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Respectful Chairperson, Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honor for me to participate at this meaningful Global Platform Conference and make presentation about my songpa-gu in front of you.

Located at the southeastern part of Seoul, Songpa has the largest population among 25 districts of Seoul Metropolitan Government, and well-known for 1988 Summer Olympics.

On behalf of my government, I am pleased to share how we are implementing the *Sendai Framework* at the local level.

In response to increasing risks, in 2015, Songpa has created a DRR team and joined the *Making Cities Resilient* Campaign.

Under our local DRR roadmap called, *Resilient Songpa*, Songpa has committed ten priority areas aligned with MCR campaign.

First, risk and vulnerability assessments were conducted using MRC tools like resilience scorecard and Quick Risk Estimation.

We are making legal, institutional and cultural efforts by through DRR plans in partnerships with various stakeholders such as companies, academia and civil society.

Let me share some specific examples.

We have the Songpa disaster management fund, which operates for long-term disaster response and recovery.

This fund also supports DRR activities for vulnerable communities.

In addition, Songpa development plan 2030 is launched to strengthen community DRR and recovery capacity.

Songpa's safety-township is managed by risk profile and regional governance customized to each area.

The Lotte World Tower, fifth tallest skyscraper in the world is also managed through civil-government-military disaster management.

To ensure resilience of critical infrastructure such as schools and community centers, seismic retrofitting techniques are adopted for construction and regular building management.

In fact, we are operating early warning systems to ensure disaster preparedness and response.

For inclusive DRR education, we have established the Songpa Disaster Safety Training Center.

The Center provides customized education programs for youth, persons with disabilities and older people.

In addition, we are strengthening disaster response capabilities by conducting repetitive trainings.

Despite increasing frequency and vulnerability of natural disasters in the past ten years, Songpa has become safer and more resilient city with decreased number of casualties and losses.

According to the national government's local safety assessment, Songpa's DRR activities demonstrate its strong commitment to both structural and non-structural mitigation and preparedness policies.

Songpa continues to foster local resilience by harnessing ICT into on-line and off-line DRR systems.

It is committed to working towards the Sendai Framework localization.

Learning from the past, Songpa is able to cope with unpredictable and wide-range risk factors moving beyond response measures to take preventive actions.

It aims to take inclusive and collaborative DRR strategic through enhanced communications and cooperation with public agencies, civil society, international organizations and private sector.

Once again, I sincerely appreciate this opportunity to be engaged in the wonderful conference.

And also, I would like to invite all of you to Songpa-gu and Korea as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor, Joon Ho Ahn