

A letter of commitment to rejoin WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear officials of the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities, this is No Kwan-kyu, the mayor of Suncheon-si, South Korea.

I would like to convey my utmost support and respect to passion and efforts that your institution has invested on coping with the global issue of aging.

As of November 2024, Suncheon-si is an aging society with the population of 53,525 aged 65 and over, 19.2% of the entire population. We are expected to enter the stage of 'super-aging society' by 2025, with aged population exceeding 20% of the total population.

Suncheon-si is the ecological capital of South Korea. It has a natural environment where mountains and sea, forests and foreshores are blending with each other, providing people with healing and rest.

The 1st action plan of Suncheon-si age friendly city(2022~2024) contains 3 strategies, 8 areas, and 49 projects. With the action plan, the municipal government of Suncheon-si has strived to build a city where the aged are respected, and are able to find opportunities to contribute to the society.

In order to be better prepared for the super-aging society,

Suncheon-si developed the 2nd action plan for age-friendly city with 3 strategies, 8 areas and 48 projects.

The vision for the 2nd age friendly city of Suncheon-si is “Ecological Capital Suncheon-si, Elegant Aged Life.” The goals of the 2nd action plan are ‘creation of safe and comfortable living environment for the seniors’, ‘building a platform of social integration where the elderly are respected’, and ‘guaranteeing healthy and energetic aged life.’

Suncheon-si will do the very best to build a sustainable age friendly city.

We hope to build stronger ties with the members of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

January. 2025.

Mayor of Suncheon-si, No Kwan-kyu

