

## Human Environmental Characteristics of Ondal Cave

Choong-Real, Hong<sup>\*</sup>

**Abstract** : Ondal Cave is important and significant in terms of cultural value and tourism. In addition, there are abundant historical and cultural resources nearby. If the geographical strength is taken advantage of, the cave would evolve into a great tourist destination and natural education spot. This paper has investigated humanistic environment of Ondal Cave in considerations for the surrounding tourism resources. There are abundant tourism resources around Ondal Cave. However, they are rarely connected with each other. In fact, they are very partially interrelated around Guinsa(temple) only. Furthermore, the number of tourists has gradually decreased. Therefore, it's required to further develop tourism programs and surrounding tourism resources.  
Key Words : Ondal cave, human environment, tourism resources

### I. Introduction

The cave is a frightful and dark and mysterious underground world. Therefore, it is an underground pandemonium of making us thrill and also grows splendid second creatures such as soda straws, stalactites, stalagmites, and stone pillars as if it is an underground palace. Thanks to this, the cave is also used for a tourist resource which we can see the real facts of the silent and gloomy and majestic subterranean escaping from the complicated ground world.

The cave is also a sanctuary of arts. This may be heard for an exaggeration. But the

cave may be regarded as an exhibition hall of composite art of treasuring various art works. The cave reminds us of a dark, gloomy, frightful, and unknown world, and the subterranean world with perpetual mysteries as they were. Our ancestors, however, had kept the close relationship with this cave from old times.

Ondal Cave is important and significant in terms of cultural value and tourism. In addition, there are abundant historical and cultural resources nearby. If the geographical strength is taken advantage of, the cave would evolve into a great tourist destination and natural education spot. This paper has investigated humanistic environment of Ondal Cave in

---

\* Professor, Kyungmin College

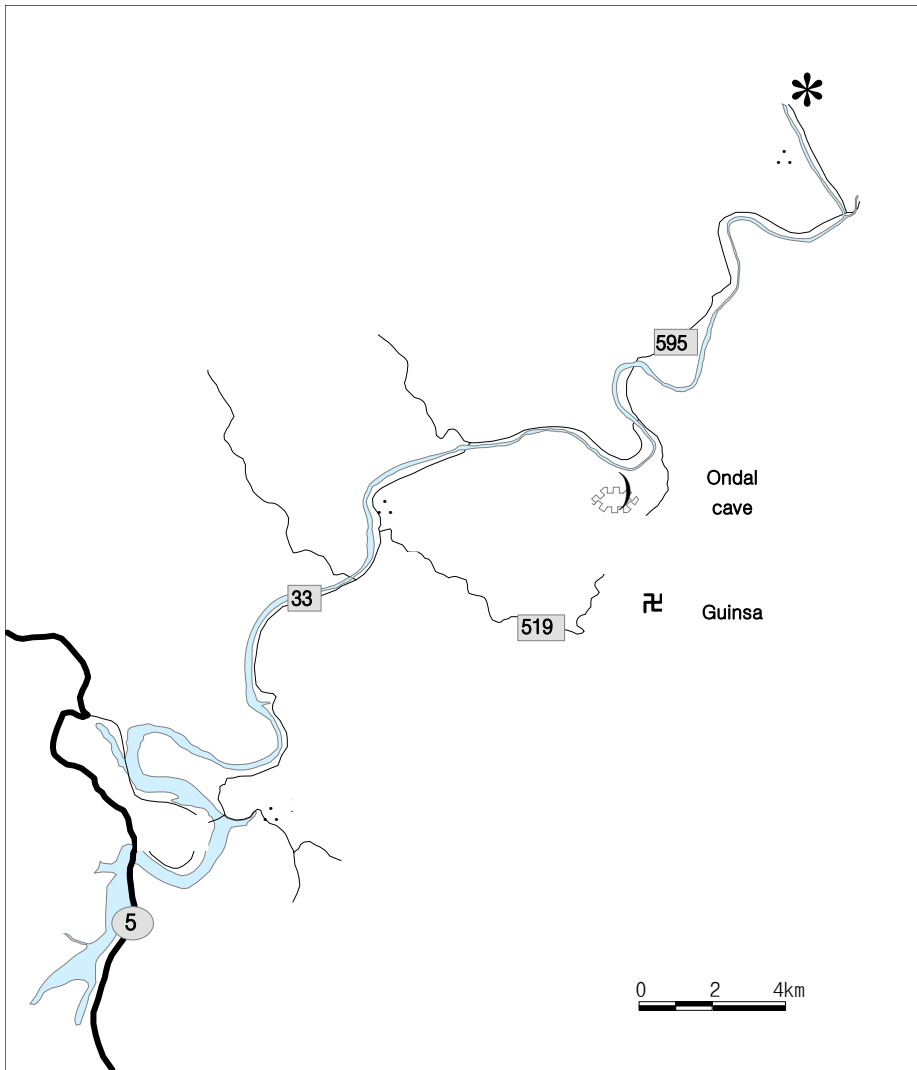


Fig 1. situation of Ondal cave

considerations for the surrounding tourism resources.

## II. Result and Discussion

Even though Ondal Cave is decent in

terms of relative accessibility between caves, it's not better than other caves in transportation. In other words, Ondal Cave is the worst in terms of accessibility from metropolitan cities nearby. In considerations for its locational advantage with great tourism resources nearby, however, an awin-win effect can be expected.

Considering the current trend of multi-purpose tourism, Ondal Cave is very advantageous with many tourism resources nearby. However, a transportation network with the surrounding tourism resources is still poor. In other words, Ondal Cave has not been developed in connection with tourism resources nearby. Therefore, it's necessary to develop a systematic tourism network around Guinsa (temple).

### III. Conclusion

As shown above, there are abundant tourism resources around Ondal Cave. However, they are rarely connected with each other. In fact, they are very partially interrelated around Guinsa(temple) only. Furthermore, the number of tourists has gradually decreased. Therefore, it's required to further develop tourism programs and surrounding tourism resources.

### Reference

- Bogli, A. 1980. Karst hydrology and physical speleology, Berlin, Springer.
- Oh, Jongwoo and Sywhan Hong, 1994. A study of Karst landforms and cave distributions in north Korea., Journal of the Speleological

Society of Korea 37: 13-32.

- Oh, J. W., J. Day, and B. Gladfelter. 1993. Geomorphic environmental reconstruction of the Holocene sinkhole sediments in the Wisconsin Driest Area. Proceedings, The 12th Korean International Symposium (Geoscience Section). The Korean Federation of Science and Technology Societies. Seoul, Korea, (in press).