

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

PROPOSAL FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM IN JOUN AND THE REGION

The Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP) in Joun is a transformative initiative aimed at fostering innovation, building entrepreneurial skills, and driving sustainable economic growth in Joun and the surrounding region

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Preface

In a world where rapid change is the new normal, the importance of strategic, sustainable, and community-centered development is paramount. Joun, with its rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, and resilient community, stands at a crossroads—one that presents both challenges and extraordinary opportunities. As we look toward Joun's future, it is essential that our plans honor the town's heritage, respond to today's needs, and set a course for future generations to thrive.

This series of proposals is the result of a deeply collaborative effort to envision Joun's path forward. Each plan reflects input from residents, local stakeholders, and community leaders, resulting in a shared vision that is both ambitious and respectful of our town's unique identity. These proposals encompass a comprehensive range of initiatives, from infrastructure and economic development to cultural preservation and environmental stewardship, with each component tailored to address Joun's specific strengths, challenges, and aspirations.

Our proposals emphasize a commitment to public infrastructure improvements, economic empowerment, environmental sustainability, and cultural continuity. From plans to enhance recreational facilities and community services to initiatives for sustainable tourism and green energy, each proposal aims to make Joun a model of progressive yet grounded development. The ultimate goal is to create a vibrant, inclusive, and resilient community—one that embodies the values, dreams, and talents of its people.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to this vision. Your dedication, ideas, and insight have been invaluable, illuminating the pathway to a future that aligns with Joun's core values while embracing growth and innovation. These proposals are an invitation to all residents of Joun to imagine, participate, and help build a community that harmonizes tradition with the possibilities of tomorrow.

As you review this collection, I encourage you to see not just plans, but a vision for what Joun can become. Let us move forward together, translating these ideas into action, and creating a brighter, thriving, and unified future for Joun.

With deep respect and optimism,

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The Entrepreneurship Training Program is more than just a skills development initiative; it is a catalyst for holistic growth in Joun and its surrounding region. By empowering individuals and fostering innovation, the program aligns with long-term goals of economic resilience, social equity, and cultural preservation, ensuring a brighter future for the community.

Executive Summary: Entrepreneurship Training Program in Joun

The Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP) in Joun is a transformative initiative aimed at fostering innovation, building entrepreneurial skills, and driving sustainable economic growth in Joun and the surrounding region. By equipping residents with the knowledge and tools needed to launch and sustain businesses, the program seeks to unlock local potential, reduce unemployment, and position Joun as a regional hub for entrepreneurship and innovation.

Vision and Objectives

Vision:

To empower individuals in Joun and the region with entrepreneurial skills that create sustainable businesses, enhance community well-being, and preserve local heritage.

Objectives:

1. Provide hands-on training in business development, financial management, marketing, and operations.
2. Empower youth, women, and marginalized groups to start and grow businesses.
3. Foster a culture of innovation, self-reliance, and economic resilience.
4. Promote sustainable business practices that align with Joun's cultural and environmental values.

Key Features

1. Comprehensive Curriculum:
 - A 12-week program covering entrepreneurial mindset, business planning, marketing, financial literacy, and pitching.

- Practical, hands-on activities, including business model creation, workshops, and live pitching.
2. Mentorship and Networking:
 - Participants are paired with experienced mentors for personalized guidance.
 - Regular networking events connect participants with investors, industry professionals, and peers.
 3. Support for Business Launch:
 - Access to funding opportunities, including grants and microloans.
 - Post-training support, including access to co-working spaces, resource hubs, and alumni networks.
 4. Community-Centric Approach:
 - Focus on businesses that address local needs, preserve heritage, and promote sustainability.
 - Programs designed to retain talent in the region and create jobs.

Target Audience

The ETP is designed for:

- Aspiring entrepreneurs from Joun and the surrounding areas.
- Youth seeking opportunities to build their future locally.
- Women and marginalized groups eager to achieve economic independence.
- Existing small business owners looking to scale their operations.

