

December 21, 2015

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Pam McConnell  
Councillor for Ward 28  
100 Queen Street West, Suite A7  
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Dear Councillor McConnell:

**Re: Travel Declaration Form for trip to Gwangju, South Korea from May 15 to 18, 2015**

I have reviewed the information you provided in the Travel Declaration form, along with the following supporting documentation:

- 1) February 24, 2015 Email Correspondence from United Cities and Local Governments;
- 2) March 4, 2015 Invitation Letter from Gwangju Metropolitan City;
- 3) 2015 World Human Rights Cities Forum Program Materials;
- 4) Your prepared remarks, entitled "Poverty Reduction and Human Rights"; and
- 5) A letter from your office dated December 16, 2015, confirming that the City of Gwangju sponsored your airfare, accommodation, and transportation within Korea

I confirm that the travel related benefits you have disclosed are in compliance with section (f) of Article IV (Gifts and Benefits) of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council as travel was sponsored a foreign government within a foreign country.

Thank you for providing the information.

~~Yours truly~~

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~~Valerie Jepson~~  
Integrity Commissioner  
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Enclosures (4):      Travel Declaration Form dated May 22, 2015 (1 page)  
                             2015 World Human Rights Cities Forum Program Materials  
                             (11 pages)  
                             March 4, 2015 Invitation Letter from Gwangju Metropolitan City  
                             (2 pages)  
                             December 16, 2015 Letter from Kelly Sather to the Integrity  
                             Commissioner (1 page)

cc:                        Lesley Ruscica, Manager, Council & Support Services  
                             Winnie Li, Director, Strategic Integration and Excellence  
                             Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk

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**INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNCIL MEMBER**

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| <b>Name of Councillor:</b>   | Pam McConnell  |
| <b>Purpose of Trip:</b>  | keynote speaker at World Human Rights Cities Forum 2015  |
| <b>Travel Destination:</b>   | Gwangju, Republic of Korea   |
| <b>Travel Dates:</b>   | May 15 - May 18, 2015  |
| <b>Additional Information:</b>   | see attached invitation  |
| <b>Travel Expenses Covered by Third Party (please complete all that apply)</b> |  |
| <b>Sponsor of Travel:</b>  | Name: City of Gwangju<br>Type of Sponsor (check all that apply):<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Other organization <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Organizer |
| <b>Registration Fees:</b>  | \$N/A  |
| <b>Travel:</b>   | \$paid for by City of Gwangju  |
| <b>Accommodation:</b>  | \$paid for by City of Gwangju  |
| <b>Ground Transportation:</b>  | \$paid for by City of Gwangju  |
| <b>Per Diem/Sundry Expenses:</b>   | \$0.00   |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  | \$   |
| <b>Expenses Paid from Councillor Business Travel Budget</b>                    | \$553 (\$488 per diem, \$65 transportation from Pearson Airport)   |
| <b>Expenses Paid from Constituency Services &amp; Office Budget</b>            | \$0.00   |
| <b>Expenses Paid Personally by the Council Member:</b>                         | \$taxi ride from Gwangu Airport to hotel   |

Please attach all pertinent information to this form including invitation letter from event organizer, copies of receipts, etc.

Signed by Councillor:

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Date:

May 22 / 15

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## **World Human Rights Cities Forum 2015**

**May 15 to May 18, 2015**

**Kimdaejung Convention Center, Gwangju, Republic of Korea**

### **<Introduction of Gwangju>**

#### **□ Gwangju**

- The political, cultural and artistic hub of southwestern part of Korea, with the population of 1.48 million
- A city that advocated democracy and human rights at a critical moment in the history of Korea
- The fountainhead of the May 18 Democratic Movement that triggered democratization since 1980 in South Korea
- Home of the late President Kim Dae-jung, the Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2000

#### **□ About the May 18 Democratic Movement**

- In May 1980 Gwangju citizens rose against the then-military regime, in the hopes of achieving democratization in Korea. The Gwangju Uprising lasted from May 18 to May 27, 1980.
- The forcible suppression of this uprising by the military regime resulted in casualties of 5,252 people, including 155 killed, 77 missing, 102 deaths from injuries, 3,439 injuries and 1,479 illegal detainees. .
- The May 18 Democratic Movement of 1980 has become a talking point in major cities around the world.
- The Uprising has also had a substantial influence on the democratization process to a number of Asian countries in the 1980's and 1990's.

