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CALLING FOR THE GSEF 2020 HOST CITY

Warmest greetings from the Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF).

We are pleased to announce that the GSEF is now calling for a host city of its 5th edition of GSEF biannual forum to be held in the year 2020.

Since 2013, GSEF has served as a major international platform for promoting the social economy based on the partnership between cities and social economy stakeholders. The initiative started in Seoul in 2013, 2014 where cities from around the world gathered together and recognised the necessity of global solidarity for resolving various contemporary challenges through the social economy. Since then, the momentum has been continuing in different parts of the world as demonstrated in GSEF 2016 (Montreal) which attracted more than 1,400 participants from 300 cities, 62 countries. The 4th edition of GSEF 2018 which will be taking place in the City of Bilbao (www.gsef2018.org). In a relatively short period of time span, GSEF has proved the potential of social economy by showcasing best practices across five different continents and became a one of the biggest international gathering for the social economy.

The fifth edition of the GSEF is scheduled to be held in 2020 and we cordially invite your municipality to host this meaningful international forum. The GSEF 2020 will enable the host to bring cities from around the world to share their unique experiences of social innovation. Also, based on our previous experience, a host city of the forum could mobilise and consolidate local social economy actors and this will greatly benefit the citizens of the hosting city and enhance its international recognitions of alternative local development.

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We kindly ask for your municipality's interests in hosting the next GSEF forum and shape more people centred and inclusive world together. Please refer to attached the document to find out further information about hosting the forum and, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Won-soon Park

Co-chairperson of GSEF
Mayor of Seoul

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Won-soon Park". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Won" being the most prominent.

Rev. Kyong Yong Song

Co-chairperson of GSEF
Seoul Social Economy Network

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the Korean characters "송경용" (Song Kyong-yong) written in a stylized, calligraphic font.

ATTACHMENT: Basic information and process of hosting the GSEF2020

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