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Dear Dr. Nikolai M. Kropachev,

As I am sure you are well aware by now, this past weekend there was one of the most tragic and unfortunate incidents in the recent history of my nation that took place the night of Saturday, October 29th in the neighborhood of Itaewon during the annual Halloween celebration. I have been informed that a student from Saint Petersburg State University, Ms. Daria Tverdokhlebl, regrettably lost her life in the maelstrom.

On behalf of everyone here at Sungkyunkwan University, please accept my deepest and most heartfelt condolences for the loss of Ms. Tverdokhlebl's life. I can assure you that the weight of her passing and that of the other 154 souls lost on that horrific night weigh heavily on all of our hearts.

We are working in very close communication with the Russian Embassy and we are doing everything we can to manage the situation in the wake of the disaster. Please know that we have reaffirmed our vows that we will always take any and all action to ensure the safety of our students from all over the world who choose to come and study with us. We remain at your service if you should ever need anything further from us.

Once again, we grieve with Ms. Tverdokhlebl's family at this difficult time and share in the pain and sorrow that they of course must be feeling.

Thank you for your understanding, support, and continued partnership.

Yours sincerely,

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President
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