



September, 2019

Dear Mayor,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the *International Forum on Transforming Cities for Decent Work 2019* that will be held on 3 to 4 December 2019, in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

The International Forum on Transforming Cities for Decent Work is a meaningful venue where city governments around the world, international organizations and labor experts come together to discuss sharing the values and philosophies of ‘respect for labor’ and developing policies for better lives of workers.

In 2017, ILO Director-General Guy Ryder came to deliver a keynote speech at the first forum; last year, together with 15 cities and 17 labor-specialized institutions and academia around the world, we shared labor policies under the theme of *Inequality of Work and Union City*. The cities also showed their willingness to be part of the Decent Work Cities Network (DWCN), the first inter-city international organization in the field of labor. The Network will operate with official support from the ILO and hold its inaugural meeting at the forum. A representative of the ILO will officially attend the event to support the establishment of the DWCN, too.

This year, we will be holding the third forum on the topics of the ILO’s Centennial report, *Work for a Brighter Future*. The forum will address such topics on investments in workers’ capabilities, social security, equal pay for equal work, shortening working hours, violence and harassment in the world of work, and lastly diversification in forms of employment.

We believe that your participation in the forum will be of great help to other cities. This will be a great opportunity for us to strengthen partnerships among city governments and elevate labor policy effectiveness and strategies.

We look forward to welcoming you to the forum in Seoul.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Park Wonsoon', written in a cursive style.

Park Wonsoon
Mayor of Seoul