 2025 Culture City of East Asia event in Macao, March 23.
Courtesy of Anseong City Government*

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