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Dear Professor Cho

Greetings,

My name is Namsik Hur. I am the Mayor of Busan City.

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all your efforts to achieve a safe life for all humanity.

As you know, Busan Metropolitan City, with a population of 3.6 million, is the primary port city of Korea and the fifth largest port in the world, and successfully held the 2002 Asian Games and 2005 APEC Summit meeting as well as many other international events. Furthermore, we are continuing with plans to turn Busan into a leading global city and a leading marine capital in Northeast Asia by moving forward with our aim of hosting the Summer Olympic Games in 2024 or later. Hence, to match these aims, another goal for Busan is to improve the quality of life and safety of our citizens.

In order to introduce the model of Safe Communities, Busan set up a basic model in January 2009, organized a project team assisted by Inje University and completed the model in February 2010. We have almost finished setting up the "Committee Towards Making Busan a Safe Community" and the "Agency of Practitioners", which includes

institutions and professionals such as the police department, the education board and the fire department, as well as an enactment of "Regulations Towards Making Busan a Safe Community" to strengthen the Safety Network as well as encourage the participation of different groups in the community.

Moreover, in line with these efforts, the Korean Injury Prevention Association, comprised of volunteers from the health centers from the private sector, was established in 2010 and is working actively in the community. We also established the International Safe Community Research Center of Busan Metropolitan City to systematically push ahead with certified businesses and develop an innovative Safe Community model for Busan.

As the mayor of Busan City, I am aware that the safety of the citizens is the most important thing of all, and I pledge to you, as sincerely as I have promised the citizens, that I will try my very best to manage a happy life for all in Busan and to make Busan one of the safest cities on earth.

In this regard, I would like to ask for your cooperation to help Busan become an International Safe Community. At the same time, I wish you well and the best of luck. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

Namsik Hur

Mayor, Busan City