

A letter to join WHO Global Network of age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities,
This is Chai, Hyunil, the Mayor of Yeongdeungpo-gu in Seoul, the capital city
of the Republic of Korea.

Yeongdeungpo-gu, one of the three major cities in Seoul, is the center of
South Korea's politics, economy, industry and transportation and it vigorously
opening the future of Yeongdeungpo-gu with the vitalization of specialized
zones in medical and financial sectors.

Yeongdeungpo-gu, with a population of 380,000, entered an aged society with
the population of seniors over 65 years old accounting for about 18% of total
population. In response, for the goal of 'realizing livable Yeongdeungpo-gu
where seniors and every citizen can live together', Yeongdeungpo-gu is now
trying to create an environment where all generations including seniors can
lead physically·emotionally·socially healthy and happy lives throughout their
lives.

To begin with, we enacted 「Ordinance for creating an age-friendly city in
Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul」 to lay institutional foundation to join WHO Global
Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

Also, through age-friendliness survey, we received all the opinions from
seniors and established a three-year-plan to create an age-friendly city that
reflects policies which can be seen and experienced in reality.

In line with guidelines of eight areas presented by WHO, we will try our best
to create a safe and happy city for all residents including children,
adolescents, the disabled and women, and ultimately seniors.

Through the affiliation of WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and
Communities, we hope that it will be a good opportunity to share our efforts

with members and to explore solutions toward aging issues together.

Thank you

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The Mayor of Yeongdeungpo-gu, Chai, Hyunil

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Chai Hyunil' in Korean characters, written in a cursive style.