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**Dear Members of the League of Historical Cities,
Mayors and Colleagues of Historical Cities!**

We would like to officially invite you to the 17th World Conference of Historical Cities in Kazan, Russian Federation on 24-26 June, 2021. Under the COVID-19 situation, we have decided to organize a hybrid conference with online and offline participation.

Kazan is a city with more than 1000 years history that combines different cultures, traditions and religions. We hope that the Conference will become not only a bright event in the life of each participant, but also a platform for active discussions and the development of new strategies of maintaining national identity for future generations.

The League of Historical Cities consists of 121 member cities from 66 countries and regions. It is important for us to encourage exchanges among members especially in the current situation with restrictions imposed due to the pandemic, by offering opportunities to meet in person or online.

If your situation allows, we would like you to gather in Kazan and experience its rich history and diverse culture directly. If it is difficult for you to travel to Kazan, we hope you will join us virtually and have exchanges with the other member cities.

In order to revitalize historical cities, to facilitate sustainable development of heritage, and to further develop the League in the post-coronavirus era, your continued support will be highly appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in June.

Sincerely,

Ilсур METSHIN
Mayor of Kazan

KADOKAWA Daisaku
Chairperson of LHC,
Mayor of Kyoto



Details of the 17th World Conference of Historical Cities & 2021 LHC General Assembly

Period: Thursday, June 24 – Saturday, June 26, 2021 (3 days)

Theme: “Historical and Cultural Heritage as the Basis of National and Regional Identity”

Subthemes (Sessions):

1. Ethnic harmony within a large city
2. Historical and cultural heritage in the COVID-19 pandemic
3. Preservation and development of native languages in a multiethnic environment
4. Connection of the past, present, and future: ancient traditions in modern conditions

Conference Venue: Kazan City Hall

Address: 33, Karl Marks Str., Kazan

Tel : +78432366125

Registration Fee:

- Offline Fee: 500 USD

The fee covers: Participation in the conference including excursions, accommodation for 3 nights (6/ 23 IN - 6/26 OUT) in the selected hotels, meals during the conference and transportation from/to the Kazan International Airport.

- Discount offline fee: 150 USD

The fee covers the participation in the conference including excursions only.

- Online Fee: Free

Registration Method: Register at <http://lhc2021.kzn.ru/registratsiya/?lang=en>

An invoice will be sent by e-mail provided at the online registration.

Accommodation: For details, please visit the conference website:

<http://lhc2021.kzn.ru/>



Presentations: Those interested in making a presentation based on the conference themes, please submit the presenter's name and the title of the presentation **by the end of March** 2021. The length of the presentation must be within 10 mins. Its abstract written in English under 1000 words should be submitted **by April 18**, 2021.

Painting Competition:

Theme: **"I see the World: Traditions of the Nations of the World"**

Size of Pictures: 30cm x 42cm (A3)

Technique: Free

*colored pencils, pastels, watercolors, gouache, oil, ink, charcoal, etc.

Deadline: **May 1, 2021**

Target Age: 9-13 years

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For all details and regulations, please visit:

<http://lhc2021.kzn.ru/contest/>

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2021 LHC General Assembly:

The LHC General Assembly will also be scheduled before the closing ceremony. The details of the General Assembly are as follows:

Date: Friday, June 25, 2021

Time: 13:30-15:00 (MSK)

Venue: Kazan Ratusha & Online

Agenda: 1) Introduction of the new member cities

2) Report on the 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting

3) Announcement of the host city of the 18th World Conference in 2022