Impact on Joun and the Region

1. Economic Development:
 - Creation of new businesses and jobs, stimulating local economic growth.

- Diversification of the economy through innovation in sectors like tourism, technology, and eco-businesses.
2. Social Empowerment:
 - Increased opportunities for youth and women, fostering inclusivity and self-reliance.
 - Strengthened community ties through collaborative initiatives and shared success stories.
 3. Cultural and Environmental Sustainability:
 - Businesses that integrate and preserve Joun's unique heritage and traditions.
 - Promotion of sustainable practices, enhancing the region's environmental resilience.

Implementation Timeline

The program will run annually, with applications opening three months before the start of the 12-week training period. Key phases include planning, participant selection, training delivery, and post-program support.

Funding and Partnerships

The ETP will be funded through a combination of public and private sector contributions, grants, and sponsorships. Partnerships with local institutions, NGOs, universities, and private investors will ensure sustainability and scalability.

Conclusion

The Entrepreneurship Training Program in Joun is more than a skill-building initiative—it is a catalyst for regional transformation. By empowering individuals to create businesses that are innovative, inclusive, and sustainable, the program lays the foundation for long-term economic resilience and community prosperity in Joun and beyond.

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Objective

To establish a comprehensive entrepreneurship training program that empowers individuals in Joun and its surrounding region to develop, launch, and sustain innovative businesses, fostering economic growth and social development.

Proposal Outline

1. Program Overview

The Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP) will offer a structured curriculum and hands-on support to equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and resources to start or expand businesses.

Key Components:

- **Training Workshops:** Covering ideation, business planning, financial literacy, marketing, and legal considerations.
- **Mentorship:** Pairing participants with successful entrepreneurs and industry experts.
- **Access to Resources:** Providing toolkits, templates, and access to co-working spaces or incubators.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Facilitating connections with investors, partners, and peers.
- **Post-Training Support:** Offering follow-up consultations and access to funding opportunities.

2. Target Audience

- Primary Focus: Youth, women, and unemployed individuals in Joun and the region.
- Secondary Focus: Established entrepreneurs seeking to refine their skills or pivot their businesses.

3. Training Modules

1. Entrepreneurial Mindset Development:
 - Creative thinking and problem-solving.
 - Leadership and resilience.
2. Business Fundamentals:
 - Market research and feasibility analysis.
 - Business model development.
3. Financial Management:
 - Budgeting and financial planning.
 - Accessing and managing funding.
4. Marketing and Branding:
 - Developing a brand identity.
 - Effective use of digital and traditional marketing channels.
5. Sustainability and Innovation:
 - Green business practices.
 - Leveraging technology for growth.

4. Implementation Plan

Phase 1: Needs Assessment and Partnerships (3 months)

- Conduct surveys and focus groups to identify key training needs.
- Partner with local organizations, universities, and international development agencies.

Phase 2: Curriculum Development and Outreach (3 months)

- Design a flexible, modular curriculum tailored to local needs.
- Launch a regional awareness campaign through social media, local events, and municipality channels.

Phase 3: Program Delivery (6 months)

- Conduct training sessions in Joun's community center or local educational facilities.
- Use hybrid models (in-person and online) to ensure inclusivity.

Phase 4: Follow-Up and Expansion (Ongoing)

- Monitor participant progress through regular check-ins.
- Expand the program to neighboring towns based on success metrics.

5. Expected Outcomes

- Short-Term:
 - Train 50-100 individuals annually.
 - Launch 10-20 new businesses within the first year.
- Long-Term:
 - Foster a culture of entrepreneurship in Joun and the region.
 - Create sustainable economic opportunities, reducing unemployment and outmigration.

6. Financial Considerations

Estimated Budget: \$50,000 - \$100,000 annually.

- Curriculum design: \$10,000
- Training delivery: \$20,000
- Marketing and outreach: \$5,000
- Mentorship program: \$10,000
- Follow-up and evaluation: \$5,000

Funding Sources:

- Grants from development agencies (e.g., UNDP, EU).
- Contributions from local businesses and philanthropists.
- Municipality funding.

7. Potential Partners

- Educational Institutions: Local universities and vocational schools.
- Development Organizations: UNDP, USAID, and regional NGOs.
- Private Sector: Banks and corporations for funding and mentorship.

8. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Participant feedback surveys.
- Metrics: Business launches, revenue growth, job creation.
- Annual impact assessment report.

This program will position Joun and its region as a hub for entrepreneurship, stimulating innovation, and economic resilience.

Marketing Plan for the Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP)

1. Marketing Objectives

1. **Raise Awareness:** Ensure maximum visibility of the ETP among target audiences in Joun and the region.
2. **Drive Enrollment:** Attract at least 50 participants per training cycle.
3. **Build Credibility:** Establish the program as a trusted and valuable resource for aspiring entrepreneurs.
4. **Foster Engagement:** Encourage ongoing interaction between participants, mentors, and stakeholders.

2. Target Audience

Primary Segments:

- **Youth (18-35 years):** College students, recent graduates, and unemployed young adults.
- **Women:** Homemakers, professionals, or small business owners seeking entrepreneurial opportunities.
- **Unemployed Individuals:** People seeking alternatives to traditional employment.

Secondary Segments:

- Established entrepreneurs seeking to upskill.
- Local professionals interested in mentoring or collaborating.

3. Key Messaging

- Tagline: “Your Journey to Business Success Starts Here!”
- Core Messages:
 1. Unlock your entrepreneurial potential with hands-on training and expert mentorship.
 2. Gain the skills, tools, and connections to turn your ideas into thriving businesses.
 3. Join a growing network of innovators shaping the future of Joun and its region.

4. Marketing Channels and Strategies

A. Online Marketing

1. Social Media Campaigns
 - Platforms: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.
 - Content Types:
 - Promotional Ads: Announce the program, deadlines, and benefits.
 - Success Stories: Highlight local entrepreneurs who have succeeded.
 - Short Videos: Showcase testimonials, training sessions, and mentor introductions.
 - Frequency: 3-5 posts per week per platform.
2. Dedicated Website or Webpage
 - Key Features:
 - Program overview and curriculum.
 - Easy registration process.

- Contact information and FAQs.
 - SEO: Optimize for terms like “entrepreneurship training in Joun” and “business skills program.”
3. Email Marketing
 - Build a mailing list through local networks, universities, and municipal databases.
 - Weekly newsletters with program updates, application deadlines, and success stories.

B. Offline Marketing

1. Community Engagement
 - Partner with schools, universities, and NGOs for outreach.
 - Host introductory sessions or open houses in Joun’s community center.
2. Print Media
 - Posters and flyers in high-traffic areas: cafes, schools, and municipality offices.
 - Ads in local newspapers and magazines.
3. Events and Roadshows
 - Launch event: Invite local leaders, sponsors, and the public.
 - Regional roadshows: Present the program in neighboring towns and villages.

C. Partnerships and Advocacy

1. Municipality Endorsement: Use the municipality’s official communication channels to promote the program.
2. Corporate Sponsorships: Engage local businesses for funding and promotional support.

3. Educational Institutions: Collaborate with schools and universities to recruit participants and offer program credit.

5. Marketing Timeline

Phase	Activities	Timeline
Pre-Launch (1 month)	Develop materials, launch social media profiles, and build partnerships.	Month 1
Launch (2 months)	Host an inaugural event, roll out campaigns online and offline.	Months 2-3
Ongoing Promotion	Weekly social media posts, regular community outreach, and success story updates.	Months 4-6

6. Budget Allocation

Category	Estimated Cost
Social Media Ads	\$3,000
Website/Tech Setup	\$2,000
Print Materials	\$1,500
Launch Events	\$2,500
Community Outreach	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,000
Total	\$11,000

7. Success Metrics

- Awareness: Reach 10,000+ people via social media ads and offline efforts.
- Engagement: Achieve a 5% conversion rate from inquiries to registrations.
- Participation: Meet or exceed the target of 50 participants per cycle.
- Feedback: Attain a 90% satisfaction rate from participants through surveys.

By leveraging a multi-channel marketing approach, this plan ensures maximum visibility, engagement, and impact for the Entrepreneurship Training Program in Joun and the region.

