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**RE: Agreement for Accreditation of
WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities**

Dear Sir/Madam:

It is my pleasure to express our respect and support to the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC), the group striving to solve problems associated with the world's rapidly aging population.

Seocho-gu has a population of about 450,000, of which 55,000 are aged 65 or older, accounting for 13% of the total. Accordingly, Seocho-gu is enacting ordinances for an increasing number of senior citizens to provide a variety of welfare services and to make a city where seniors can live.

T.S. Eliot tells the story of an old lady in the titular word of the Wasteland. A long-lived woman who is allowed to live long but does not receive the youth of her, was asked, "What is your wish?" and replied, "I want to die." This is a universal groan for seniors who are old without preparation. If you don't have enough health and life, the era of Homo Hundred would be just a disaster, not a blessing.

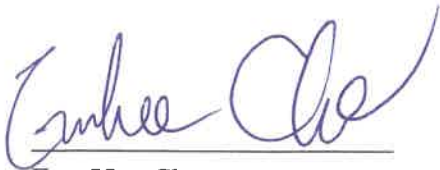
The empathetic approach for these seniors was a starting point in Seocho-gu to be an elderly-friendly city. Seocho-gu, for example, operates a variety of cultural programs for the healthy and enjoyable lives of seniors, and also helps them to enjoy economic leisure through job programs. Besides, we are conducting a "Smart Senior" education project to prevent the elderly from becoming marginalized digitally in the fourth industrial revolution.

As part of its effort, Seocho-gu has conducted the "Age-Friendliness Survey" this year, establishing the "3-year Action Plan" to be an aged-friendly city. Furthermore, we expect senior citizens to actively participate in planning and provide their opinions that would be a valuable addition to the policy. Not only the ward office but also professional groups, related organizations, and private companies would have a conference to discuss and create a more meaningful elderly-friendly city action plan.

For all the going reasons, Seocho-gu would like to have a chance to interact with other wisdom cities around the world who are interested in aging and urbanization. We hope to join the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities to share information and policies of Seocho-gu, as well as actively interact with other cities for the improvement of a happier life for older people in the community.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and we look forward to joining the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities in Seocho-gu for an excellent opportunity to grow together with Seocho-gu and all other member cities. Thank you for your consideration in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eun Hee Cho', written over a horizontal line.

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