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His Worship Mike Hurley
Mayor
City of Burnaby
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Dear Mayor Hurley:

On behalf of the Government of Taiwan, I would like to cordially invite you to visit the Smart City Summit & Expo (SCSE), which will be taking place in Taipei and Kaohsiung from the 19th to the 23rd of March, 2024. With a wide range of innovative forums and B2B sessions, SCSE has served as a convener, a facilitator and a matchmaker for the global IoT sector for over 10 years.

As Taiwan is undertaking many programs to reduce its carbon footprint and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, a "Net-Zero City Leaders Summit" will serve as the cornerstone for the upcoming SCSE. The summit will enable municipal leaders around the world to gather and exchange ideas on how cities can leverage innovations to create renewable and sustainable urban environments. Given that Burnaby is taking bold climate action, I am confident your visit will pave the way for more cooperation between your city and municipalities in Taiwan for a cleaner and greener future. As a case in point, last year's Net-Zero Summit saw more than 300 city delegates and 27 mayors in attendance.

If you are planning to attend the Net-Zero City Leaders Summit along with other SCSE programs, event organizers will be able to provide accommodation for 4 nights during exhibition period and reimburse your round-trip flight ticket; please refer to the attachment for the full set of details. Should you have additional questions or thoughts on this, please feel free to contact my colleague Jacob Hsia (nthsia@mofa.gov.tw).

I look forward to the opportunity of having you at SCSE in 2024.

Sincerely yours,



Lihsin Angel Liu
Director General