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**INVITATION**  
**TO THE 55<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES**  
**DAEGU 2023**

1 December 2022

Dear sports friends all around the world,

I would like to invite you to energetic and powerful Daegu, an exciting city full of freedom and enthusiasm in next July. We will hold the International Children's Games from July 5 to 10, 2023.

I am thrilled to tell you that Daegu is a global sports city as we hosted many sports events successfully like the 2002 FIFA World Cup, the 2003 Daegu Summer Universiade, the 2011 IAAF World Championships and the 2017 World Masters Athletics Championships indoor. Korea's first International Children's Games was held here in Daegu in 2012 and we shared the very touching moment of their passion.

Further, Daegu is a UNESCO Creative City of Music and eco-friendly high-tech industrial city and it is a central city of South Korea with a harmony of 5,000 years of history and culture.

We once again open the door to youth sports festivals that transcend politics, religion and race under the Olympic spirit. Like the slogan of the ICG Daegu 2023, "Enjoy it, Dream Together!", I hope you will join us in Daegu, the city of passion where an explosive feast of energy and friendship will unfold.

Thank you all very much.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "홍준표" (Hong Joon Pyo).

Hong Joon Pyo  
Mayor of Daegu Metropolitan City Government