

Letter of Commitment

Greetings to all Members of the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

I am Jang Shin-sang. Mayor of Hoengseong-gun, Gangwon-do, Republic of Korea.

Since becoming the first city in Gwanwon-do to join the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities, Hoengseong-gun has continuously promoted age-friendly policies as one of its core administrative priorities, striving to create a community where people of all generations can live happily together.

We view the reality of our city as a super-aged society not as a challenge, but as an opportunity for new growth and community development. We believe that an age-friendly city is a place where not only older adults, but people of all ages can live safely, healthy, and with dignity.

Over the past three years, Hoengseong-gun has steadily implemented 83 projects based on the WHO's eight domains of age-friendliness. Through the operation of the Age-friendly City Committee and the Citizen Monitoring Group, we have actively reflected residents' voices in policymaking while strengthening public-private

partnerships. At the same time, we have continuously expanded initiatives in senior employment, integrated care, health promotion, social participation, and safe living environments to improve the quality of life for older adults.

Building on these achievements, Hoengseong-gun has established the Second Five-year Age-friendly City Action Plan (2027-2031). Under this plan, we will implement 66 projects across the WHO's eight domains in a more systematic and effective manner. We will continue to respond proactively to the changing needs of an aging society and further strengthen age-friendly policies to build a community where all generations can thrive together.

I believe that this higher-level accreditation not only serves as a means of recognising our past achievements, but also marks a new beginning for an even greater leap forward. Hoengseong-gun will enhance the sustainability of its policies through resident participation and public-private cooperation, and will work to build an inclusive community in which no one is left behind.

We also look forward to sharing our experiences and best practices with fellow members of the WHO Global

Network and to strengthening international cooperation in promoting healthy aging.

Hoengseong-gun will continue to strive tirelessly to realise an age-friendly city where all generations can live happily together, and will work alongside the World Health Organisation to shape the future of sustainable age-friendly cities.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Mayor of Hoengseong-gun

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