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Dear Dr. Beard,

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

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

Sincerely,

Masakazu Nakano
Director, Elderly Care Division
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Director of the Department of Ageing and Life Course
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Dear Dr. Beard,

Surrounded by the sea on three sides, Miura City has a mild climate, rich in agricultural and marine products and with people of warm hearts. On the other hand, the population of the city is decreasing and aging, and the proportion of the people aged 65 and over has exceeded 37% in 2017.

In such a situation, Miura City is implementing various projects in the field of medical and nursing care so that the elderly people can live a healthy and lively life in their community.

Expecting that the number of people who need daily support in their homes will also increase, Miura City is working to build a community-based integrated care system with regional characteristics in mind, while collaborating with professionals of various fields.

In order to accelerate our projects and share information and collaborate with other cities and communities with the same objectives, I agree to WHO's values and approach to creating age-friendly cities. I also state that Miura City, while implementing welfare policies and long-term care services for the elderly, will follow WHO's four steps to develop the age-friendly environments, and that Miura City will commit to participating in the global network of age-friendly cities and communities.

I also commit myself to making Miura City more age-friendly, based on our basic concept of "a city with a warm heart."

Sincerely,

September 30, 2017

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Miura City