#### **Human Rights Activities in Gwangju**

- 1994: Global solidarity with pro-democracy movement organizations, including the visit by the Mothers' Society of the Plaza de Mayo (May 25th Square) in Rosario, Argentina
- 1998: Declaration of the Asia Human Rights Charter in Gwangju
- 1999: Support of the independence movement of East Timor and financial support towards the democratization process afterwards.
- 2000: Gwangju Human Rights Award established; financial support for the families of persons missing as a consequence of political suppression in Sri Lanka
- 2004: The Asia Human Rights School founded; financial support for Afghan refugees and Burmese refugees provided
- 2006: The Gwangju Summit of the Nobel Peace Laureates held in Gwangju
- 2011: Archives of the May 18 Democratic Movement recognized in the UNESCO Memory of the World Register

#### **<Invitation>**

##### **Invitation to the Forum**

Since its inception in 2011, the World Human Rights Cities Forum has gradually solidified its place as a forum for the discussion of human rights, its issues and its policies. The support of those who enthusiastically advocate human rights in the world has made this achievement possible.

Gwangju will host the World Human Rights Cities Forum once again in May 2015. The attendance of top human rights experts from home and abroad will share information on the history of human rights in Gwangju, and share their know-how on human rights issues from various cities and regions around the world. This forum will contribute to the global solidarity and to a mutual reinforcement towards the development of humankind.

The fifth World Human Rights Cities Forum in 2015 will be held under the theme of "Towards a Global Alliance of Human Rights Cities for All II". We look forward to meeting and having open discussion with all participants – people who are all deeply involved in human rights activities in various cities and regions around the world.

Thorough preparations for the forum will ensure that in-depth sessions will cover a wide variety of topics. The offered programs will cover new issues and different experiences for all participants.

Various topics that were discussed during the fourth World Human Rights Cities Forum in 2014 are still under way. The world is still experiencing huge problems involving the instability and suffering, arising from issues such as income inequality, aging, insufficient jobs, and environmental pollution.

"Human Rights" is a keyword, a solution to such pending issues.

I hope you can all participate in the fifth World Human Rights Cities Forum in 2015, where you can enjoy sharing and discussing issues concerning human rights with globally-renowned experts in the field.

Please come and visit us Gwangju in May 2015!!!

## <Introduction of the World Human Rights Cities Forum>

### Foundation

- The May 18 Democratic Movement was a historic event in the democratization of South Korea. From its beginning, it has continuously broadened and reinterpreted its meanings and its values. In an attempt to nationalize and globalize these re-explored values of the May 18 Spirit, Gwangju realized that recognizing democracy, human rights, peace and the *Gwangju Spirit* anew can contribute to world peace and to the improvements of human rights. Accordingly, Gwangju has decided to hold this World Human Rights Cities Forum, in order to make Gwangju a reputed international human rights city in the future.
- Since 2011, the World Human Rights Cities Forum has been held annually during the week of the May 18 Democratic Movement, in order for Gwangju City to share and learn of information and experiences in planning and building a city dedicated to human rights; and to complete this plan with other cities. In this way, Gwangju shall strengthen its abilities to become more readily able to foster international collaboration. The forum has also become a significant opportunity for introducing to the international community, endeavors from participating cities regarding human rights cities. For all, the forum is an opportunity to learn of all human rights city's visions and strategies.

## <Introduction of the World Human Rights Cities Forum>

### WHRCF 2015

- WHRCF has been held annually with the attendance of major figures in the field of human rights and parties interested in human rights, to build a human rights city and carry out the human rights city's vision, as stated in the Gwangju Declaration of Human Rights Cities.

### Theme: "Towards a Global Alliance of Human Rights Cities for All II"

- Following but still connected with the theme of the fourth World Human Rights Cities Forum in 2014, the fifth forum will cover relevant topics more extensively

and work towards enhancing results. Establishing a comprehensive human rights governance, based on solidarity and cooperation among human rights cities in the world, the forum increases the value of participatory democracy, transparency and liability. Also, social solidarity and sustainability is secured for different races, religions and cultures, through which international discussion of the ideal human rights city can be better facilitated, and the collaboration and solidarity between human rights cities can be strengthened.

