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### **Subject: Invitation to First OWHC Asia-Pacific Meeting for World Heritage Cities**

Dear Director,

I take pleasure in informing that the First OWHC Asia-Pacific Meeting for World Heritage Cities will be held in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, 24-26 September, 2014. It is the first gathering of high ranking officials and experts of World Heritage cities in the region since the Asia-Pacific Regional Secretariat of the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC-AP) was established in December 2013. The meeting will consist of two parts: workshop(UNESCO-OWHC), mayors' roundtable.

In the era of globalization, our heritage cities face numerous crucial challenges not only to preserve the outstanding universal values of world heritage sites, but also to utilize cultural and natural resources for sustainable development from the context of community development. I firmly believe that most cities in the region have faced with the same dilemmas in administration and management.


I would like to take this opportunity to invite your Center to support the organization of the workshop as like the UNESCO Bangkok Office, OWHC, and KNC for UNESCO. I am looking forward to WHITRAP's participation in this landmark event which will contribute to paving the way for world heritage cities of our region forward.

Also, you are kindly requested to present the position paper of your center at the Workshop on 24 September with the title of "people-centered conservation principle of world heritage cities and towns in the region". The host organization will provide you with the round-trip economy air-ticket and accommodation while you are staying in Gyeongju(23~27 September).

I look forward to hearing the positive reply at your earliest convenience and send you my best regards. If you would like to know more about us or the meeting, please refer to the inclusive general information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Regional Coordinator  
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Encl. General information  
cc. UNESCO Bangkok Office