

## **Letter of Commitment for WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities**

**“INCHEON is well-prepared for GNAFCC(Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities)!”**

Dear officials of the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities, Warm greetings. My name is Yoo Jeong-bok, Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, a city committed to building a society where seniors live with happiness and dignity.

On behalf of Incheon Metropolitan City, I am pleased to submit our application for re-certification in the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC).

Incheon launched its first three-year action plan for becoming an age-friendly city and was honored to receive GNAFCC certification in 2023. This milestone recognized Incheon’s active commitment to addressing the global challenge of population aging—an issue that requires collective reflection and collaboration.

Having successfully completed our first-phase initiatives, Incheon is preparing for its transition into a super-aged society by 2027. In response, we have established a second-phase five-year master plan to further our development as a leading age-friendly city. Under the vision of “Age-friendly Incheon, where seniors are happy,” we will implement 13 strategic tasks and 77 detailed projects aligned with the eight domains defined by the WHO.

Incheon has systematically developed the infrastructure necessary to become South Korea’s most age-friendly city. In 2015, we enacted the “Incheon Metropolitan City Ordinance on Support for Senior Welfare to Realize an Age-friendly City,” laying a strong institutional foundation. In 2017, we established the Incheon Metropolitan City Center for Responding to an Aging Society, a comprehensive support hub. Most recently, we launched the Incheon Senior Life Preparation Support Center, offering specialized services in five key areas: finance, health, leisure, interpersonal relationships, and employment.

Our city continues to implement wide-ranging age-friendly policies: integrated healthcare and care services for older adults, safe and accessible urban environments, expanded leisure opportunities, community-based filial piety initiatives, and programs that foster intergenerational exchange. These efforts reflect Incheon's full alignment with the goals and values of the GNAFCC.

We deeply respect our senior citizens, recognizing their abilities and lifetime of experience. It is our goal to move forward together as one community, valuing older adults as essential members of society. Guided by this vision, Incheon seeks to strengthen international collaboration and share its age-friendly experiences with cities around the world.

We kindly request your continued support and favorable consideration of our application for re-certification. Incheon remains committed to leading global efforts in addressing aging through close cooperation with the international community.

We hope you will join us in realizing our shared vision for a better future for all generations.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor

Incheon Metropolitan City

Handwritten signature in Korean characters, reading '유정복' (Yoo Jeong-bok).