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Dear Mr. Chatkul Chuensuwankul,

Your active participation and support brought the 2011 World Human Rights Cities Forum to a successful conclusion. I was very pleased to see its success and am grateful for your support.

On behalf of all Gwangju citizens, I also would like to pay my respect to you for the farsighted views and deep insights regarding human rights that you shared with us at the Forum.

For me personally, the Forum was a chance to reaffirm the necessity of a systemic arrangement in laws and institutions, the participation and solidarity among concerned parties, and the development of a human rights index and human rights impact assessment in creating an exemplary human rights city. Furthermore, I came to even better understand the need for exchanges and networking among human rights cities around the world, and for continuing human rights education and training.

Based on your input and the wisdom which you contributed to the Forum, Gwangju Metropolitan City will grow closer to becoming an even more established human rights city. Furthermore, we will continue to spare no effort to strengthen our international solidarity with other human rights cities, civil societies and human rights organizations in order to spread the value of human rights to every corner of the world, taking on the full responsibility as a member of the international community.

In addition, I promise you that the Gwangju Metropolitan City Government will positively review and implement the "Five Commitments to Human Rights City" mentioned in the "Gwangju Declaration on Human Rights City" which was adopted at the Forum.



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Furthermore, the citizens of Gwangju and I sincerely hope that the precious bonds created at the Forum will last long into the future. We also ask for your kind understanding concerning any inconveniences or difficulties that you may have encountered during your stay in Gwangju.

I wish you and your families success and good health.

Sincerely,

Kang Un-tae,

Mayor of Gwangju Metropolitan City
