

Application for joining the WHO Global Network of
Age-friendly Cities and Communities

The letter of Mayor of Seo-gu district



Seo-gu district,
Gwangju Metropolitan City

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Dear World Health Organization,

Located in the heart of Gwangju Metropolitan city as a city of democracy, human rights, and peace, Seo-gu district has made the following efforts based on the belief that it is necessary to create an "age-friendly city" for the vital ageing of all residents.

1. The mayor of Seo-gu District has a high passion and determination to build an age-friendly city for the purpose of "building a health and welfare city that is responsible for life", one of the policies. For example, Seo-gu District enacted an ordinance for an age-friendly city. Article 3 of the ordinance stipulated that an age-friendly city should be the responsibility of the mayor of Seo-gu District and showed a strong will to promote an age-friendly city.
2. In the meantime, the contents of the initiative for the creation of an age-friendly city in Seo-gu District with the mayor of Seo-gu District at the center are as follows.
 - First of all, we emphasized the need to create an age-friendly city by educating

residents and civil servants about the city and promoting it through the media.

- We analyzed the age-friendly level in Seo-gu District through a survey (based on 2.6% of 38,468 senior citizens aged 65 and older, compared to 1.5% of other communities).
- We derived key issues and strategic tasks by conducting survey and focus group interview of residents and expert groups.
- Based on the eight areas proposed by the WHO, the implementation plans were established through organic cooperation among the administrative organizations of Seo-gu District. Above all, all plans in the main office, executive department, and private sector were considered for the scope of the implementation plans.
- we have selected 8 major areas and 72 three-year projects after two rounds of deliberation for implementing an age-friendly city by organizing a public-private partnership system through the Commission for an Age-Friendly City as an organization for promoting the establishment of an age-friendly city.

3. In the future, the public and private sector will work together to develop and implement a plan that will help residents feel satisfied with the plan to build an age-friendly city.
4. Based on our efforts to create an age-friendly city, Seo-gu district will be committed to responding to the global ageing problem, sharing, and exchanging information by joining the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities
5. Seo-gu District promises to consolidate all generations of residents, including older people and to create an age-friendly city that everyone wants to live forever.

Seo-gu District, Gwangju Metropolitan city applies for joining the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

Yours sincerely

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