In Suwon Special City in Gyeonggi—do, Republic of Korea, history and culture coexist around Suwon Hwaseong Fortress, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is also home to the world's leading global companies, including Samsung Electronics and Gwanggyo Techno Valley, and is a hub for information technology(IT), biotechnology(BT), and nanotechnology(NT).

In addition, as the largest local government in Korea with a population of 1.22 million, Suwon was designated as a special city on January 13, 2022, and has established itself as a central city with administrative and financial privileges from the central government.

Suwon is constantly striving to create a sustainable city by holding the world's first "Ecological Transportation Festival" (a car—free street for a month) with the support of international organizations, including UN—HABITAT (United Nations Human Settlement Programme) and ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability).

## 참고 General status of Suwon City

O Location: Gyeonggi province, South Korea

O Population: 1.22 million (April, 2023)

O Area: 121.10km²

O Mayor: Lee Jae-Joon (2022~present, newly-elected)

O Current Status of International Sister/Friendship Cities

• Sister cities(14)

- Asahikawa(Japan), Jinan(China), Townsville(Austrailia),
  Bandung(Indonesia), Yalova(Turkiye), Cluj-Napoca(Romania),
  Toluca(Mexico), Fez(Morocco), Hai Duong(Vietnam),
  Siem reap(Cambodia), Nizhny Novgorod(Russia),
  Curitiba(Brazil), Freiburg(Germany), Phoenix(USA)
- Friendship cities(4)
  - Fukui(Japan), Zhuhai(China), Hangzhou(China),
    Kaohsiung(Taiwan)
- Friendly relationship city(1)
  - Tours(France)
- O Major Industry
  - Semiconductor Industry: Samsung Electronics
     headquarters, factories of affiliate, and etc.
  - Biotechnology Industry: Gyeonggi Bio Center, Korea
    Nano Technology Institute, and etc.