

# A letter of commitment for WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities & Communities

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

This is Chong Won-0, Mayor of Seongdong-gu in Republic of Korea.

Seongdong-gu is a city in Seoul with 279,142 people(as of July 2023).

The aging of Seongdong-gu is rapidly progressing to 17.35% of the elderly population aged more than 65, compared to the elderly population 13.03% when joining the WHO GNAFCC in May 2020.

As a GNAFCC member city, Seongdong-gu has established and promoted 81 implementation tasks related to the three core and eight implementation areas for the first three-year (2021-2023) implementation plan, and is preparing the basic plan for the second five-year (2024-2028) in Seongdong-gu.

A vision of Cycle 2 of Seongdong-gu age-friendly city is, 'SMART Inclusive City, Seongdong' as Cycle 1.

5 Strategy to be promoted are

"Sustainable Inclusive City

Mobile Inclusive City

Active Inclusive City

Residential Inclusive City

Together Inclusive City"

Seongdong-gu seeks to build a safe and healthy city for every citizens by fostering invogorative age-friendly city, as pupolation aging is no longer a social problem.

Vision brand of Seongdong-gu is “Living Together, Vigorous, Seongdong”. Administration plans will be promoted with invigorating City & Economy, innovative Education & Child Care, embracing and inclusive Welfare, enjoyable and affluent Culture & Sports, aesthetic and clean Environment, convenient and safe Traffic & Safety, transparent and friendly Communication. There are in line with the vision of WHO global network of age-friendly cities, which aims to foster better urban environment for the elderly and all generations of residents.

Seongdong-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 status, the establishment of a plan to create age-friendly city to prepare policies and services to improve the quality of life of residents is important in promoting the administration.

Seongdong-gu has joined the first WHO Global Network for the 20<sup>th</sup> in Republic of Korea, and it is time to take a step further by completing the Cycle 1 with fostering the Cycle 2. Moreover, we hope to share our practices with network members, and cooperate to foster higher quality of Age-friendly City.

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

I appreciate for all your concerns.

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Mayor of Seongdong-gu, Chong Won-0