



Reception-The 18th World Conference

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Opening Performance-The 18th World Conference

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Review of the 18th World Conference of Historical Cities

The LHC Secretariat is pleased to inform you of the great success of the 18th World Conference of Historical Cities themed “Future-oriented Historical City based on Community”. The conference was held in a hybrid format welcoming participants from 42 cities of 20 countries and regions. The number of visitors from related organizations and universities including students reached 800 people in total in three days.

The opening performance integrating digital technology with tradition was so spectacular that the audience was instantly captivated. Besides, both the powerful beats of Korean drums and beautiful echo of Korean folk song *Arirang* sung by the city choir, created the impressive opening.

The roundtables and the expert meeting were very productive with a variety of presentations and exchange of ideas on interesting topics such as community-centered initiatives in each municipality and new digital methods to utilize the heritage. Moreover, an active involvement of young generations was very distinctive at the conference. Paintings and videos attracted the audiences, and the energetic speeches by local high school students showed us the potential of historical cities.

The most valuable part of the conference was that municipal representatives could meet up, deepen their friendship, and had first-hand experience of the local culture of Andong.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the City of Andong and those who have supported each program of the event including both online and offline participants from each municipality.

👉 See the digest movie of the conference at the [LHC official YouTube channel](#).



Day 1 Mon. 14 November

- Opening Performance
- Opening Remarks
- Keynote Speech
- Roundtable 1
- Expert Meeting
- Welcome Reception

Day 2 Tue. 15 November

- Roundtable 2
- Summary Session
- Youth Forum
- Technical Tour to *Hahoe* village
- 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting
- Reception

Day 3 Wed. 16 November

- Technical Tour to *Dosan Seowon*
- 2022 General Assembly
- Closing Ceremony
- Adopting Andong Declaration



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Outline of the Board of Directors' Meeting & the General Assembly

During the Conference, the Board of Directors' Meeting and the General Assembly for FY2022 were held. The outline is as follows:

2022 New Member Cities

The new membership of Masuda, Japan and Shusha, Azerbaijan was approved by the Board of Directors, and both cities gave greetings at the General Assembly. In addition, the membership of Selçuklu, Turkey and Tehran, Iran was also approved to join the League by the end of FY2022.

New Executive Board Members (2022-2026)

New principal officers were determined as listed below. Kraków, a newly elected director gave a speech at the General Assembly. The term of office will be until the General Assembly for FY2026.

Position	City / Country
Chair	Kyoto / Japan
Vice Chairs	Konya / Turkey Xi'an / China
Directors	Bad Ischl / Austria Gyeongju / South Korea Kraków / Poland Ljubljana / Slovenia Shiraz / Iran
Auditor	Kanazawa / Japan

Host City for the 19th World Conference of Historical Cities (P6)

As a result of the votes by the Board of Directors, Ljubljana city in Slovenia was elected as the host city for the 19th World Conference scheduled in 2024. A video message from the Deputy Mayor and a short introduction movie of Ljubljana were shown at the General Assembly.

LHC Statement of Peace and Solidarity

In response to the tense international situation, Chairperson Kadokawa proposed that the League should issue the statement calling for actions for peace to emphasize the importance of solidarity among intercity organizations such as the League that represents municipalities and citizens. As the consensus of the General Assembly, it was decided to issue the Statement of Peace and Solidarity. (Full Text P6)

Announcement of the resignation of Secretary General

Shigenori Shibata, who has engaged in the League's activities from the first World Conference and served as the Secretary General since 2011, will resign at the end of March 2023. The LHC Chairperson and the Mayor of Andong presented him a bouquet and an appreciation plaque. The Board of Directors has decided that the League would award Mr. Shibata in recognition of his achievements over the years.



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LHC Membership Fee for FY2023

The fee of **\$100** should be paid to the designated bank account. See the LHC official website.



Andong Declaration

on Future-Oriented Historical City Based on Community



We, the mayors, political leaders and experts in the field of preserving the heritage of cities all over the world, have gathered at the 18th World Conference of Historical Cities hosted by the City of Andong, Korea, endorse the following:

1. Combine digital technology with tangible heritage, intangible heritage, documentary heritage, spiritual culture, and living culture to revitalize the local community for creating future historical cities.
2. Recalling that a historical city is a foundation that shows cultural diversity and influence of humankind, search the development direction that can ensure sustainability in heritage, industry, life, and ecological environment to enable the local community to survive as the matrix of the historical city's future as well as to contribute to creating decarbonized society and achieving SDGs.
3. Make efforts for the sustainable preservation and utilization of cultural heritage to make a historical city a place for all residents in such a manner that the community culture can be preserved and reborn.
4. Develop programs that will improve the locals' quality of life and raise their awareness of the historical culture to ensure the preservation of the historical city and tourism resources and develop a mutually beneficial relationship that helps them beyond conflicting relationships.
5. Explore the administrative, legal, and technological means and multifaceted ways to avoid conflicts between stakeholders by which the properties of the historical city can be reproduced in a new shape. At the same time, the community life of local community members is maintained.
6. Expand education and training programs, and secure community facilities and spaces in which the values of local memoirs, history, life, culture, and digital technologies are combined to make a historical city the place where young people who will become the protagonists of future generations can empathize with and establish a foundation for their lives.
7. Agreeing that future historical cities should be formed around sustainable local communities, regenerate and activate the local communities through communication and mutual understanding. Moreover, the regeneration and activation should evolve into smart historical cities through digital technologies and transformation in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Therefore, we hereby pledge to share each other's experiences and practices through information exchange and networks so that historical cities can be regenerated around the local communities where everyone wants to live in and visit in the future.

Adopted in Andong, the capital of Korean Spirit
November 16, 2022



Photo Gallery

Full of Memories



Every historical city in the world has developed over the centuries with sustained efforts of the citizens who strived to foster their unique cultures and traditions. It is the valuable asset for humans to be passed down to future generations.

The League of Historical Cities was established to promote world peace, which is fundamental for preserving and developing historical cities and is also a desire of all mankind. For the cities sharing the common bond as being a historical city, the League has served as a platform to promote exchanges and foster solidarity. Until today, we have had a number of meaningful dialogues, developed our friendship, and endeavored to resolve social issues.

However, there are still ongoing conflicts between nations deriving from differences in races, ethnicity, cultures, and religions. It is with our deepest regret that many lives have been lost in military actions and historical heritage, which have universal values to humanity, are seriously damaged in various areas in the world. Every conflict shall be resolved in a peaceful manner such as through dialogue, not by any military means.

While the international community is increasingly divided, we hereby reaffirm our solidarity based on our special bond strengthened through continuous exchanges. In addition, we hereby pledge to take actions to deepen mutual understanding through constant interaction between cities and citizens, to convey the importance of dialogue to the world for resolving issues, and to support historical cities and their people suffering from conflicts as well as to call for such initiatives.

16 November 2022, At the 18th World Conference of Historical Cities

City of Ljubljana, Slovenia



Ljubljana is a city standing at the crossroads of European history and culture, where, over centuries, influences from the west and east, north and south have mixed. It lies at the juncture where Romanic, Germanic and Slavic worlds meet. We can argue that it is this crucial position that - through the centuries - provided for extremely rich cultural heritage dating back to prehistoric times and is today reflected in the vibrant tempo and cultural life of the city. Prehistoric heritage of Ljubljana's marsh is a cultural heritage inscribed on the UNESCO list. A unique place in the history of Ljubljana is the period of Roman Emona.