

## WHO GNAFCC Membership

**“INCHEON IS well-prepared FOR GNAFCC!”**

Allow me to first express my sincere gratitude to members of the WHO for their hard work in creating age-friendly cities, an important assignment that needs to be addressed by the world as a whole. My name is Yoo Jeong-bok, mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, which aims to become Korea’s pioneering age-friendly city.

Incheon City hereby submits its application to become a member of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC) for the first time this year.

Until now, Incheon City has been exerting its utmost efforts to become Korea’s pioneering age-friendly city. The 1st 3-year action plan was established to cover Incheon City’s vision of creating an age-friendly city together with its citizens. This plan abides by the WHO guidelines, incorporating 13 detailed assignments and 62 specific projects.

Furthermore, the Senior Citizens Policy Monitoring Group that was organized in November 2014 has been carrying out various roles to ensure the happiness of the aging population and provide stable support for them. Also, the “Framework Ordinance on Welfare of the Elderly for the Implementation of an Age-Friendly City” that was formulated in April 2015, provided a robust institutional foundation to realize an age-friendly city.

As such, Incheon City would like to become a member of GNAFCC based on the experience and know-how it has been able to amass to date and share its accumulated knowledge with countries all across the globe. At the

same time, it will carry forward efforts to take a leap towards becoming Korea's pioneering age-friendly city, where quality and leisurely later years are all but guaranteed.

Against this backdrop, I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to cordially request you approve Incheon City's application as a member of GNAFCC so that it can realize its dreams and hopes. It is certain that Incheon City will continue to implement diverse age-friendly policies, not least engaging in close-knit cooperation with the international community for the sustainable development of humanity.

Once again, I ask for your support and assistance in realizing Incheon's vision and efforts. Thank you.

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Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City

Yoo Jeong-bok

Handwritten signature of Yoo Jeong-bok in black ink, consisting of the Korean characters '유정복'.