

## Suwon Declaration on Human City

for the establishment of Asian Human City Network

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Global society has adopted 2030 Agenda with specific 17 goals called Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 and highlighted the crucial roles and importance of local governments on the way towards sustainable development by adopting the New Urban Agenda, the outcome document of Habitat III in 2016.

Asian cities, the most dominant places of industrialization and urbanization on Earth, are raising the awareness and the voices on the inevitable trends of resilient and sustainable city focusing on human value through critical reflection on conspicuous urbanization having neglected the value of inclusiveness, distribution, and environmental sustainability in the past.

Thus, we, the leaders from the local governments in the Asian region, who have convened here in Suwon for 2017 Suwon Forum on Asian Human City on 25-26 September 2017, are declaring the clauses below:

First, we reaffirm the idea of 'human flourishing' as the core value for in a just city for all.

We reaffirm that our cities should be the space where all the citizen are afforded proper human rights and treatment with the allowance of participation in policy decision-making and inclusion in public life in a city for all. And, we recognize the common problem of unlawful and unnecessary eviction and land expropriation in the region (suggested by Dr. Jeffrey Hou).

Second, we support the human city initiative led by Suwon making a city where the human value is fully respected and properly treated.

We recognize the human city initiative as one of the core values of people-centered development in both local and global level and commit to disperse the initiative to the Asian region-wide, and thus, we strive at developing common initiative and local actions for the city of human flourishing.

Third, we aim to enhance the effectiveness of human city policies through active exchanges and networking on policies and experience on sustainable urban development.

We share the common vision on the establishment of the Asian Human City Network through which various forms of policy exchanges and peer-to-peer learnings can be facilitated, and will continue the cooperation on the realization of the vision with a detailed implementation plan.



We, together with all the local governments in the globe, hereby commit to strengthening the stature of local governments in implementing the actions for global sustainability with full respect for human value at the local level.

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Suwon, Republic of Korea

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