

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Friendship Exchange
between

Icheon City, Gyeonggi-do Province,
Republic of Korea and City of Santa
Clara, California, United States of
America

Icheon City, Gyeonggi-do Province, Republic of Korea and City of Santa Clara, California, United States of America hereby enter this memorandum of understanding with the aim of promoting development of a relationship, boosting economic cooperation, and enhancing mutual development between the two cities by expanding exchanges in various areas, sharing the goal of co-prosperity and world peace, based on the principles of equal and mutual benefits and friendly cooperation.

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2018, Consul General Park Joon-yong and Consul Sanghun Oh from the Korean Consulate of San Francisco, and the President and Vice President of Silicon Valley Korean American Federation, met with Mayor Lisa Gillmor and members of the Santa Clara City Council to discuss a potential Friendship City/Sister City relationship between Icheon City and City of Santa Clara; and,

WHEREAS , on October 29, 2018, members of the Santa Clara City Council and the President of the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association met with representatives from Consulate General of the Republic of Korea and the Silicon Valley Korean American Federation, who conveyed Icheon City's interest in pursuing a Sister City relationship with the City of Santa Clara; and,

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2018, Mayor Gillmor sent Mayor Eom Tai-joon of Icheon City, a letter expressing the City of Santa Clara's appreciation and interest in building a potential relationship with Icheon City; and,

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International defines "Friendship City" as often the first stage in the relationship before partner cities establish an official "Sister City" relationship.

The two cities agree as follows:

1. The two cities shall actively promote exchanges in areas of common interest including science, technology, sports, youth education, environmental protection and corporate activities.
2. The two cities shall strive to actively pursue exchanges in other areas that will contribute to the prosperity of citizens and to further enhanced the friendship.
3. The purpose of exchange between the two cities is to return the practical benefits of international exchange to citizens of both cities through cultural and economic exchanges and the expansion of opportunities for youth education.
4. Based on the agreement of mutual cooperation and direction specified herein, the two cities shall strive to mutually support each other, by organizing and developing experience in friendly urban relations as well as joint activities and future programs.
5. As part of this agreement, additional activities may be pursued through the efforts of other community groups, including youth exchanges organized by schools from both cities, with assistance from the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association and its counterpart in Icheon City.

6. Both cities shall exchange representatives and/or staff for visits every alternate year, subject to budget appropriations. Each exchange and/or visit shall be reviewed in advance between representatives of Icheon City and the City of Santa Clara's Mayor and Council Office.

The intent of the two cities is that this Agreement shall become operative on the Effective Date. The Effective Date is the date that the final signatory executes the Agreement. The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and apply for a period of three (3) years with the option of renewal upon approval of both cities.

Icheon City, Gyeonggi-do Province, Republic of Korea and City of Santa Clara, California, United States of America hereby provide their signatures or seals below to establish a relationship as Friendship Cities, with the belief that the agreement will contribute to the development of friendly relations between the two cities.

Icheon City
On its behalf

City of Santa Clara
On its behalf

Eom Tae-joon,
Mayor of Icheon City
Date:

Lisa M. Gillmor,
Mayor of Santa Clara
Date: