

Manazuru Town

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

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

Sincerely,

Shintaro Joko

Director, Health and Welfare Division

Manazuru Town

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

Dear Dr. Beard,

Japan is the most rapidly ageing country in the world and Manazuru Town's population ratio of people aged 65 and over is estimated to exceed 43.7 % in 2025.

Manazuru Town is implementing various projects collaborating with local communities so that older people can live a long and healthy life in the town.

Also, we are endeavoring to build a community-based integrated care system that can provide medical and nursing care, prevention, housing and life support in an integrated manner when they become in need of support.

In order to accelerate our efforts and raise international awareness of Manazuru Town's advanced programs, I agree with WHO values and approach to creating age-friendly cities and communities, and also I assure that Manazuru 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 Manazuru Town more age-friendly, based on a basic principle of "a town where people supports each other and share with everyone."

Sincerely,

September 4, 2017

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