

A letter of commitment

Dear WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

This is Kim Myeong-Ki, Mayor of Hoengseong-gun.

Hoengseong is a city of hope, where past and future coexist. It is a clean agricultural city known for its famous Korean beef, and a city that is developing high-tech industries such as future mobility.

Hoengseong-gun has already reached a super-aging society.

The number of people aged 60 and older in Hoengseong-gun is about 22,118 in 2023, or about 47.7% of the total population (46,409).

Hoengseong-gun is committed to creating an environment where seniors can live happier and more comfortable lives.

We are also making various efforts such as integrated care services, construction of welfare housing for the elderly, free bus service, hospital accompaniment service for the elderly, expansion of job programs, and senior citizen center tour program.

In addition, Hoengseong-gun is applying to join the WHO International Network of Age-Friendly Cities to become a sustainable welfare city.

In May of this year, we enacted the "Ordinance on the Creation of an Age-Friendly City in Hoengseong-gun," and are working to create a foundation by conducting related research services.

Hoengseong-gun's three-year plan for

age-friendly cities is based on the WHO's eight guidelines for age-friendly cities

Today, Hoengseong-gun is the first and only UNICEF-certified "Child Friendly City" in Gangwon Province. And as a "Women Friendly City" certified by the Korean Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, we are committed to creating infrastructure to make the city a better place to live for all ages.

Hoengseong-gun's accession to the WHO's Age Friendly Cities designation will be long remembered as a historic event that puts a spotlight on these efforts.

Hoengseong-gun will reflect the WHO's eight guidelines for age-friendly cities and develop a customized action plan for our environment with the public. We will create a "sustainable 100-year-old city"

where everyone can live.

We will work in various ways to enhance our role and status as an age-friendly city.

Becoming a WHO Age Friendly City will surely breathe new life into Hoengseong-gun's future. As a member city of the International Network, we look forward to making valuable connections.

Best Regards

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Mayer of Hoengseong-gun,

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