

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

Dear WHO GNAFCC Secretariat,

On behalf of the citizens of Jinju City, I am honored to submit our official application for re-certification as a member of the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC).

Since joining the GNAFCC in 2019, Jinju City has continuously advanced its policies to ensure that all generations, especially older persons, can live healthy, engaged, and dignified lives. Through the implementation of our first-phase(2019–2025) plan, we have achieved tangible progress in community participation, transportation accessibility, housing safety, social inclusion, and intergenerational programs such as the “Grandmother’s Story Bundle” project.

Building upon these accomplishments, our second-phase plan(2026–2030) expands the City’s commitment to sustainability and innovation. We have introduced ten new strategic programs, including:

- Strengthening digital accessibility for older persons,
- Establishing a social participation-based Senior College,
- Developing the Jinju-type Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) for age-friendly transport,
- Implementing AI-based voice civil service systems, and
- Supporting AI-generated memory videos for bereaved seniors.

These initiatives reflect Jinju’s dedication to addressing emerging social and technological challenges while preserving our community-centered and inclusive approach. In addition, we have secured a sustainable fiscal framework to ensure that both continuing and new projects are implemented in alignment with WHO’s age-friendly policy standards.

Jinju City reaffirms its full commitment to the WHO GNAFCC and its guiding principles of participation, equity, and intergenerational solidarity. We sincerely request the Secretariat’s review and consideration for re-certification, recognizing Jinju as a continuously improving age-friendly city.

Sincerely,

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Mayor of Jinju City JO, Kyoo-il