#### **Overview**

- Period: May 15 (Fri) to May 18 (Mon), 2015
- Venue: Kimdaejung Convention Center
- Theme: Towards Global Alliance of Human Rights Cities for All II
- Host: Gwangju Metropolitan City, and Gwangju Metropolitan Office of Education
- Organizers: Gwangju International Center

### **<History of the World Human Rights Cities Forum>**

#### **The World Human Rights Cities Forum by Year**

##### **- WHRCF 2014**

- ✓ Period: May 15 to May 18, 2014 (4 days), held under the theme, "Towards a Global Alliance of Human Rights Cities for All" with the attendance of 500 people, including representatives of world human rights cities, international organizations, consultants of UN Human Rights Council and experts on human rights
  - ✓ Main Programs: Conferences on rights for local government and city; institutionalization and execution of a human rights city; state violence; city and children/youth; city and disability; the elderly and human rights, environment and human rights; city and women
  - ✓ Special Sessions: Expert workshops on "Local Government and Human Rights" (Conference for Gwangju Principles of Human Rights Cities), annual meeting of the UCLG's Committee on Social Integration, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights
  - ✓ Results: Adoption of the 2014 Gwangju Declaration of Human Rights Cities,
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confirmation of "Principles for Gwangju Human Rights Cities"

**- WHRCF 2013**

- ✓ Period: May 15 to May 18, 2013 (4 days), held under the theme, "Sustainable Human Rights Cities for All" with the attendance of 500 people, including representatives of world human rights cities, international organizations and experts on human rights
- ✓ Main Programs: State violence; human rights system and its execution; human rights education; architecture and human rights; environment and human rights; city and disability; city and women; city and children/youth; conferences for Gwangju guiding principles for human rights cities
- ✓ Special Sessions: Conference for organizations with human rights-related archives listed in the UNESCO Memory of the World Register, UCLG-ASPAC conference; UCLG-GOLD III conference; Gwangju Asia Forum
- ✓ Results: Adoption of the 2013 Gwangju Declaration of Human Rights Cities; discussion on an amendment of the "Principles for Human Rights Cities"

**- WHRCF 2012**

- ✓ Period: May 15 to May 18, 2012 (4 days), held under the theme, "Cities and Human Rights" with the attendance of 500 people, including representatives of world human rights cities, international organizations and experts on human rights
- ✓ Main Programs: System and devices to nurture human rights cities; declaration of Gwangju Guiding Principles; NGO seminars on human rights; thesis contest
- ✓ Results: Adoption of the 2012 Gwangju Declaration of Human Rights Cities; discussion on the draft of "Principles for Human Rights Cities"

**- WHRCF 2011**

- ✓ Period: May 15 to May 18, 2011 (4 days), a global human rights office starting from the city, held at Kimdaejung Convention Center
- ✓ Held under the theme of "Challenges of Human Rights Cities in the 21st Century" with the attendance of 500 people, including representatives of world human rights cities, international organizations and experts on human rights
- ✓ Main Programs: Case presentation on human rights; presentation on Gwangju Declaration of Human Rights Cities
- ✓ Results: Adoption of the 2011 Gwangju Declaration of Human Rights Cities

## <Results of the World Human Rights Cities Forum>

### Listing Cases of Human Rights-related Policies in Gwangju in the "Local Government and Human Rights" Report from the UN Human Rights Council

- Excerpt from the original of the Declaration of the first forum in 2011 defining "Human Rights City"
- Noting that the concept of human rights city has been developed more in depth through the World Human Rights Cities Forum, held annually in Gwangju, South Korea
- Mentioning Gwangju, South Korea as one of cities in the world that claims to advocate human rights cities
- Adopting the Principles for Gwangju Human Rights City from the fourth World Human Rights Cities Forum in 2014

### ※ *Human Rights City defined in the Gwangju Declaration of Human Right Cities in 2011:*

*Human Rights is a social, political process playing a focal role at the local level with fundamental values and basic principles. It is a "Local-level Human Rights Governance," run by local governments, local councils, private sectors and others, which strives for better living for residents within a partnership based on human rights standards and regulations*

### Gwangju's endeavors to discuss the topic of human rights cities through the forum:

- Gwangju City has strived to discuss the topic of human rights cities at the international level through the World Human Rights Cities Forum, since its inception in 2011
- Deciding to carry out the five categories below, by adopting the Gwangju Declaration of Human Rights Cities in 2011:
  1. Fulfilling visions of a human right city
  2. Developing a system, including a human rights index and an evaluation of human rights' impact
  3. Developing and executing specific human rights educational and training programs
  4. Strengthening solidarity between cities from home and abroad
  5. Ratification of the *Earth Charter and Agenda for Human Rights in the City* by UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments)

