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Dr. John Beard

Director of the department of Ageing and Life Course

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Dear Dr. Beard,

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jun Komiya".

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Jun Komiya

Director, Lively Elderly Division

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

Japan is the most ageing country in the world and Kamakura City's proportion of people aged 65 and over exceeds 30% in 2015 and is estimated to keep growing.

Kamakura City is implementing various projects collaborating with local communities so that people can live a long and healthy life in the City.

In addition, we also has built community-based integrated care systems that can provide medical and nursing care, prevention, housing and living support in an integrated manner when people become in need of support.

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

I also commit myself to making Kamakura City more age-friendly, based on a basic philosophy of creating communities full of humanity.

Sincerely,

September 4, 2017

Takashi Matsuo, Mayor

Kamakura City