Business Plan for the Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP)

1. Executive Summary

The Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP) is designed to empower individuals in Joun and the surrounding region with the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to develop, launch, and sustain successful businesses. By fostering innovation and self-reliance, the program will contribute to economic development, job creation, and social empowerment.

Mission: To cultivate a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in Joun and its region.

Vision: To position Joun as a regional hub for innovation and enterprise.

Key Goals:

- Train 100 participants annually.
- Launch at least 20 sustainable businesses per year.
- Foster a collaborative network of entrepreneurs, mentors, and investors.

2. Business Description

Program Components:

- **Workshops:** Covering business planning, financial management, marketing, and innovation.
- **Mentorship:** One-on-one guidance from successful entrepreneurs and industry professionals.
- **Resources:** Access to toolkits, co-working spaces, and funding opportunities.
- **Networking Events:** Opportunities to connect with peers, investors, and partners.

Target Audience:

- Youth, women, and unemployed individuals seeking entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Existing entrepreneurs looking to enhance their skills or pivot their businesses.

Unique Value Proposition:

A tailored program combining practical training, mentorship, and community support to address the unique needs of aspiring entrepreneurs in a rural context.

3. Market Analysis

Market Need:

- High unemployment rates and limited job opportunities in the region.
- A growing interest in entrepreneurship among youth and women.
- A lack of structured training programs in rural areas like Joun.

Competitive Analysis:

- Strengths: Local focus, personalized approach, and integration with community resources.
- Opportunities: Partnership with regional universities, NGOs, and international agencies.
- Challenges: Limited funding and outreach in the initial phases.

Market Trends:

- Increased demand for digital skills and green business practices.
- Rising importance of entrepreneurship in economic recovery and resilience.

4. Organizational Structure

Program Leadership:

- Program Director: Oversee operations, partnerships, and funding.
- Training Coordinator: Design and deliver workshops.
- Mentorship Coordinator: Manage mentor-participant relationships.
- Marketing Manager: Lead outreach and promotional efforts.

Partners and Stakeholders:

- Local government and municipality.
- Universities and vocational training centers.
- NGOs and international development organizations.
- Private sector sponsors and mentors.

5. Implementation Plan

Phase 1: Program Design (Months 1-3)

- Conduct needs assessment and finalize curriculum.
- Secure funding and partnerships.
- Develop marketing materials and launch awareness campaigns.

Phase 2: Program Launch (Months 4-6)

- Recruit participants through targeted outreach.
- Deliver initial training workshops and mentorship sessions.

Phase 3: Program Expansion (Months 7-12)

- Evaluate the program's impact and gather feedback.

- Scale up to neighboring towns and expand curriculum based on participant needs.

6. Financial Plan

Startup Costs:

- Curriculum development: \$10,000
- Marketing and outreach: \$5,000
- Training materials: \$5,000
- Facility setup: \$10,000
- Miscellaneous: \$5,000
- Total Startup Costs: \$35,000

Annual Operating Costs:

- Salaries (4 staff members): \$50,000
- Training delivery: \$20,000
- Marketing and outreach: \$10,000
- Mentorship program: \$10,000
- Networking events: \$5,000
- Administrative costs: \$5,000
- Total Annual Operating Costs: \$100,000

Revenue Streams:

- Participation fees: \$200 per participant x 100 participants = \$20,000 annually.
- Grants from development agencies (e.g., UNDP, USAID): \$50,000 annually.
- Sponsorships from local businesses: \$20,000 annually.

- Municipality funding: \$10,000 annually.
- Total Annual Revenue: \$100,000

7. Marketing and Outreach Strategy

- Social Media: Promote the program through Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- Community Engagement: Partner with local schools, universities, and community centers.
- Events: Host an annual entrepreneurship fair to showcase participant businesses.
- Referrals: Encourage alumni to refer new participants.

8. Impact Assessment

Success Metrics:

- Number of participants trained annually.
- Number of new businesses launched.
- Participant satisfaction scores (target: 90%).
- Job creation and revenue growth among participant businesses.

Monitoring Plan:

- Pre- and post-program surveys to assess skill development.
- Regular check-ins with alumni to track business outcomes.
- Annual program review to refine curriculum and delivery methods.