- Discussing and Adopting the Principles for Gwangju Human Rights City through the Declaration of the WHRCF 2014

Participants from Pakistan, Portugal, Spain, Taiwan and South Korea read the declaration in their own languages and adopted it, after it had been discussed through the World Human Rights Cities Forum

1. Principle 1: Rights for a City
2. Principle 2: Nondiscrimination and Preferential Measures
3. Principle 3: Social Tolerance and Cultural Diversity
4. Principle 4: Participatory Democracy and Responsible Governance
5. Principle 5: Sustainability of Social Justice and Solidarity
6. Principle 6: Political Leadership and Its Institutionalization
7. Principle 7: Mainstream of Human Rights
8. Principle 8: Effective System and Policy Adjustment
9. Principle 9: Human Rights Education and Training
10. Principle 10: Rights for Human Rights Aid

**Throughout the conjunctive forums, Gwangju strives to more extensively discuss the idea of Human Rights Cities**

- Establishment of a Human Rights Ombudsman System

The "Human Rights Ombudsman" system was established in April 2013, in order to help citizens who undergo infringements of human rights or who suffer discrimination during the administrative process. The office consists of one permanent Human Rights Ombudsman and six experts on human rights as non-permanent Human Rights Ombudsmen. They investigate cases of infringement of human rights and provide advice for the rightful administrative processes.

- Adoption of the Gwangju Human Rights Charter

The "Gwangju Human Rights Charter" contains standards on human rights, explaining what everyone in Gwangju should do, in order for Gwangju to become a future human rights city. This Gwangju Human Rights Charter consists of "Full Text," written with 518 words, a "Main Text," with 5 Chapters and 18 Articles, and an "Execution of the Charter," showing a strong will to carry out the principles. It was declared by representatives of Gwangju citizens on the 47th "Gwangju Citizens' Day", May 21 in 2012. The Gwangju Human Rights Charter is a standard for human rights, and was the first such charter being enacted in Asia.

- Development of the Human Rights Indices

Gwangju City developed the "Gwangju Human Rights Indices" to establish more organized human rights-related policies, based on an objective evaluation of human rights situations. These indices comprehensively reflect universality of human rights and of regional characteristics at the international level. To increase the objectivity and usefulness of Gwangju Human Rights Indices, professional research staff members established the system, which was then followed by a public hearing attended by citizens and with a meeting(s) of the heads of relevant departments and with the consultation of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Gwangju Human Rights Indices consist of 100 indices with 5 areas and 18 action plans.

- Establishment of Human Rights Office

Gwangju City has established and operated a "Human Rights Office" since 2010. This office was the first administrative department dedicated to human rights in Korea with basic plans for human rights. The office established a human rights-related system, including the execution of the human rights charter and the operational governance of such bodies as Citizens' Committee for Human Rights Promotion. The office also facilitates international exchanges such as the World Human Rights Cities Forum and runs the Human Rights Ombudsman office and carries out projects to uphold the May 18 Spirit.

### **<At WHRCF 2015>**

- With regard to human rights, we are under constant threats in the 21st century. The Sewol Ferry disaster that occurred in South Korea on April 16, 2014 left 295 dead and 9 missing. It is known to be the worst, most tragic accident in South Korea history, because of the failure of a proper and timely rescue operation. This failure demands a thorough reexamination of all relevant processes and procedures.
- However, such events are not limited to Korea. People from many countries are demanding a human rights-centered transition from their countries towards a level that is suitable for the new era, to be actively encouraged by local governments.

- At the Fifth World Human Rights Cities Forum in 2015, everything regarding human rights that needs to be observed and executed at the local government's level will be discussed with international experts on human rights.
- Based on issues that arise throughout the forum – Such as state violence, women, the disabled, the elderly, children, youth and environment – A healthy social economy and the need for an engagement policy for immigrants are emerging as new topics to be considered all over the world. These topics will also be discussed, in an endeavor to find suitable methods and solutions.

