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Dear UCLG Secretary General Josep Roig, members around the world, international organizations, and culture and art experts from home and abroad!

I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for visiting Jeju, a treasure island of nature and culture, and attending the 2nd UCLG Culture Summit.

I'd also like to thank the poet Ko, Un, an honorary citizen of Jeju and candidate for the Nobel Prize in Literature, and Karima Bennoune, UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, for attending the event to make keynote speeches alongside other distinguished guests and attendees.

I am deeply honored to hold the 2nd UCLG Culture Summit in Jeju for the first time in Asia, following the 2nd UCLG World Congress successfully held in Jeju, 2007 for the first time in Asia.

The 2nd UCLG Culture Summit has special meaning.

»» CULTURE IS A VERY IMPORTANT MECHANISM FOR SUSTAINABLE CITY DEVELOPMENT

As president of UCLG ASPAC over the last 3 years, I am convinced that culture is a very important mechanism for sustainable city development.

Accordingly, we have endeavored to preserve cultural diversity and secure cultural rights for citizens by establishing the Asia Pacific Culture Committee in 2015. We have also gathered practical examples to realize the 'Culture 21' vision discussed at the 1st UCLG Culture Summit.

The old town of Jeju City, which was losing vitality under the cloak of development and growth as seen in other new cities, is now becoming reborn as a center of new cultural power.

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With the old and the new, the past and the present, and the coexistence of past and future generations, people are using culture as the medium to gather together.

Through such meaningful change, local residents have been revitalized, new jobs have been generated for youth, and a virtuous cycle has been created in the cultural ecosystem as cultural activists and artists as well as tourists continue to visit.

Distinguished guests and follow citizens who love culture!



The title of the 2nd UCLG Culture Summit is ‘Commitments and Actions for Culture in Sustainable Cities.’

Here, I’d like to signpost the practices of the United Cities and Local Governments towards World Culture 2030.

The first is the value of coexistence.

I think that coexistence, where the past and the future meet, nature and people are in harmony, and local cultures and world cultures blend with each other, will make city cultures embrace history and make the present more affluent.

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The second is the value of diversity.

At present when the fourth industrial revolution is expanding based on creativity and imagination, the most creative and future-oriented cultural cities will be created as we acknowledge difference, cultivate individuality, and unlock regional characteristics.



The last is new cultural harmony.

I am sure that we will be on the way to a more mature future as we harmonize the private sector working with local residents by strengthening city and local government networks around the world.

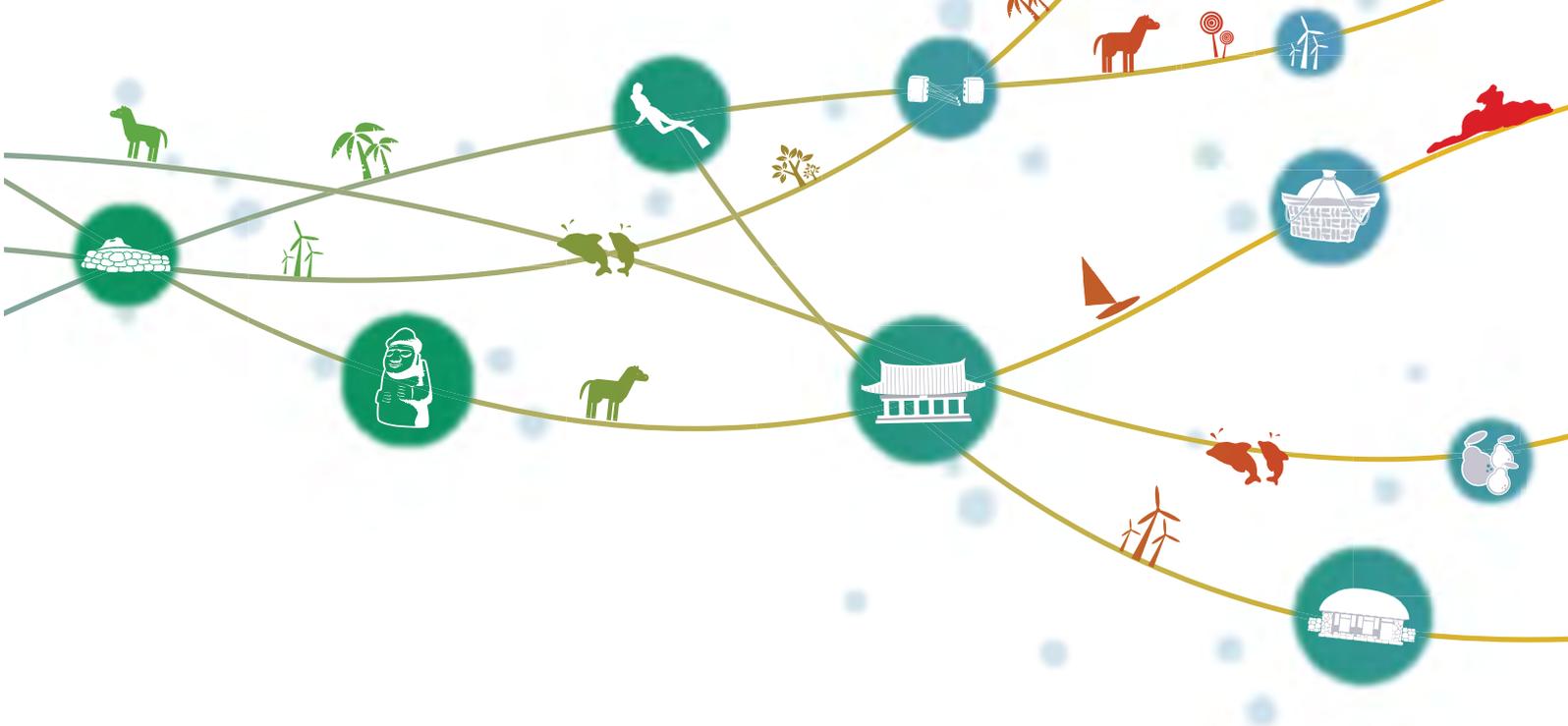
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Jeju Special Self-Governing Province will play a faithful role in leading the change in the local and international communities together with UCLG based on culture as its driving force.

I hope that you will encounter instructive cases in Jeju, a carbon-free island of cleanness, coexistence, and culture & arts, and I also hope you will have a great time making wonderful memories.

Thank you.





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