

Dear Tanja

Hello, how have you been? I hope you're doing well.

It's a autumn in Korea. The temperature started dropping by  $1 \sim 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  per day, and since last week, it's definitely become autumn weather. The strange thing is, autumn used to be completely cloudless and dry, but this autumn, it's been raining continuously for the 10 days. It is really strange weather.

Norway is at higher latitude than Seoul - how's the weather there?

Korea had holidays from Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. It's a holiday called Chuseok. You can think of it as a kind of Thanksgiving. I didn't face difficulties since both my parents and my wife's parents live nearby and visit often, but I was on duty during the holiday period. Surgery always has patients needing emergency operations, so this isn't ideal. I'm a world-weary doctor now, so I don't feel much of a doctor's calling anymore, but, during this shift I operated on a woman with sudden intestinal obstruction and sent



her home today. So I feel good :).

The person on the envelope is Lee Jae-myung, who recently became S. Korea's president after absurd martial law.

Personally I prefer stamps over the barcode stickers the post office provides, so I bought stamps again this time. Even for the international mail, as long as I affix stamps according to the weight, it ships without issue. So I love this method.

Since you collect stamps, I'm including a few with this letter. It's not a significant expense, so please don't worry about it. I buy a few commemorative stamps whenever they issued, and use them for mailing, so it doesn't require any extra effort. I don't collect stamps anymore, but knowing you do makes me happy. However, looking at the post office's website lately, it seems they mainly sell commemorative stamps in sheet form now. It seems the purpose of collecting has become more important than their function as postage.



Nothing special happened this time. I just have a few stamps and something interesting called an International Reply Coupon (IRC), so I'm sending this along.

I've recently started amateur radio again, but I'll tell you more about that next time. Wishing you a peaceful autumn.

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Sincerely yours.

Kyungtak *late*