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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as the Mayor of Akita City and on behalf of the Akita City citizens to certify that we in Akita City wish to join the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities. Akita City is committed to becoming an age-friendly city by completing the four steps outlined below as part of our planning phase:

1. Establishment of mechanisms to involve older people throughout the Age-friendly Cities cycle.
2. Development of a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the city.
3. Development of a 3 year city-wide action plan based on the findings of this assessment.
4. Identification of indicators to monitor progress against this plan.

Following on from this, we will implement our action plan, evaluate our progress, and continue to develop ways to improve the city's age friendliness.

To begin the process, we have launched the "Committee for Development of Age-friendly City Program in Akita City" with citizens, professors in urban development and health care, managers of aged care facilities and key older people's organizations. Older people have also been invited to take part in this project and it is expected that half of the committee will be composed of older members. We will always refer to their voices during the process.

We look forward to becoming a member of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and working towards making Akita City one of the first age-friendly cities in Japan.

Signed Motomu Hozumi Date 20/11/2011
Motomu Hozumi
Mayor of Akita City