

Application for joining the Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

# The letter of the head officer of Dong-gu

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Dong-gu, Gwangju Metropolitan City

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Dear World Health Organization,

Dong-gu District of Gwangju Metropolitan City, the hub city of Asian culture and the location of the Asian Culture Center, has created a age-friendly city through the following efforts:

- The head officer of Dong-gu has pledged to build a age-friendly city with the values of a warm community of sharing and consideration for others.
- With the establishment of the Ordinance on the Formation of Age-Friendly City in Dong-gu, Gwangju Metropolitan City, it has been stipulated that the creation of age-friendly cities should be the responsibility of the head officer of Dong-gu to implement actions needed for a age-friendly city.
- Dong-gu has analyzed the current status of the entire city of Gwangju and has determined that it is necessary to create a vibrant, age-friendly city where all citizens can participate in society in a healthy way.

- Discussions are actively ongoing for the creation of age-friendly city,
- Surveys have been conducted of seniors over 65 years old in the Dong-gu area and have also conducted FGI on general citizens and expert groups to investigate the age-friendly level in the area.
- TF teams of civilian experts and specialists have been organized to help in the promotion of the age-friendly city idea. Cross-departmental cooperation and public-private partnership systems have been built to prepare for age-friendly city as a comprehensive city plan.
- Based on the guidelines provided by the World Health Organization, research has been conducted to develop age-friendly city guidelines.
- Based on the eight areas proposed by the World Health Organization, a viable action plan has been established that can be implemented through cooperation and common efforts between administrative organizations in Dong-gu.

- Based on efforts to create a age-friendly city, Dong-gu, Gwangju will actively engage in exchanges with the world cities through an international network of age-friendly cities and will contribute to them.
  
- Dong-gu, Gwangju promises to make efforts to create a age-friendly city that all generations of local residents including elderly people live well together through the creation of a age-friendly city.

Dong-gu, Gwangju applies for joining the global network of age-friendly city of World Health Organization.

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Yours sincerely

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