REMARKS

# Building a New Civilization for Humanity

*AIWS 2017–2027 · Four Cornerstones, Eight Founding Cities, a Shared Future*

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Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear friends,

The future of humanity is becoming a responsibility we must exercise today.

As artificial intelligence enters our classrooms, workplaces and public institutions, we face a question that technology alone cannot answer: what kind of civilization shall we build, and what place will the human being hold within it?

Our answer is AIWS Civilization: a civilization of Human–AI Co-Creation, in which human dignity is inviolable, human judgment remains sovereign, and technology expands our capacity to learn, create and care for one another.

Its purpose is a better future for humanity: people who are freer to think, more capable of shaping their lives, and better able to build peace across their differences.

Love, Creativity, Nobility and Wisdom are the values of AIWS Lumina. They must become visible in how we teach, govern, design technology and treat one another.

In 2017, we began AIWS with the conviction that humanity could shape the AI Age. In 2027, we will mark its tenth anniversary by taking responsibility for building that future in the life of communities.

Today, here at Harvard, we set out that commitment.

We have an architecture to guide the work. AIWS Trust Infrastructure and the AIWS Trust Observatory provide a foundation for verifiable trust and accountability. The Constitution for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence is being developed to protect human dignity and authority. AIWS Lumina supplies the cultural foundation, and the AIWS Human–AI Co-Creation Movement invites people to become builders.

These elements belong together. Rights need institutions that uphold them. Technology needs people capable of questioning and directing it. A civilization needs a culture that gives its power a humane purpose.

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And this work now has four cornerstones from which to advance.

Hà Nội, Tokyo, Rome and Boston bring distinct inheritances into a shared undertaking.

These four Cornerstones have firm foundations in the intellectual work, relationships and initiatives we have developed. They give us a place to stand and the means to begin.

Hà Nội carries Wisdom. Its thousand-year tradition of learning, embodied in the Temple of Literature, gives depth to our work in education and culture. We will build on that inheritance through learning and cultural programs, and the development of AIWS Film and Culture Park, helping people acquire the judgment to use AI well.

Tokyo carries Creativity. The Tokyo Compact and AIWS Trust Order already give this cornerstone a concrete foundation. They connect technological ambition with shared responsibility. Our task is to bring that commitment into the ways institutions and enterprises develop and use AI.

Rome carries Love. Its traditions of human dignity and dialogue among religions, together with the relationships we are developing with Pontifical universities, ground our work in a question every civilization must answer: how do we care for the human person, especially those with the least power? From this foundation, we will deepen dialogue on the Constitution and the moral responsibilities of the AI Age.

Boston carries Nobility. Here, the Boston Global Forum and AIWS have brought sustained intellectual work into public action, with Governor Michael Dukakis and participating scholars from Harvard and MIT. The Beacon Papers, the AIWS Trust Order Board and our work on the Constitution provide a foundation for turning principles into accountable institutions.

Each cornerstone contributes to the whole. Together, they give us the strength to move from architecture to implementation.

Four further cities extend this work into essential fields of life: Washington, D.C., connects it with public policy and international institutions; San Francisco, with frontier technology and the companies building it; Osaka – Kyoto, with enterprise and young creators; and Nha Trang, the Dawn City of AIWS Lumina, with living culture and community.

Together, these are the eight Founding Cities of AIWS Civilization. The work belongs to the people and institutions who undertake it in each city. Their participation will give this network its substance.

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For 2027, we set three commitments.

First, advance the common foundations: the Constitution for Humanity, trustworthy AI, and independent observation of how promises are fulfilled. Our gathering at Harvard on April 27 will be a focal point for this work.

Second, bring Human–AI Co-Creation into practice across the eight cities. Learners should gain the ability to challenge AI and create with it. Enterprises should demonstrate responsible use. Cultural programs should deepen our capacity for imagination, compassion and dialogue.

The Golden Apricot Blossom Angel Festival in Nha Trang, gatherings in Tokyo and Osaka – Kyoto, and cultural celebrations in Rome and Boston will give this work a public life. The light traveling between our cities will carry an invitation to participate.

Our responsibility also extends beyond the founding network. We propose a shared program for African leaders, linking Rome, Boston, Hà Nội and Tokyo, so that the opportunities of AI help countries shape their own paths to development.

Third, make our results public. Every city will maintain a City Record: what was undertaken, who accepted responsibility, and what changed for people. The Human–AI Co-Creation Atlas, which Professor David Silbersweig will introduce, will help make this work visible and shared.

By the close of 2027, our tenth anniversary must have a record that people can examine and build upon.

Our measure is human advancement. Did people understand more deeply, judge more soundly and create more freely? Did they gain greater agency over their lives? Did they grow in love for other people and for nature?

That is how we will know whether we are building the civilization we proclaim.

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**Dear friends,**

A civilization takes generations to build. Our responsibility is to lay foundations worthy of those who will come after us, and to begin work that they can carry forward.

Let 2027 be remembered as the year when ten years of AIWS became a shared undertaking to build a new civilization for humanity.

I invite scholars, leaders, creators, enterprises and young people to take responsibility for a part of this work. Bring your knowledge, your courage and your community. Help make these eight cities places where a better human future becomes tangible.

*Humanity leads. AI elevates. Together, we create.*

From four cornerstones and eight founding cities, let us build a future worthy of humanity.

Thank you.

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