

January 7, 2017

Dear honorable Mayor 「Steve Jones」 of Garden Grove and the members of city council, and everyone from sister city Association of Garden Grove,

Greetings. I am Lee Philwoon, Mayor of Anyang, a long time friend of Garden Grove.

I hereby would like to thank everyone at Garden Grove, including Mr. Mayor who provided this valuable opportunity for the youth of Anyang to experience the advanced culture through the homestay training program for 8 nights and 10 days in the beautiful city in the western part of the U.S., which continues to grow and make a leap.

Certainly, we are far away from each other for it takes more than 11 hours by plane to reach each city, however, I believe that the fact that this year marks the remarkable 49th anniversary of the youth homestay training program has been possible only because of the unchanged friendship and cooperation between our two cities.

Especially I cannot help mentioning honorable Mayor 「Steve Jones」 and the members of Garden Grove City Council as well as the members of Sister City Association of Garden Grove, including President 「Rachot Moragraan」 and the relevant public officials. I extend my sincere gratitude for their efforts, devotion, and cooperation for the youth homestay training program.

Last September, Anyang invited Korean war veterans 「Ron Fukuoka」 and 「Harry Brunke」 with their spouses who reside in Garden Grove and took part in the Korean War to express the heartfelt appreciation for their war efforts and dedication in an effort to boost friendship of our two cities.


We also hope that the exchanges and cooperation with Garden Grove will only be continued and promoted in many different areas through, but not limited to, this youth homestay training program.

I am sincerely pleased that our 8 students from Anyang visit the beautiful city of Garden Grove to experience its community, culture, and history. I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate the cooperation of every host family.

Last but not least, the support and attention of Mr. Mayor for facilitating the exchanges and the friendship of our two cities are sincerely appreciated.

I will pray for the continued prosperity of beautiful Garden Grove and peace of its citizens in the new year 2017 too.

Sincerely,



Lee Philwoon
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