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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 Kaisei Town to join the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Here we send the mayor's letter which assures Kaisei Town's commitment to the process.

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

Sincerely,

Yoshinori Komiya

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Director, Welfare Division

Kaisei Town

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Dear Dr. Beard,

Japan is the most advanced ageing country in the world, and the proportion of people aged 65 and over in Kaisei Town is estimated to be about 25% in 2025.

Kaisei Town is implementing various measures, collaborating with local communities, to enable people in the town to live a healthy life for long years, and is promoting to establish a community-based integrated care system that provides the elderly people 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 Kaisei Town's advanced programs, I agree with WHO values and approach to creating age-friendly cities and communities, and also I assure that Kaisei 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 Kaisei Town more age-friendly, based on a basic philosophy of "Creating a lifelong healthy and welfare town where people can live a healthy and lively life in their own way."

Sincerely,

August 23, 2017

Yuichi Furukawa, Mayor

Kaisei Town