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Department of Ageing and Life-Course (ALC)
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Dear Director of the WHO GNAFCC

I would like to express my appreciation for your hard work and efforts to make an age-friendly city.

Guri located on the center of Gyeonggi-do of South Korea is an eco-friendly city with a population of 186,846 and a city with convenient and safe transportation.

Guri City is making a leap forward to become a happier and healthier Guri City by promoting the direction of municipal administration with the four visions of a livable economic city, a happy city together, a smart future city, and a culture-oriented young city.

With the rapid trend toward an aging society today, Guri City is an aged society with 16.3% of the population aged 65 or older as of the end of September 2023, and a super-aged society is expected to be 27% of the population in 2025.

We have promoted many welfare policies to respond to aging-related needs and preferences. Now, we are striving to further meet the needs of our senior citizens and to promote healthy and active aging and a good quality of life for our senior citizens.

We will also make an active effort to create a city environment where every generation can live and co-exist happily, regardless of age.

As part of our efforts, we assessed our age-friendliness referencing the WHO Guide for Global Age-friendly Cities, and collected citizen's and expert's opinions, to establish strategy tasks to create an Age-Friendly Guri in 2023. A total of three age-friendly action plans were developed in cooperation with 20 departments in Guri City Hall. The selected plan consists of 8 categories, 8 goals, and 34 strategies. This plan is expected to serve as a guide for Guri to become an age-friendly city within the next three years. We will make a policy monitoring group composed of experts and citizens to regularly monitor the progress of the action plan and to reflect the opinions of various citizens. We will do our best to create an age-friendly Guri through communication with citizens.

To that end, Guri hopes to join the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities to work collaboratively with international communities and to find and implement appropriate solutions to solve social challenges that will arise with an aging population

Through cooperation with global network members, we promise to do our best to make our community a great place to grow old.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success and well-being, and for the prosperity of WHO

Respectfully submitted



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Mayor of Guri, Republic of Korea

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