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## **Waders' rest area, Songdo tidal flat**

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[Anchor]

- The song lyrics depicts the wader as a migratory bird that flies at the highest altitude and travels the longest distance.
- Waders have arrived Songdo tidal flat in Incheon. On their extensive journey of 15000 km, they have stopped to rest for a while.
- Here is Noh Eun-jee reporter.

[Reporter]

- Flocks of thousands of waders are here in Songdo Construction Zone 11.
- A short period of rest along their long journey, they enjoy a moment of relief preening their features with their legs and beaks.
- Nesting not far from the tidal flat, Black-faced Spoonbills in Namdong Reservoir are also busy looking for food.
- Some of waders have rings on their ankle which is to track their journey, proving their journey from New Zealand, Queensland in Australia and etc.  
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- Waders have departed Southern Hemisphere including Australia and New Zealand and chosen Songdo Tidal flat as a stop-over site on their journey to Siberia and Alaska.  
--CG OUT--

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- Seventeen thousand individuals have gathered here, coming from various places such as Australia and New Zealand, which means that this is an essential stopover place for the whole population.

[Reporter]

- However, this essential stop over place, Songdo Construction Zone 11, will soon disappear.
- It is of concern that the reclamation construction will go from August 2011 to 2018 to develop a high-tech industry cluster.

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- Considering the criteria for waders, it is a pivotal shorebird habitat that meets Ramsar criteria for Internationally Important Wetlands.

[Reporter]

- Recently, Joseon white porcelain has been excavated from the place and there are growing calls to reconsider the reclamation.