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Welcome to Gwanju

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Although swimmers are still busy racing, the water polo tournament is more and more nail-biting, the high diving tournament has not even started yet FINA is already looking ahead to the future. The host of the upcoming World Championships, South Korean Gwanju has been introduced in Duna Arena.

Julio Maglione dr. - President of FINA:

The standard of the World Championships hosted by Hungary is outstanding. Although the tournament of 2017 has not finished yet, I hereby give the flag over to Gwanju symbolically. The Federation is looking forward to becoming familiar with this dynamically developing and lively city, no doubt, local organisers will ensure perfect conditions for participating athletes. The World Championships of 2017 will serve as a point of reference in the future and we believe Gwanju will also be able to meet the expectations.

Young-Teck Cho dr. - Secretary-General and Vice-President:

Gwangju is the city of peace and democracy, the values which organisers aim at integrating into the concept of the World Championships. We kindly invite everyone to come and see our diverse culture as well as the harmony between nature and mankind.

Ms Debra Han - Head of International Cooperation:

We are looking forward to welcoming athletes in wonderful facilities. Swimming and diving will be staged in an arena with the capacity of 11000 persons, in addition, tournaments will take place in four venues located within a short distance. In addition to the arena, a 25 building athletes' village is awaiting participants. According to our plans high divers will jump from a temporary structure established on the square adjacent to the City Hall.

Ms Eunyoung Lee - Promotions:

The official logo and mascots of the World Championships are ready now. The logo depicts a wave symbolizing challenge and competition while the characteristic mountain of Gwanju represents unity and peace. We hope the audience will love our mascots, Suri and Dari, the otters dressed in swimsuits. Furthermore, I am glad to announce now that the official website of the event is now launched therefore you may find more information at fina-gwangju2019.com.

Prof. Kwangchul Lew - Vice Chair Executive Committee:

We couldn't have wished for a better venue for hosting such a prestigious event than Gwangju. The city combines modern and traditional culture in a harmonic way and it is important to note that it has hosted such events as Universiade, the Volleyball World League and the 2002 FIFA World Cup.