

Dear Sir/Madam

Jongno-gu is the center city of Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea for 626 years where the old traditions and the present coexist.

It is a representative city of South Korea in culture and administration since it has many historical sites such as old palaces and the Blue House.

The population of the elderly living in Jongno over age 65 is about 27,986, which is about 18.6% of the total population of 150,383. Jongno-gu is about to enter post-aged society.

In December 2019, Jongno-gu enacted the ordinance on the creation of an age-friendly city in order to prepare a policy to meet various welfare needs in line with the rapidly changing population structure.

Also, by conducting a research project to create an age-friendly city, we are doing our best to create a base for it.

In particular, we regarded healthy lives of the residents as the best welfare. That is why we have continuously promoted various policies to create a safe and clean urban environment, healthy village community where all age groups can live. Those are all for the creation of a healthy city.

Before entering post-aged society, Jongno-gu wishes to make another leap forward by joining the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

While sharing experiences with other age-friendly members, Jongno-gu will find solutions to create a better and more organized age-friendly city.

Based on the 8 guidelines provided by WHO Global Network, Jongno-gu is planning to establish action plans that reflect the elder's opinions and needs, create an environment where all age groups live in harmony.

Therefore, we will make Jongno a people-centered and healthy city where all generations live without any inconveniences.

We hope that it will be a valuable opportunity for Jongno-gu to think about aging issues and find alternatives together with other members around the world.

Thank you.

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Respectfully submitted,

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