

A letter of commitment to join WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities & Communities

Dear WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities & Communities! This is Yoo Deok-Yeol, Mayor of Dongdaemun-gu in Seoul.

Dongdaemun-gu is a representative cultural city in Seoul, the capital of South Korea, and pursues the happiness of all residents.

The slogan of Dongdaemun-gu is "Dongdaemun-gu, a gate of Seoul that opens up dreams". This presents the goal of the city to create a vibrant future with all residents through sharing and socializing based on communication and relationship.

Our slogan is in line with the vision of WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities & Communities, which devotes to creating a livable urban environment for all residents including the seniors.

With the population of seniors aged over 65 accounting for 18% of the total population, Dongdaemun-gu already entered an aged society and is now approaching a post-aged society.

Dongdaemun-gu is trying its best to lay a foundation of an age-friendly city by enacting 『Ordinance for creating an age-friendly city』 and establishing 『Three-year plan for the creation of an age-friendly city』 which reflects the residents' opinions and needs.

Dongdaemun-gu wishes to share these efforts with other member cities & communities at the WHO Global Network and to cooperate together to create age-friendly cities with higher quality.

It is hoped that a closer relationship will be formed between the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly cities & communities and Dongdaemun-gu. Thank you.

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