

Applying for WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities

- Dear WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities & Communities! This is Jung-Shik Kim, Mayor of Michuhol-gu in Incheon.
- Michuhol-gu, the birthplace of Incheon City's history and culture, has been a livable city with full of generosity since ancient times.
- When I was inaugurated as the head of Michuhol-gu in 2018, I set the phrase <Happy Michuhol-gu even to the alleyways> as the city's goal. Based on this, I am currently promoting various policies to create a people-oriented city where seniors are respected, children who are the future of the region can fulfill their dreams and people of all ages and genders can pursue happiness.
- Michuhol-gu, where seniors over 65 take 17.5% from

total population of 420,000, has already entered an aged society. In 2025, it is expected to enter a post-aged society.

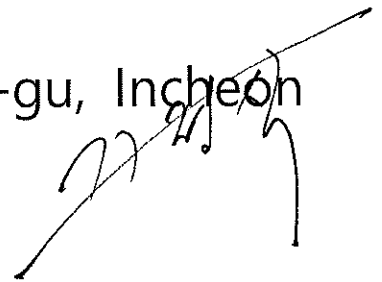
- I believe It is necessary to solve various social problems caused by rapid population aging and to create an environment where all the citizens can lead physically, emotionally and socially healthy lives throughout their times. Therefore, we conducted research on the creation of an age-friendly city in March with a vision 「Creating a generation-integrated age-friendly city in Happy Michuhol-gu even to the alleyways」. In May, we also enacted an ordinance on the creation of an age-friendly city in Michuhol-gu.
- We built cooperative relationships with government offices, civil societies and residents including seniors. In addition, we established guidelines for Michuhol-gu and specific action plans through age-friendliness survey and analysis reflecting indicators of 8 areas recommended by WHO.
- In the future, we hope that Michuhol-gu will join the

Global Network of Age-friendly City and Communities to consider aging problems together and share advanced countermeasures through active exchanges and communication with other member cities around the world.

- So, we will take a lead in creating a warm and beautiful city, a city that can reach out to neighbors in need and a city where women, children and seniors can live safely.
- Thank you

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Jung-Shik Kim, Mayor of Michuhol-gu, Incheon

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