

Your Honorable Mayor of IAEC member cities,

I am delighted to send an invitation to your esteemed mayor for the 10th 21st Century Human Value Forum, which will be held in Andong from October 27th to 29th, 2023.

Science, technology, and economic development have provided humanity a prosperous life. However, the unrestrained pursuit of human desires for prosperity has led to numerous problems, such as social alienation, environmental pollution, and social conflicts. To examine and solve the social issues threatening humanity from a humanistic perspective, the 21st Century Humanities Forum was initiated in 2014.

Humanistic values help us understand the reality in which we live and find meaning and purpose in life. Culture, art, history, education, language, and other human creations play a significant role in understanding our world. Through this, we can increase our understanding and empathy for our own lives, the lives of others, and the lives of all humanity.

The 21st Century Human Value Forum aims to create the humanistic values needed in this era with mayors and experts from cities worldwide and open a platform for practicing humanistic values with citizens. Through exchanging thoughts and knowledge and efforts to practice humanistic values, we hope to contribute to the peace and coexistence of the region, the country, and humanity.

Andong, located in Gyeongsangbuk-do, South Korea, where this forum will be held, is a beautiful city surrounded by a natural environment and a city of traditional and folk culture, with many cultural assets such as UNESCO World Heritage Sites and record heritage sites.

I would like to invite your mayor to be a speaker at this forum and hope this will be an opportunity to establish a global network for humanistic values.

To prepare for the event, please inform our city's officer of your intention to participate by June 30th. If you have any inquiries about the event participation, please contact 82+54-840-3734 or nyw8886@korea.kr

We look forward to meeting your mayor in Andong this coming October.

Sincerely,

**KWON Gi-chang**  
Mayor of Andong