

Dear Officials of the WHO GNAFCC

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First of all, on behalf of Hwasun-county citizens, it is a great honor to have a chance to subscribe WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities (herein referred as “GNAFCC”) project. To be a member of Age-friendly City, we have been conducting following activities with the full support of local communities and government:

1. I, as a Mayor of Hwasun-county, have a strong volition to be a member of the GNAFCC Project, which was also my Manifesto in Mayor Election.
2. To improve the quality of life in Hwasun-county, we have collected various opinions by analyzing the current local condition in 2019. Thus we have come to the conclusion that it should be the first priority to ensure vital age-friendly society as one of the Hwasun-county visions by formulating infrastructure of Age-friendly City in connection with joining the GNAFACC.
3. In 2019, to create favorable conditions of GNAFACC Project suited for Hwasun-county, we have conducted the baseline assessment of age-friendliness with developing its guidelines and providing execution plans.
4. We have established “Working Group of the Age-friendly City“ with the sub-organizations as in the Steering Committee and Monitoring Group through the public hearings and workshop to develop guidelines based on the 8 major topics selected by WHO.
5. We have set up the AFC Network composed of local colleges, research centers, religious groups and citizens to ensure voluntary participation and collaboration among participants.
6. We have organized “Working Group for the Age-friendly City” to actively support the various policies and induce citizens participation to promote older people’s inclusion in, and contribution to all areas of community.
7. For community members, we are doing the utmost efforts to implement the consolidated welfare including social, cultural, and sanitary fields by respecting older people’s decisions and lifestyle choices.


8. Hwasun-county, as an urban-rural complex city which exchanges and coordinates each other, is the optimal city for the new model of the AFC Project, helping cities ensure that interventions are appropriate, sustainable and cost effective.

9. We have a strong will to learn the experience from the WHO GNAFCC Project by sharing their knowhow and technology among members.

As confirmed above, we are fully prepared to join the WHO GNAFCC Project with the capability of network construction and the enhancement of network efficiency. Thus it is kindly requested that Hwasun-county wants to join the WHO ACF Networks by contributing the development of the Age-friendly City as one of the WHO members with an inclusive and accessible community environment that optimizes opportunities for health, participation and security for all people, in order that quality of life and dignity are ensured as people age.

Yours sincerely,

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