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23rd Energy Day: Lights Out, Stars On

- 10-minute lights-out event at 23 landmarks and locations nationwide from 9 p.m. on August 22

The Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment (MCEE, Minister Kim Sungwhan) announced that the “Nationwide Simultaneous 10-Minute Lights-Out Event,” hosted by the Korea NGO’s Energy Network to mark the 23rd Energy Day, will take place from 9 p.m. on August 22 at 23 landmarks and locations across the country.

The Korea NGO’s Energy Network is a coalition of energy-focused civic organizations comprising around 220 environmental, consumer, and women’s groups across South Korea. Through this lights-out event, the MCEE and the Korea NGO’s Energy Network plan to encourage nationwide participation in climate action, going beyond simply promoting energy conservation.

‘Energy Day’ was designated by the Korea NGO’s Energy Network to raise awareness of energy conservation after electricity consumption reached a record high of 47.4 GW on August 22, 2003. Each year, the network has held an “Raise air conditioner settings by 2°C between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.” campaign and a “9 p.m. Lights-Out Event.”

At 9 p.m. on August 22 this year, a simultaneous lights-out event will also take place at 23 landmarks across the country, including Gwanghwamun, Seoul City Hall, and Lotte World Tower in Seoul, and Busan Tower in Busan.

In particular, this year’s Energy Day will feature climate action and energy

conservation campaigns led by local civic groups in cities across the country, including Seoul, Gwangju, Busan, Daegu, Cheonan, Ansan, Gumi, Masan, and Yeosu.

According to the Korea NGO's Energy Network, more than 1.68 million people are expected to participate in this year's event.

Meanwhile, in conjunction with the 10 Climate Citizen Commitments, local events and campaigns tied to climate action will also be held, including "Reduce carbon emissions to protect our one and only planet" and "Think globally and build sustainable local communities."

Oh Il-yeong, Deputy Minister for the Climate and Energy Policy Office at the MCEE, said, "This nationwide lights-out event is a symbolic action that reminds everyone who participates that they are an agent in responding to the climate crisis." He added, "We hope this event will help further establish a culture of climate action in our daily lives."