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Dr. John Beard
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Dear Dr. Beard,

It is great pleasure for us to write this letter that supports the process required for Oi Town to join the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Here we send the mayor's letter which assures Oi Town's commitment to the process.

We look forward to Oi Town joining the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities and working together with WHO.

Sincerely,

(Sadao Suzuki)

Director, Nursing Care and Welfare Division
Oi Town

Dr. John Beard
Director of the Department of Ageing and Life Course
World Health Organization

Dear Dr. Beard,

Japan is the most advanced ageing country in the world, and in Oi Town the proportion of people aged 65 and over is estimated to exceed 32% in 2040.

Oi Town is implementing various measures to enable people in the town to live a healthy life for a long time as they get older, collaborating with local communities.

Also, the town is promoting to develop infrastructure of a community-based integrated care system that provides the elderly in need of support with medical, nursing care, prevention, housing and life support in a comprehensive manner.

In order to accelerate our efforts and raise international awareness of Oi Town's advanced programs, I agree with WHO values and approach to creating age-friendly cities and communities, and assure that Oi Town, which has sectors implementing welfare programs and services for the elderly, will commit to an approach consistent with the WHO four steps to create age-friendly environments and to participating in the global network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

I also commit myself to making Oi Town more age-friendly, based on a basic philosophy of "a safe and lively town full of dreams."

Sincerely,

August 21, 2017

Tsuneyuki Mamiya, Mayor

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