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Dear
Director
Ageing and Life Course Department
World Health Organization



Mayor of Yangcheon-Gu
Kim, Soo Young

It is with great pleasure that I, as a Mayor of Yangcheon-Gu, to become a member of the World Health Organization Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

Yangcheon-Gu tries to realize “The city everybody wants to live in with their ageing; the city everybody becomes happy as they age, Yangcheon” by being listed in WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. And we would like to share the problems of aging society and our reaction.

Yangcheon-Gu opened its office in 1988 and has over 30 years of history. Yangcheongu has a population of 470 thousands, which ranks the 7th in Seoul. Since the population over 65 years old in Yangcheon-Gu has amounted to about 12% in 2018, now we have established 3-year-plan to making an age-friendly city. The plan is made for developing policies and infrastructure to optimize aged people’s health, social participation, and safety. Furthermore, the plan is driven by a collaborated task force consists of experts and administrators in various fields.

The slogan of Yangcheon-Gu, “Yangcheon, Everybody is happy to communicate, sympathy, and participate,” made the plan more age-friendly.

To communicate and understand the needs of aged people, we have surveyed aged people on the degree of age-friendliness in Yangcheon. The result is now being analyzed, and the analysis will be applied to the plan. The participation of the aged will be continued through periodic monitoring activities by which the aged people actively participate the building of Yangcheon as an age-friendly city.

We will establish a happy and safe city for the seniors, children, youths, the disabled, and women, based on the guidelines in eight topics that WHO suggests. We would like to share our effort with the network members. In order to cope with the problem of aging society, we will actively brainstorm and suggest alternatives to the members and share our information and policies.

In result, we will build a city that everyone longs to live; we will build a city everyone feels comfortable and safe living as they age.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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