Conclusion

The Entrepreneurship Training Program offers a transformative opportunity for Joun and its region to build a resilient and innovative economy. By equipping individuals with the skills to succeed in business, this program will drive sustainable development and community empowerment, creating a brighter future for the region.

Curriculum for the Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP)

Overview

The Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP) curriculum is designed to guide participants through the essential stages of launching and sustaining a successful business. It combines theoretical knowledge with practical applications to ensure participants gain hands-on experience.

The program is divided into six modules over a 12-week period, with each module focusing on a critical aspect of entrepreneurship. Each week will include lectures, case studies, group activities, and mentorship sessions.

Curriculum Structure

Module 1: Entrepreneurial Mindset and Opportunity Recognition (Weeks 1-2)

Objective: Cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset and identify viable business opportunities.

- **Topics:**
 1. Characteristics of successful entrepreneurs.
 2. Creativity and innovation in business.
 3. Identifying market gaps and business opportunities.
 4. Problem-solving and decision-making skills.
- **Activities:**
 - Self-assessment: Understanding your strengths and passions.
 - Brainstorming session: Identifying problems and generating business ideas.
 - Case study: Success stories from local entrepreneurs.

Module 2: Business Model Development (Weeks 3-4)

Objective: Develop a sustainable and scalable business model.

- **Topics:**
 1. Understanding different types of business models.
 2. Value proposition design.
 3. Building a Business Model Canvas.
 4. Testing and validating your business idea.
- **Activities:**
 - Group exercise: Create a Business Model Canvas for a hypothetical idea.
 - Peer review: Present and receive feedback on business models.
 - Workshop: Conducting customer interviews for validation.

Module 3: Financial Literacy and Management (Weeks 5-6)

Objective: Equip participants with essential financial skills for running a business.

- **Topics:**
 1. Understanding financial statements: Income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow.
 2. Budgeting and cost management.
 3. Pricing strategies and profitability.
 4. Funding options: Loans, grants, and investor pitching.
- **Activities:**
 - Hands-on session: Create a budget for your business.
 - Simulation: Break-even analysis for different pricing scenarios.
 - Guest lecture: Local banker or investor on securing funding.

Module 4: Marketing and Branding (Weeks 7-8)

Objective: Develop effective marketing strategies and build a strong brand identity.

- **Topics:**
 1. Basics of market research and customer segmentation.
 2. Developing a marketing plan.
 3. Branding and storytelling.
 4. Leveraging social media and digital marketing tools.
- **Activities:**
 - Exercise: Design a marketing strategy for your business.
 - Workshop: Create a brand identity (name, logo, tagline).
 - Social media lab: Setting up and optimizing business profiles.

Module 5: Business Operations and Sustainability (Weeks 9-10)

Objective: Understand how to effectively manage daily business operations and adopt sustainable practices.

- **Topics:**
 1. Setting up operational workflows.
 2. Managing teams and human resources.
 3. Legal and regulatory requirements.
 4. Sustainable business practices and corporate social responsibility.
- **Activities:**
 - Role-play: Resolving operational challenges.
 - Checklist: Key licenses and permits needed for local businesses.
 - Workshop: Integrating sustainability into business operations.

Module 6: Pitching and Launching Your Business (Weeks 11-12)

Objective: Prepare participants to pitch their ideas and take the first steps toward launching their businesses.

- **Topics:**
 1. Preparing an elevator pitch and business plan presentation.
 2. Building a pitch deck.
 3. Negotiation skills and handling investor questions.
 4. Launch strategies and scaling up.
- **Activities:**
 - Pitch practice: Deliver a mock pitch to mentors and peers.
 - Business plan review: One-on-one sessions with mentors.
 - Demo day: Present final business pitches to a panel of experts and potential investors.

Additional Program Features

- **Weekly Mentorship:**
 - Participants will meet with assigned mentors to discuss progress and challenges.
 - Resource Hub:
 - Access to templates, guides, and tools (e.g., Business Model Canvas, budgeting spreadsheets).
- **Networking Opportunities:**
 - Monthly networking events with local entrepreneurs, investors, and industry professionals.
- **Post-Training Support:**
 - Alumni network for continued learning and collaboration.

