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

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

Sincerely,

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Mamoru Hirai
Director, Promotion office of community-based integrated care system
Fujisawa City

Dr. John Beard
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 Fujisawa City's proportion of people aged 65 and over is estimated to be 25.2% in 2025.

Fujisawa City is implementing various projects collaborating with local communities so that people can age in place cheerfully for a long time.


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 they become in need of support. From FY 2017, we established community-based integrated care system promotion office as a specialized department of this system in the City.

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

I also commit myself to making Fujisawa City more age-friendly, based on the basic principles, "Creation of a society where people and city administration collaborate and support each other," "Respect for individual's dignity and identity," and "People can keep living independently in their familiar communities."

Sincerely,

September 5, 2017

 鈴木 恒夫, Mayor
Fujisawa City