

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

Dear Dr. Beard,

Japan is the most ageing country in the world and Chigasaki City's population ratio of people aged 65 and over is estimated to be 27% in 2025.

Chigasaki city has implemented various projects collaborating with local communities so that older 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 they become in need of support.

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

I also commit myself to making Chigasaki City become more age-friendly, based on "Chigasaki City in Shonan area, in which people can spend a life actively as you are" as a basic idea.

Sincerely,

September 6, 2018

Nobuaki Hattori

Mayor
Chigasaki City