

Researcher Authorisation Letter

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to confirm that **UKJIN AN** has been appointed as a Researcher for the Happy City Index 2026, with responsibility for conducting the assessment of **CHEONGJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA**.

The Happy City Index is an international research initiative that evaluates cities worldwide across multiple dimensions of social wellbeing, sustainability, governance, inclusion, innovation and quality of life. The forthcoming edition is scheduled for publication on 20 March 2026.

As part of this role, the researcher is authorised to contact municipal departments, request access to relevant public data and liaise with city representatives to ensure an accurate and comprehensive evaluation.

We kindly request that all relevant authorities and institutions provide their cooperation and support throughout the data-gathering process. Should you require verification or any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Bartosz Bartoszewicz

Happy City Index Programme Director

13 January 2026, London United Kingdom

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*The **Happy City Index** is one of the world's most comprehensive and influential studies dedicated to urban development and urbanisation processes. This project evaluates the quality of life in cities by examining indicators such as sustainable development, public space accessibility and quality, environmental conditions, public health, and the overall well-being of local communities. By combining statistical data with residents' insights, the study provides a holistic understanding of urban needs and expectations. Covering over 3,500 cities globally, it offers invaluable insights to help urban policymakers make informed decisions that improve quality of life.*

