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Letter of Commitment to the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

Seo-gu, Busan, joined the WHO's Age-Friendly Cities Global Network to actively prepare for an aging society and establish a global network to promote various information exchange and sharing. Seo-gu, an age-friendly city, is promoting a policy to create a happy city where not only the elderly but also residents can enjoy a healthy and lively life.

We detailed and implemented age-friendly projects across the eight areas outlined in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities Network Guide. The first phase consists of a total of 53 sub-projects across eight major areas with the goal of promoting "A City Environment You Want to Stay in for a Long Time" (Strategy 1), "Building a Community Together" (Strategy 2) and "Warm and Healthy Retirement Security" (Strategy 3) under the vision of "Seo-gu, a city that shares in the healthy old age of its seniors !"

In addition, to promote the second phase of the Age-Friendly city, we plan to include age-friendly projects that have been continuously maintained through the first phase age-friendly city implementation plan, excluding sunset projects, and selecting detailed indicators by deriving additional projects. At the same time, we also promote continuous development of age-friendly projects through the establishment of sustainable long-term planning policies.

Based on its regional characteristics of strong medical care and care-giving, Seo-gu, Busan, aims to become an age-friendly city where seniors can enjoy a healthy and dignified old age in a safe and convenient environment.

To this end, the 2nd Age-Friendly City Action Plan aims to comprehensively

promote improvements in living environments, expansion of social participation, tailored information provision for seniors, and strengthening health, welfare, and care services, with a focus on creating a foundation that allows seniors to continue living and remain in their communities.

Therefore, the 2nd phase of the Age-Friendly City includes the vision of “Seo-gu, an age-friendly city that is great to live in, from everyday life to care,” and consists of the 1th, 2th, and 3th zones under the theme of “creating a safe and convenient living environment,” the 4th, 5th, 6th zones under the theme of “expanding social participation and realizing a dignified old age,” and the 7th and 8th zones under the theme of “strengthening a customized health and administrative service system for the elderly.”

Seo-gu, Busan, is undertaking the implementation plans and projects established in accordance with the WHO’s Age-Friendly Cities’ objectives and guidelines, sharing policies with other age-friendly cities and communities around the world, and looking forward to collaborating with WHO’s network of Age-Friendly cities.

Yours faithfully,

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