

Application for joining the Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

# The letter of the Mayor of Buk-gu District



Buk-gu district,  
Gwangju Metropolitan City

Dear WHO

Good morning, the officials of WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities!

I am Mun In, the Mayor of Buk-gu District, Gwangju Metropolitan City, which aims for the value of a human-centered autonomous community, a democratic human rights city that loves peace.

Buk-gu District has more passion and strong will to create an "age-friendly city" than anyone else to realize the value of "Happy Buk-gu where everyone live well together, respect and love for the elderly" through the creation of an age-friendly city, a key task of the district administration.

As of the end of June, 2023, Buk-gu entered the "Aged Society" with 17.20% of the elderly aged 65 or over, and we are making the following efforts based on the judgment that "creating an age-friendly city" is necessary according to this population growth.

1. In order to create an age-friendly city, the [Ordinance on the Creation of an Age-Friendly City in Buk-gu, Gwangju Metropolitan City] was enacted, and the creation of an age-friendly city was stipulated as the responsibility of the mayor of the district.
2. We emphasized the need to create an age-friendly city by continuously promoting education and public relations activities for local residents and public officials.
3. The age-friendliness level in Buk-gu was analyzed through a survey of the 8 areas of age-friendly city for the elderly aged 65 and over.
4. Based on the 8 areas suggested by the WHO, the age-friendly city implementation project established action plans by establishing a foundation through cooperation between administrative organizations of Buk-gu district. Above all, we considered all projects in the main office and administrative office as the scope of the implementation project.

5. As an organization to promote the creation of an age-friendly city, the "Age-Friendly City Creation Committee," a public-private cooperation system, was formed and 67 projects of 3-year plans in the 8 areas were selected through 2 deliberations on the implementation project of an age-friendly city.
  
6. The composition of WHO's implementation project to realize the value of creating an age-friendly city is,
  - 1) In order to realize the value of WHO's "active old age," it consists of policies that can promote active life of old age, such as promoting various leisure activities, providing opportunities for social participation, and creating jobs for the elderly.
  
  - 2) In order to realize the value of WHO's 'continuing to live in the community', it consists of projects to create a safe city for safe and pleasant residents' lives.

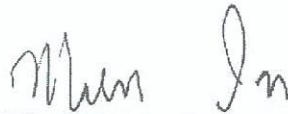
- 3) In order to realize the value of WHO's 'generation integration', it consists of policies to create an age-friendly environment that is good for all generations, including the elderly.
  
7. The Buk-gu district plans to cooperate with the public and private sectors to actively develop and promote implementation projects that allow residents to feel satisfied with the project to create an age-friendly city.
  
8. Based on the efforts to create an age-friendly city so far, Buk-gu district will join the 'WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities' to respond to aging problems and share and exchange information with age-friendly cities around the world.
  
9. Buk-gu district promises to make efforts to create an age-friendly city where all generations, including the elderly, live well together through the creation of an age-friendly city.

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Yours sincerely

Mun In

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mun In". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the printed name "Mun In".

Mayor

Buk-gu District, Gwangju Metropolitan city  
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