- Access to a small fund for eligible startups through competitions or grants.

Outcome

By the end of the program, participants will:

1. Have a complete business plan and pitch deck.
2. Understand the core aspects of running a business.
3. Be equipped with the tools and confidence to launch and grow their businesses.

This curriculum is designed to not only teach entrepreneurship but also foster innovation and resilience among participants, creating a foundation for long-term economic and social development in Joun and the region.

Benefits of the Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP) to Joun and the Surrounding Region

The ETP offers transformative benefits to Joun and its neighboring areas, driving economic growth, community empowerment, and sustainable development. Below is a detailed outline of the anticipated benefits:

1. Economic Growth

- **Job Creation:**
 - The program encourages the establishment of new businesses, leading to direct and indirect job opportunities.
 - Increased employment reduces reliance on external job markets and supports local families.
- **Stimulated Local Economy:**
 - New businesses bring economic activity, increasing demand for goods, services, and infrastructure.
 - Encourages local spending, benefiting existing businesses and service providers.
- **Diversification of Economy:**
 - Reduces dependence on traditional sectors by promoting innovation in areas like technology, tourism, and green industries.

2. Community Empowerment

- **Youth Engagement:**
 - Provides a constructive outlet for youth, reducing brain drain and retaining talent in the region.
 - Equips young people with skills to become self-reliant and active contributors to the community.

- **Women's Empowerment:**
 - Encourages women to start their own businesses, increasing gender equality and household income.
 - Creates a support system for female entrepreneurs, inspiring future generations.
- **Skill Development:**
 - Builds a more skilled workforce with knowledge in areas like financial literacy, marketing, and leadership.
 - Prepares the community for future challenges through problem-solving and innovation.

3. Cultural and Social Development

- **Stronger Community Ties:**
 - Collaboration between participants, mentors, and local stakeholders fosters a sense of unity and shared purpose.
 - Promotes a culture of mentorship and knowledge-sharing within the town.
- **Revitalization of Traditions:**
 - Supports businesses that incorporate local crafts, traditions, and cultural heritage, preserving Joun's identity.
 - Encourages cultural tourism and artisanal industries that celebrate the region's unique character.

4. Enhanced Infrastructure and Services

- **Improved Public Spaces:**
 - Increased economic activity could lead to infrastructure investments like co-working spaces, better transportation, and technology hubs.
 - New businesses can support the development of essential services such as daycare, logistics, and training centers.

- Support for Sustainability:
- Promotes eco-friendly business practices, contributing to environmental sustainability in the region.
- Encourages innovation in renewable energy, waste management, and sustainable agriculture.

5. Attracting Investment and Tourism

- **Regional Recognition:**
- Establishing Joun as a hub for entrepreneurship can attract investors and organizations interested in fostering innovation.
- Showcases Joun as a model town for rural economic transformation, drawing interest from national and international agencies.
- **Boost to Tourism:**
- Entrepreneurship in sectors like hospitality, cultural tourism, and outdoor recreation enhances the region's appeal to tourists.
- New businesses in food, lodging, and local products create a vibrant tourism ecosystem.

6. Long-Term Sustainability

- Reduced Unemployment and Outmigration:
- Keeps residents, especially youth, engaged locally by providing career opportunities and economic stability.
- Reduces the dependency on urban centers for jobs, promoting sustainable regional development.
- **Fostering a Culture of Innovation:**
- Encourages residents to think creatively and solve problems locally, building a resilient community.

- Positions Joun as a forward-thinking region adaptable to future challenges.
- Alumni Network and Multiplier Effect:
 - Graduates of the program become mentors, investors, and collaborators for future participants, creating a self-sustaining entrepreneurial ecosystem.
 - Successful businesses inspire others, multiplying the program's impact over time.

Conclusion

The Entrepreneurship Training Program is more than just a skills development initiative; it is a catalyst for holistic growth in Joun and its surrounding region. By empowering individuals and fostering innovation, the program aligns with long-term goals of economic resilience, social equity, and cultural preservation, ensuring a brighter future for the community.

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