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Dear Chairman Sugiarto

14th Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) & Mayors' Forum 'Shaping Cities for our Future'

I am pleased to announce that the 14th Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) & Mayors' Forum will be held **in Brisbane** from **11-13 October 2023**, and I invite you and members of APEKSI to be involved.

Across its 25-year history, this Summit has been creating lasting impacts for cities and become the region's award winning, landmark event for city leaders. The event brings together city thinkers, makers and innovators to propel urban capability and best practices while connecting government and business to each other. With an alumni of more than 550 cities, the APCS & Mayors' Forum is an internationally recognised event with world-class speakers and a dynamic program designed to challenge your thinking.

Summit Themes

The overarching theme of 2023 APCS & Mayors' Forum is **Shaping Cities for our Future**, with three sub-themes to be discussed:

- Cities of connection** - technology, data and the people
- Cities of sustainability** - adapting to growth, inclusivity and wellbeing
- Cities of legacy** - creating events of prosperity and longevity.

You will walk away with

- Insights on emerging opportunities and world changing ideas on cities
- Connections to world-class keynote speakers, city leaders and high calibre delegates
- Access to the award-winning APCS network and alumni
- Influence in the conversation on the future of our cities
- Business leads and commercial outcomes.

Who will attend?

In 2019, more than 1400 delegates from 140 cities, representing a global population of more than 405 million people participated in the event, including 83 Mayors and Deputy Mayors. The Summit attracts an almost equal mix of public and private sector delegates. Attendees typically represent local government (Mayors, Governors and Commissioners), city managers and executives, key business and industry leaders, policy makers, research leaders and young professionals.

What are the opportunities?

- **The Mayors' Forum** – this exclusive, invitation only event is an opportunity for Mayors and Deputy Mayors to create their own global network of influential peers and to learn about the latest trends, global best practice and opportunities in city management. Participants are invited to directly contribute to and adopt the 2023APCS Mayors' Accord which represents the outcomes and strategic objectives of the Forum. The 2019APCS Mayors' Accord directly impacted the lives of more than 98 million people.
- **Speaking opportunities** – The 2023APCS will feature a range of dynamic speakers and offers the opportunity for speakers to deliver a message to leaders of the broader Asia Pacific region and beyond with impact. Those interested in speaking at this international meeting of key decision-makers and influencers from leading cities throughout the world are encouraged to submit an abstract addressing one of the 2023APCS program sub-themes. **Applications are now open.**
- **Business opportunities** – The Summit features a business program where delegates can connect and strengthen their global trade and investment links, and drive commercial outcomes through one-on-one business connections, exhibitors and networking events
- **Exhibition opportunities** – The 2023APCS Market Square presents a unique exhibition opportunity to showcase brand, products and services to key decision makers of the Asia Pacific region and globally. A range of exhibition offerings are available via the Summit website at www.apcsummit.org.
- **Young Professionals (YPs@APCS)** – Invite young professionals from your organisation and network to join this program to equip the next generation of leaders.

About Brisbane, Home of the APCS

Brisbane is Australia's gateway to the Asia Pacific region and home to a thriving economy worth \$181 billion.

The future host city of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games is known for its vibrant multicultural community, innovation-led economy, enviable outdoor lifestyle and is a natural home for business.

Registrations for 2023APCS are now open and discounts are offered for early registrations.

Contact us

I expect this Summit will be of significant interest to both you and your members. For further information and to ensure your city's participation in the 2023APCS in Brisbane, I encourage you to connect with **Ms Susie Clowes** in my International Relations and Multicultural Affairs Branch, by email at susie.clowes@brisbane.qld.gov.au or by phone on +61 7 317 80790 to discuss how your organisation may be involved and promote the event to your valuable members. Alternatively, visit the APCS website at www.apcsummit.org or by scanning the QR code below.

I sincerely hope that I have the opportunity to welcome you and your delegation of APEKSI members to Brisbane for this landmark event.

Yours sincerely



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