**<Program Structure and Schedule>**

| Day                              | Time        | Program and Event  |   |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--|---|
| <b>Day 1</b><br>May 15<br>(Fri.) | 09:00-12:30 | Plenary Session I<br>"Human Rights Policy and Implementation"  | <i>(10:00-)</i><br>Expert Workshop on "Local Government and Human rights"<br>- Including Lunch Time |
|                                  | 12:30-16:00 | Thematic Workshop<br>I: State Violence and Human Rights<br>II: Social Economy                                |   |
|                                  | 16:00-18:30 | Opening Ceremony<br>Opening Roundtable   |   |
|                                  | 18:30-19:00 | Break  |   |
|                                  | 19:00-20:00 | Welcome Dinner   |   |
| <b>Day 2</b><br>May 16<br>(Sat.) | 09:00-12:00 | Thematic Workshop<br>III: City and Disability<br>IV: Migrants Human Rights Protection Policy                 | <i>(10:00-)</i><br>Special Session<br>"State Violence and Trauma"                                   |
|                                  | 12:00-13:00 | Lunch  |   |
|                                  | 13:00-16:00 | Thematic Workshop<br>III: City and Disability<br>V: The Elderly and Human Rights<br>VI: City and Child/Youth | Special Session<br>"State Violence and Trauma"  |
|                                  | 16:00-18:00 | Human Rights Culture Tour I (Optional)   |   |

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| <b>Day 3</b><br>May 17<br>(Sun.) | 09:00-12:00 | Plenary Session II<br>"Human Rights Policy and Implementation"                  |
|                                  | 12:00-13:00 | Lunch   |
|                                  | 13:00-16:00 | Thematic Workshop<br>VII: City and Gender<br>VIII: Environment and Human Rights |
|                                  | 16:00-16:30 | Break   |
|                                  | 16:30-18:00 | Comprehensive Discussion of Thematic Workshops                                  |
|                                  | 18:00-19:00 | Closing Ceremony  |
|                                  | 19:00-21:00 | Citizen's Rally on the Eve of May 18 Democratization Movement<br>(Optional)     |
| <b>Day 4</b><br>May 18<br>(Mon.) | 09:00-12:00 | Human Rights Culture Tour II (Optional)   |
|                                  | 12:00-13:00 | Lunch   |



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March 4, 2015

Dear Honorable Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell

Greetings from Yoon Jang-hyun, Mayor of Gwangju Metropolitan City, from the Republic of Korea!

I would like to express my deepest respect to you and to the citizens of your esteemed city on behalf of 1.5 million Gwangju citizens.

Gwangju City, as the fountainhead of the May 18 Democratic Movement that had a substantial influence on the democratization process to a number of Asian countries, has hosted the World Human Rights Cities Forum (WHRCF) annually, since its inception in 2011, to promote universal values of humankind, such as freedom, equality, solidarity, justice and peace. The support of those who enthusiastically advocate human rights in the world has gradually solidified its place as a forum for the discussion of human rights, its issues and its policies.

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It has come to my attention that with your personal regard for supporting human rights, your enthusiasm and exceptional leadership have played an imperative part in developing your city as a globally-renowned human right city. Therefore, your participation would greatly contribute to the enrichment of the Forum, while sharing years of your experiences and knowledge with other human rights experts and representatives of human rights cities in the world.

I again cordially invite your esteemed city to participate in the Forum.

I wish you and your city the greatest of successes and full prosperity in the years to come.

With best regards,

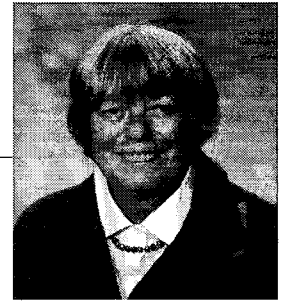
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Dr. Yoon Jang-hyun

Mayor of Gwangju Metropolitan City,  
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Valerie Jepson  
Integrity Commissioner  
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December 16, 2015

Dear Valerie,

Please find attached a sponsored travel disclosure form related to Deputy Mayor McConnell's trip to Gwangju, Korea with the World Human Rights Cities Forum 2015. Deputy Mayor McConnell's airfare, accommodation and transportation charges in Korea were paid directly by the City of Gwangju. Our office did not receive copies of any invoices paid by the City of Gwangju, and to request them would be impolite and disrespectful to the host. As such, we are not able to offer any specifics surrounding the costs paid for by the host.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelly Sather  
Administrative Assistant