

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

Dear WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities!

This is Lee Choong Woo, Mayor of Yeosu-si in Republic of Korea.

Yeosu-si is the City of stretched and abundance Urban-Rural Complex Area, with a population of 110,000 located in the Southeast of Gyeonggi-do in Republic of Korea, and also is enshrining the Great King Sejong, who created Hangeul. Yeosu-si seeks for a vibrant city with the growth through 5 policies to live well together.

1. Serve administrative service for citizen satisfaction,
2. Expand a Yeosu Enterprise Zone for provision of employment opportunities,
3. Materialize the warm and sophisticated welfare,
4. Invigorate the cultural tourism industry
5. Promote the advanced agricultural technology

“Hope Yeosu, a happy city” is slogan of Yeosu-si. It seeks for being a self-sufficient city to be “livable” and everyone wants to live in, as words ‘Happiness’, and ‘Hope’ refers to. It leads people to make a comfortable living under the nature of Yeosu-si.

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.

At the end of September 2022, Yeosu-si has already entered an aged society with the population of seniors aged over 65 accounting for about 23.8% of the total population. The proportion of the senior population in Yeosu-si is higher than the average of 17.7% in Republic of Korea. In this regard, it has significant implications on establishing a plan to create an Age-friendly city by preparing policies and services which enhance the quality of life for citizens under the situation of the aging status of Yeosu-si.

Yeosu-si is trying to take a step further as an Age-friendly city by being a member of WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities for the fourth time in Gyeonggi-do.

Yeosu-si seeks to share these efforts with other member cities & communities of 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 Yeosu-si. Thank you.

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