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To: Mr Hong Jong Kyong
General Secretary of NEAR

Dear Mr General Secretary,
Greetings from Ho Chi Minh City.

Last July, the City Leader was delighted to welcome you to Ho Chi Minh City. During the meeting, you extended the invitation for Ho Chi Minh City to become an associate member of NEAR. On behalf of the Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee, I am sincerely thankful for the kind invitation and wish to happily inform that: Ho Chi Minh City would like to become an associate member of NEAR.

As a special city with the most active developing pace of Viet Nam, Ho Chi Minh City is assembling all the efforts to become a city with good living quality, civility, modernity, compassion and fidelity; a regional hub for economic area, culture, education – training, science and technology. In order to realize this goal, Ho Chi Minh City look forward to exchanging and learning more experience from countries in the world, including those from the North East Asia. I have strong belief that once become an associate member of NEAR, Ho Chi Minh City will actively participate in all the activities of NEAR, thus enhancing the friendship and cooperation with countries in the North East Asia.

I wish you good health, happiness and success. I look forward to seeing you again in Ho Chi Minh City

Sincerely./.

Nguyen Thanh Phong
Chairman

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- HCMC Party Committee;
- HCMC People's Committee: Chairman, Vice Chairman;
- Department of Planning and Investment;
- Department of Foreign Affairs;
- Department of Transportation;
- Management Authority for Urban Railways (MAUR);
- Office of HCMC People's Committee: Chief of Office, Deputy Chief of Office;
- Project Manager Office;
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