

# A letter of commitment to join WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear members of the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities! This is the mayor of Pocheon-si Baek Young-hyun.

As of October 2023, Pocheon-si has 34,578 residents aged 65 or older. The elderly population is about 24% of the total population, which means Pocheon-si has already entered the stage of a super-aged society.

Pocheon-si is rushing to enact an ordinance on the creation of an aging-friendly city, deeming that it is urgent to develop policies to meet various welfare needs of the rapidly changing demographic.

In addition, we are doing our best to create a foundation for an age-friendly city by conducting a research project on the building an age-friendly city.

In particular, we believe that a healthy life is the best welfare for residents. Thus, we are trying to provide a safe and clean urban environment to create a healthy city. The city has been continuously carrying out various policies to make the city livable for all age groups.

Pocheon-si, which has entered a super-aged society, aims to take a leap forward by joining the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

We would like to share our experiences with other member of WHO Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities, and to seek solutions to create a more organized age-friendly City.

Based on the eight guidelines for age-friendly cities proposed by the WHO, we are developing an action plan that the all citizens of Pocheon-si can deliberate on and work on together. The action plan aims to create an environment where all age groups can live together in harmony. In particular, the plan will fully reflect opinions and wants of senior citizens.

Through a successful implementation of the action plan, Pocheon-si will become a citizen-centered city of communication and mutual trust, and a healthy city where all generations can live free of inconvenience.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss aging issues with other member cities around the world and explore alternatives together.

Thank you.

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Mayor of Pocheon-su, Baek Young-hyun

