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

Since joining WHO's International Network for Age-Friendly Cities in 2023, Jung-gu, Busan, initiated the first phase (2023-2025) project, intending to enhance age-friendly cities. Reflecting the characteristics of the region with a high proportion of the elderly population, Jung-gu, Busan has established a vision of "NICE Jung-gu sharing the vibrant old age of the elderly," and has established and implemented 50 detailed projects in the three major promotion strategies and eight major areas based on the WHO's guidelines for the eight major areas. As a result of the detailed task review, it is confirmed that the project was properly managed according to the first implementation plan, and we intend to secure the continuity of the project by identifying alternative projects for sunset and end projects.

It shows the need for an urban transition strategy to realize healthy aging amid the structural problems of "super-aging, population reduction, and old downtown" in Jung-gu, Busan. Therefore, the policy for the elderly-friendly city over the next five years needs to focus on the four core goals of creating a safe and accessible living environment, expanding social participation and economic activities, realizing digital inclusion and generational integration, and strengthening integrated care in the community. This direction is also in line with the core value of the WHO's senior-friendly city international network, "aging in the community."

The ultimate goals and strategies of Busan Jung-gu District for the 2nd Aged-Friendly City can be summarized as "Creating an Aged-Friendly City where the elderly can be healthy, safe, actively participate in social activities, and all generations live together," and it is also in line with the basic philosophy of an Aged-Friendly City that the WHO requires. The Jung-gu District of Busan aims to boost policies and efforts for establishing an Age-friendly City with enhanced high quality by leveraging the global network of the World Health Organization.

Yours sincerely,

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