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ICAN 2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL INVENTION INNOVATION COMPETITION

Toronto, Ontario on Saturday August 26th 2017, the Toronto International Society of Innovation & Advanced Skills (TISIAS) will launch their 2nd Annual iCAN International Invention Innovation Competition, at the North York Memorial Community Hall 5110 Yonge Street, North York, Ontario from 10AM – 6PM.

Organized by the Toronto International Society of Innovation & Advanced Skills (TISIAS), supported by **Innovation Initiative Co-operative Inc.** - "The Inventors' Circle", **International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA)**, and **World Invention Intellectual Property Associations (WIIPA)**. iCAN 2017 is arguably the first international invention exhibition and global networking event ever created in Canada for worldwide inventors and it is the place of celebration for all achievements made by talented inventors of today's generation.

The event aims to provide a global platform in Canada for inventors, innovators, students, professors and research scientists from around the world with spectacular ideas to grasp a special opportunity to showcase creative inventions, innovation projects and scientific research outcomes in this international event established in Canada. **iCAN 2017** provides all-around program including the display and exhibition of inventions, educational seminars followed by the awarding ceremony of recognizable invention entry applications. This year's event will include an exhibition of African Diaspora Inventors Innovators Trailblazers and Pioneers in S.T.E.M by Ms. Angelita Elliott, Owner and Curator of **BAM (Black African Museum)**.

This year's seminar speaker's includes: **Mr. Howard A. Lim**, Founder of How Creative and is a Fortune 500 Branding Expert and Co-chairman of the jury – INPEX, America, **Ms. Margot Sandy**, Founder of In the Now Inventorz Network Expert, **Mr. Bob Huybrechts**, Founder and Chairman of Business Development for Innovation Initiative Co-operative Inc. and **Mr. Mike McFarthing**, Director of Education Innovations Initiative Co-operation Inc.

Mr. Moonsuk Chang organizing Chairman and founding member of the *International Invention Innovation Competition in Canada comes to the table with a lot of credentials and is a die-hard supporter of innovators and inventors. He is the iCAN Canadian Representative of World Invention Intellectual Property Associations (WIIPA) Corresponding Member of International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFI), an Affiliate Member of the Asian Caucus of Invention Association (ACIA), Member of the Foreign Delegations & the Jury at EUROINVENT, KIDE, IWIS, IYIA, INOVA and 19-time Achievement Award Winner certified by various inventors organizations worldwide.*

The society was established in 2013 by a group of Korean-Canadian engineering and economics students from the University of Waterloo and University of Toronto. Our group wanted to highlight inventing/innovating skills in a new way, not only of Koreans but also Canadians and others around the world. From our perspective and research, we realized that there was already a strong focus on an existing global community of innovators across Asia and Europe. We decided to look for and try to help more local creative people with inventive skills, talents and abilities, especially in Toronto and also Canada in general, who might be interested in co-operating with us. For them, we would establish a revolutionary new international inventions show in Canada that would place them on the world stage with many innovative people in other societies.

In 2016, TISIAS promoted 10 international invention exhibitions around the world to exhibit a total of 39 invention entries. The organization achieved 68 international awards during its 2016 world exhibition tour; visit website for more details.

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