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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hiroyuki Kuzunuki". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Hiroyuki Kuzunuki

Director, Public Health Center, Health Promotion Division  
Yokosuka City

Dr. John Beard  
Director of the Department of Ageing and Life Course  
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Dear Dr. Beard,

In Yokosuka city, the population proportion of elderly people is high, the number of young people is decreasing, and we are already in a super-aged society as the percentage of elderly people aged 65 and over exceeds 30% in October 2016.

Thus Yokosuka City is aiming at "Creation of a society where people remain active throughout their lives," with citizens enjoying hobbies, sports and volunteer activities as well as doing radio exercises and walking in order to live a healthy life for a long time even when they get older.

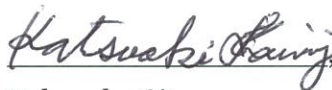
In addition, we are also developing community-based integrated care systems that can provide medical, nursing care, care prevention, housing and living support in an integrated manner to enable everyone to continue to live their own life safely even when they become in need of support.

In order to accelerate our efforts and raise international awareness of Yokosuka City's advanced programs, I agree with WHO values and approach to creating age-friendly cities and communities, and assure that Yokosuka City, 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 that Yokosuka City will commit to participate in the global network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

I also commit myself to making Yokosuka City more age-friendly, based on our basic philosophy, "Creation of a society where people remain active throughout their lives."

Sincerely,

September 1, 2017

 Hatsuaki Kawai, Mayor  
Yokosuka City