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### ***First Transcultural Thematic Issue***

### ***“Transcultural Impacts and Perspectives on the Future”***

**Perspectives on the future from Armenia, Canada, France, Georgia, Germany, South Africa, Sweden, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.**

#### **Free Accommodations Provided for Futurists by Semyung University, Jecheon, South Korea**

If you plan to travel to Asia, consider that free accommodation is provided by Semyung University Future Town for futurists and family members in the world, at no charge and with no limitation on length of stay. During the summer and winter vacations, dormitories are available for as many as one thousand visitors. During school terms, furnished houses and residential areas are available also at no charge and for any length of time the visitor desires. This is to promote Korean Futurist Town, which is to be established and completed by 2008.

During your visit to Semyung University/Future Town, you can also enjoy Oriental medicine and some free treatment for healthy life. We plan to establish a Futures Studies Institute and some courses at Semyung University starting in 2008. Semyung University is located in Jecheon about 2 hours from Seoul in Chungcheong Province. Semyung has 12,000 students enrolled with some 400 professors and faculty members. Large libraries and convention center are located in the middle of the campus, along with many high-tech dormitories and sports facilities, which are available to futurist visitors at no charge. Jecheon will be an ideal place for you to spend your sabbatical year and summer and winter vacations. A tourist visa for Korea is good for 90 days.

If you arrive at the Incheon International Airport, you can travel to Dong Seoul Bus Terminal in downtown Seoul to take a bus to Jecheon (1 hour 40 minutes, bus runs every 30 minutes) and take a taxi (\$3-\$4) to Semyung University.

Jecheon is a city of culture, located 2 hours away from Seoul with beautiful lakes and mountains. There are many historical sites and Oriental medicine plantations. The city focuses on health because it is the center of Oriental medicine and herbs. Jecheons strategic location at the center of South Korea will permit a visitor to travel back and forth to the whole of South Korea. The bus runs every 30 minutes to Seoul and elsewhere from Jecheon. Cultural festivals and events are held throughout the year.

The purpose of this project is to publicize future studies in Korea. The Futurist Town will have many futurists to give talks to the Korean visitors or students during cultural events to promote future studies as well as a global town atmosphere (this is voluntary not mandatory). This can be a future global town where global networking will be appreciated and new thoughts and ideas of fast changing world promoted to Koreans. It is also important for young Koreans to learn more about future world and global oneness. It is appreciated for futurists to spend some time with Korean youngsters for sports or hiking and some cultural activities. For this initiative, the Mayor of Jecheon is very enthusiastic and has promised to facilitate futurists requests and desires.

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