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Dear director of the WHO GNAFCC

I would like to express my appreciation for your hard work and efforts to make an age-friendly city

The recent rapid change to an aging society has led Goseong-gun into a super-aged society. Currently, as of November 2020, Goseong-gun has an aging rate of over 30%. According to the data analysis of Gyeongsangnam-do, the aging rate of Goseong-gun will continue to rise in the future; and the change to an aged-friendly city that will cope with the present and future has become an essential part of policy-making for Goseong-gun. Several policies for the needs of the elderly have already been promoted. The policy demand for the elderly will be systematically re-examined. The fragmented policies will be classified into 3 policy goals and 35 detailed projects and will be placed under one vision to promote inter-departmental cooperation and enhance policy acceptance.

As part of our efforts, we assessed our age-friendliness referencing the WHO Guide for global Age-friendly cities, identified the policy requirements of the

Goseong-gun residents through roundtable discussions, enacted ordinances, organized and operated a committee, and collected opinions from experts. A total of 3 age-friendly action plans were developed in cooperation with 10 departments in Goseong-gun. The selected plans consist of 3 policy goals, 8 areas and 35 detailed implementation plan. This plan is expected to serve as a guide for Goseong-gun to become an age-friendly city within the next 3 years. We will make a policy monitoring group composed of experts and citizens to regularly monitor the progress of the action plan and to reflect the opinions of various citizens. We will do our best to create an age-friendly Goseong-gun through communication with citizens

To that end, Goseong-gun hopes to join the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly cities and communities to work collaboratively with international communities and to find and implement appropriate solutions to solve social challenges that will arise with an aging population

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success and well-being, and for the prosperity of WHO

Respectfully submitted,



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