

Dear WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities,

This is Seung-rok Oh, Mayor of Nowon-gu in Republic of Korea.

Nowon-gu is a city of a gateway to the northeastern part of Seoul, which is located in the northeastern tip of Seoul, with 500,094 people (as of July 2023).

The aging of Nowon-gu is rapidly progressing to 18.86% of the elderly population aged 65 or older, compared to the elderly population aged 65 or older, 15.09% when joining the WHO GNAFCC in November 2019.

Nowon-gu organizes and operates a policy monitoring group consisting of senior citizens every year to maintain an Age-friendly city as a member of GNAFCC.

In addition, 42 implementation tasks related to the three major goals and eight areas were fostered and implemented for the three-year(2020-2022) action plan for the age-friendly city, and the results were evaluated and supplemented when fostering the tasks in the following year.

A vision of the second age-friendly city of Nowon-gu is, 'Healthy Aging, Expecting City Life with Happiness, Nowon' and 4 Strategy to be promoted are

“Employment and Vitality

Health and Care

Entertainment

and Age-friendly Environment“

Nowon-gu seeks to build a safe and healthy city for everyone by fostering invigorative age-friendly city. Since population aging is no longer a social problem, it is necessary to foster a place to create a pleasant and safe life, a vibrant and healthy old age, and a community of friendly participation and communication.

Slogan of Nowon-gu is "Expecting for living tomorrow Cultural City Nowon". Administration plans will be promoted with a city of future that dreams of 100 year of leap forward, faster and more convenient transportation city, cultural city with rest, healing city that adds rest to nature, health and welfare city with sharing, educational city with developing innovative human resources.

Our slogan is in line with the vision of WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities & Communities, which devotes to creating a livable urban environment for all residents including the seniors.

Nowon-gu has already entered an aging society and is on the verge of a super-aged society, which is similar to the average of 18.53% in Republic of Korea. Considering this aging status, the establishment of a plan to create an age-friendly city to prepare policies and services to improve the quality of life of residents is important in promoting the administration.

Nowon-gu has joined the first WHO Global Network for the 16th in Republic of Korea, and it is time to take a step further by completing the first plan with fostering the second term in August 2023.

Nowon-gu seeks to share these efforts with other member cities & communities at the WHO Global Network and to cooperate together to create age-friendly cities with higher quality.

It is hoped that a closer relationship will be formed between the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly cities & communities and Nowon-gu. Thank you.

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