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**Yonsei University hosts 3rd Global Engagement and Empowerment
Forum on Sustainable Development (GEEF 2021)
to reimagine the global community and partnership
in the post-COVID-19 era**

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and women, who have often been marginalized in the response to COVID-19. Moreover, experts on multilateral cooperation -- Margaret Chan, the 7th Director- General of WHO, Jeffrey Sachs, University Professor at Columbia University, A.K. Abdul Momen, Foreign Minister of Government of Bangladesh -- will attend the Round Table to offer insights on global partnership during and post-COVID-19. In featured sessions of GEEF, practitioners and scholars will discuss the progress and prospects of SDGs, global partnerships and higher education in the post-COVID-19 era, future of higher education, safe and affordable surgery, creative solutions for a sustainable society and the role of artificial intelligence for better engagement and empowerment.

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The first forum held in 2018 and the second in 2019 were held under the themes, “Putting People and Planet at the Center” and “A Call to Action: Empower People, Share Prosperity”, respectively. Distinguished experts attended to share constructive opinions on the implementation and achievement of SDGs. In 2020, a virtual conference was held to share the institutional knowledge of the South Korean government’s response and the Yonsei Medical System’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Suh commented, “Yonsei University is committed to serve as an engaged academic partner to promote sustainable development of our society. Based on our core value of Engagement, we will devote capabilities of the members in our university community, resources, and forge partnerships with external actors

to contribute to South Korea's efforts on social responsibility and international development cooperation efforts.”

Ban, the honorary chair of the Institute of Global Engagement and Empowerment at Yonsei University offered, “Through the 3rd GEEF, we hope to provide an influential platform that connects people virtually to offer detailed innovative ideas on the future based on our hopes of a world of sustainable development and social inclusion, amidst the challenges presented by COVID-19 upon the global order and resulting threat to multilateral cooperation.”

This Forum is co-hosted by the Institute of Global Engagement and Empowerment of Yonsei University, Ban Ki-moon Center for Global Citizens in Vienna, and the Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future. The official language of the forum is English and the plenary sessions will offer Korean translation.

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The Special Conversation session from 10:40 am on Friday between Ban and the UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie will shed light on meeting our promises to the world's refugees, children, and women, who have often been marginalized in the response to COVID-19. During the conversation, they will emphasize a growing need for global partnership to tackle the inequalities that have exacerbated due to the COVID-19.

From 3 pm on Friday, leading experts and policymakers of carbon neutrality – Kim Sook, Chairman of the Strategic Planning and Coordination Committee of NCCA; Patrick V. Verkooijen, CEO of Global Center on Adaptation; Soogil Young, Chairman of SDSN Korea; Bindu N. Lohani, Chairman of Board, Clean Air Asia, Philippines; Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Luxembourg – will gather to discuss and share insight of multilateral partnerships to achieve the critical agenda, carbon neutrality of the globe.

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