

Agenda Item IV: Recommendation of the TPO Bureau Candidates and Appointment of the Executive Committee Members for the 2026-2027 term

a. Recommendation of the TPO Bureau Candidates

- President: Busan (Korea)

[Attachment 2]



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Application Form The TPO Bureau for the term of 2026-2027

I. Candidacy (Please check)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President City	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-President City
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II. General Information

City/Province	Busan
Country	Republic of Korea
Address	1001 Jungang-daero, Yeonje-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
Tel.	+82-51-888-5185
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III. Representative

Name	Park Heong-joon
Position	Mayor of Busan
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IV. Contact Person

Name	Kim Jeongmyeong		
Position	Deputy Director		
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Please submit this Application Form to the TPO Secretariat via email (jhjeong@aptpo.org) by **Thursday, August 14, 2025**.

Date: 2025. 7.
Name: Park Heong-joon

Signature and Seal:

- Co-President: Gimhae (Korea)

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II. General Information

City/Province	Gimhae-si, Gyeongsangnam-do
Country	Korea
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III. Representative

Name	Hong Tae Yong
Position	Mayor
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IV. Contact Person

Name	Jeon Gong Jin		
Position	Tourism Marketing Officer		
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Please submit this Application Form to the TPO Secretariat via email (ihjeong@aptpo.org) by Thursday, August 14, 2025.

Date: August 5, 2025
Name: Hong Tae Yong

Signature and Seal:

- Co-President: Kota Kinabalu (Malaysia)



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(KOTA KINABALU CITY HALL)**

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<http://www.dbkk.sabah.gov.my>

Reference No.: DBKK/Mayor: 100-26 (132)
Date : 02nd September 2025

Mdm. Kang Dae-Eurn
Secretary General
Tourism Promotion Organization for Global Cities (TPO)
4F, No.357 Geumgok-daero, Buk-gu, Busan
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**NOTIFICATION OF NON-ATTENDANCE AT THE TPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN
HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM AND EXPRESSION OF CONTINUED INTEREST IN
TPO BUREAU CO-PRESIDENCY.**

Dear TPO Secretariat,

2. Warm greetings from Kota Kinabalu City Hall (DBKK).
3. We regret to inform you that due to the current political climate in the State of Sabah, which is preparing for a state election in the near future, the Mayor of Kota Kinabalu City will be unable to attend the upcoming TPO General Assembly scheduled to take place in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
4. Despite this unfortunate development, Kota Kinabalu City Hall remains fully committed to the mission and vision of TPO. We would therefore like to formally express our continued interest and intention to be considered for the position of **TPO Bureau Co-President for the 2026–2027 term**.
5. In this regard, we are pleased to inform you of the following developments:
 - a. **Endorsement and Support:**
Our candidacy has received strong support from both the **Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment Sabah (KEPKAS)** and the **Sabah Tourism Board (STB)**. A formal letter of support, dated 29 August 2025, has been submitted by the Honourable Minister of KePKAS, including confirmation of financial support for the Co-President fee for a duration of two years.

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“SABAH MAJU JAYA”



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b. National-Level Support:

We have also received endorsement from the **Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia (MOTAC)**, through the National Secretariat for Tourism (SKN), supporting the nomination of our Honourable Mayor as Co-President.

c. Recognition and Awards:

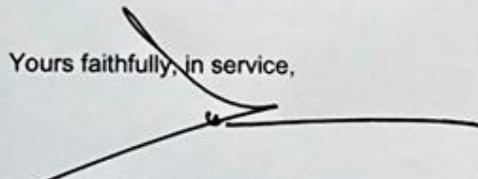
DBKK is honoured to be selected as the recipient of the **TPO Best Award** under the category "**Best Sustainable Tourism City – Distinction**". We would appreciate if this award can be received on behalf of DBKK by a TPO representative or an appointed proxy.

6. We sincerely hope that our inability to attend the General Assembly will not hinder our application for the TPO Bureau Co-Presidency. We trust the TPO Secretariat and member cities will continue to support Kota Kinabalu City Hall in this endeavours.

7. We would be grateful for your kind consideration and look forward to a favourable response.

**"MALAYSIA MADANI"
"BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA"**

Yours faithfully, in service,


DATO' SRI DR. HJ. SABIN BIN SAMITAH, JP
MAYOR OF KOTA KINABALU CITY
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