

Tomsk Declaration

We, the representatives of Hanoi, Seoul, Tokyo, Ulaanbaatar and Tomsk, participated in the 13th Plenary Meeting of the ANMC21, held in Tomsk from September 5 to 6, 2014. We highly appreciate and express our sincere gratitude to Tomsk for successfully hosting the 13th Plenary Meeting.

Being aware of the fact that urban life is associated with different challenges for different ages and social groups and that these challenges are not limited to infrastructural issues, but can be social and political in nature;

Agreeing that new social institutions and initiatives can help local governments overcome these challenges by fully involving all residents, young and senior alike, in the public activities and offering them every possible opportunity to express themselves and take part in all aspects of diverse city life;

Acknowledging the willingness of Tomsk to share its experience of youth engagement in social projects, volunteering, entrepreneurship and politics;

Having conducted open and friendly discussion on common issues and challenges confronting Asian major cities and the joint projects of the ANMC21;

Hereby we declare:

1. to discuss problems that are important to urban residents and jointly search for solutions, paying special attention to the needs and interests of different age groups;
2. to address the needs of young people and involve them in all aspects of city life by encouraging creation of youth organizations, providing career advice and guidance in business endeavors, promoting healthy lifestyles, offering volunteering opportunities and educating them about social and political initiatives of the city;
3. to focus on intergenerational initiatives that bring together young and senior citizens, paying particular attention to projects, where senior residents can share their professional expertise and personal experience with young people, and recognizing the special role of sports in bridging the generation gap;
4. to improve policies and ensure information exchange regarding the member cities' best practices that improve lives of city dwellers from different social groups;
5. to agree on implementing Joint Projects and Pilot Programs including a new pilot project, "Russian Language Education Program," carried out by Tomsk to enhance cooperation in the field of education and foster closer cultural ties between member cities;
6. to agree on the need to conduct a thorough review of how the ANMC21 should be and direct that the Secretariat will disseminate the results of the Tomsk Plenary and seek views from the Member Cities by the end of 2014.

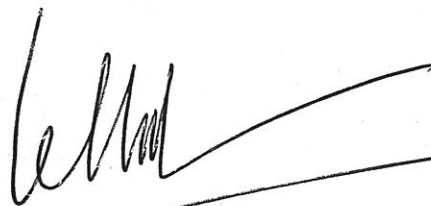
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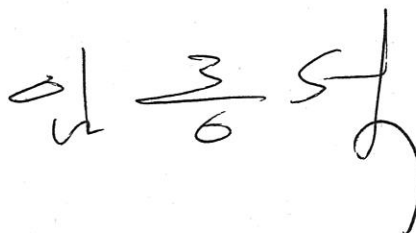
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