

Application for joining the Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities
The letter of the head officer of Wanju-Gun



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Dear World Health Organization,

I am Park Sung-il, governor of Wanju-gun, located in the center of Jeollabuk-do, where tradition and future are together.

Wanju-gun has a higher passion and strong will for "creating an age-friendly city" than anyone else to realize the value of "The best welfare for respect and love, health and happiness for older people" through the creation of an age-friendly city.

As of the end of May 2017, Wanju-gun entered the 「super-aged society」 with a ratio of older people aged 65 or over at 20%, and it is still making the following efforts as an increasing trend, judging that it is necessary to create an 'aged-friendly city'.

1. In order to create an age-friendly city, [the Ordinance on the Creation of an Aged-Friendly City in Wanju-gun] was

enacted, and the creation of an age-friendly city was stipulated as the responsibility of the county governor.

2. We emphasized the need to create an age-friendly city by continuously promoting education and public relations activities for local residents and civil servants.
3. We have established a public-private cooperation system centering on a special TF team to promote the creation of an elderly-friendly city and prepared to promote an elderly-friendly city in three dimensions.
4. The age-friendliness level in Wanju-gun was analyzed for older people aged 65 or over through a survey of the eight major areas of age-friendly cities.
5. As an action plan for an aged-friendly city, 69 projects were selected through 1) 3

meetings of the public-private expert TF team 2) 2 times of deliberation by the 'Age-friendly City Creation Committee', based on the eight major areas proposed by World Health Organization.

6. The composition of the core projects to realize the value of creating an age-friendly city of the WHO is as follows.

1) In order to realize the value of WHO's 'lively old age', it consists of the best welfare policy for respect and love, health and happiness.

2) In order to realize the value of WHO's 'continuing to live in the community', it consists of the policy to create the best safe city for a safe and pleasant resident life.

3) In order to realize the value of WHO's 'generational integration', it consists of

the policy to create an age-friendly environment that is good for all generations, including older people.

7. Wanju-gun plans to actively develop and promote action plans in which residents can feel satisfied with the project to create an age-friendly city in cooperation with the public and private sectors.
8. In addition, based on efforts to create an age-friendly city so far, Wanju-gun will join the 'WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities' to proactively respond to aging issues, share various information with the world's age-friendly cities, and actively exchange with the domestic age-friendly cities.
9. Wanju-gun promises to make efforts to create an age-friendly city where all generations of local residents, including older people, live well together through

the creation of an age-friendly city.

Wanju-gun applies for joining the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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