

Dear Officials of the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities,  
This is the mayor of Yongsan-gu Hee-Young Park.

I would like to express my support and expect to your efforts to solve aging problem that has become a critical issue to the all humankind. Yongsan-gu has been doing our best provide seniors who take up a growing and substantial proportion of the population with opportunities to make contribution of community development, and make a society where their efforts are appreciated, and build a city where its inhabitants of all ages live comfortably and safely.

Following a global trend of aging society, Yongsan-gu has already become an “aging society” with 18.45% of the population is aged 65 or over as of Jan. 2024. The city is expected to enter “super aging society” by 2028 with the proportion of seniors surpassing 20%. As a full member of GNACC, Yongsan-gu launched 1st action plan for age-friendly city with 3 goals, 5 areas, and 45 projects to address issues regarding aging society

The 2nd phase age-friendly city of Yongsan-gu adopted a vision of “New Change, Age-friendly city of Yongsan”, and 4 strategic goals of ‘Whenever, wherever, at ease+’, ‘With everyone , communication+’, ‘Warm-hearted and happy, care+’, and ‘Full of energy, participation+.’

In developing develop detailed roadmaps for projects of the 2nd phase action plan for age friendly city, our focus is on creation of pleasant and safe community environment, intergenerational integration through robust communication, integrated

care local care service, job opportunities and participation.

We will fully dedicate ourselves to create a sustainable Yongsan-type age friendly city, based on systemic preparation of past three years.

I sincerely hope to build closer ties with members the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

Sincerely,

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Mayer of Yongsan-gu, Hee-Young Park

