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Custom photo transport cards: a fun first-day option.

Some kiosks print a rechargeable transport card with your own photo or design. They are a souvenir and a practical card — but they arrive with no balance, and terms change.

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Links in this PDF open the official source or the online guide. Opening hours, prices, programmes and access rules change — confirm with the responsible operator before you travel.

THE ESSENTIALS

- A custom card costs more than a plain transport card and carries no starting balance — top it up before travelling.
- Check the operator's official kiosk list on the day; locations, hours and prices change.
- Keep a plain T-money card or cash as a backup if a kiosk is closed or out of service.

Official routes: NAMANE kiosk locations · Seoul subway fares · 120 Dasan.

OPTION A

NAMANE Card: transit plus prepaid payment

NAMANE is a prepaid card that its operator says works for public transport and for offline payments, managed through an English-language app. It is a separate product from T-money; check that it suits each journey you plan.

1. **Before you fly** — Install the NAMANE app and prepare your image so the design step is quick.
2. **At the kiosk** — Choose 'Design a Card', scan the QR code, design, then scan your saved code.
3. **Pay and collect** — Pay ₩7,000 (exact cash, or card) and wait for printing.
4. **Load it** — Add credit before entering the gates — the card starts empty.

Cost and printing

- The official kiosk guide lists a custom card at ₩7,000 each (store prices and discounts vary).
- Design the front with your own image and text on the site opened from the kiosk QR code, then scan the saved code.
- Printing takes about 20–30 seconds, or 80–90 seconds on newer kiosks.

Paying and topping up

- Kiosks accept cash, domestic or international debit/credit cards, or a NAMANE coupon.
- Cash change is not returned — insert the exact amount.
- Use the NAMANE app to check balance and history and to recharge; confirm top-up methods in the app.

Where to find kiosks

- The official list includes CU stores in Incheon Airport T1 and T2, Gimpo Airport, Seoul Station, Hongik Univ. Station and Myeongdong.
- Some sites have limited hours; check the list before relying on one.

Vouchers

The operator's store sells vouchers it says are valid for one year and redeemable at kiosks. Settle Seoul has no affiliate arrangement; buy only from official or reputable sellers.

OPTION B

Photo T-money kiosks

Photo-print kiosks that produce T-money-compatible cards have operated in tourist areas such as Myeongdong and Hongdae, usually in convenience stores, Daiso branches or stations.

What to expect

- You typically scan a QR code, upload an image from your phone, position it and print the card on the spot.
- Cards come unloaded; top up at a station machine or convenience store.
- Kiosk operators, prices and locations vary — we could not confirm an official current list, so check at the kiosk before paying.

Keep it simple

A plain T-money card from a convenience store does the same transit job. Choose a custom card only if the design matters to you.

SOURCES

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- **NAMANE: buying a card at a kiosk (official, English)**
<http://en.namanecard.com/service-manual-101>
- **NAMANE: kiosk locations (official, English)**
<http://en.namanecard.com/namanekiosk-list>
- **NAMANE Store: card and voucher details (official)**
<https://store.namanecard.com/en/product/namane-card-full-type-30-off-bfe29d1d-16bd-431d-a778-d4996e7eb396>

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