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A letter of commitment to join the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

A most sincere greeting to the officials of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

“Happy Gwangjin, Developing through Communication!”
This is Kyeong-ho Kim, the mayor of Gwangjin-gu, Seoul.

Gwangjin-gu is the core district of Seoul, the capital of South Korea, with precious natural assets such as Mt. Achan and Hangang River, and Seoul Children’s Grand Park located at downtown Seoul.

The district office of Gwangjin-gu is carrying out its administration with open communication with the residents, is pursuing development along with the disadvantaged individuals, and is trying to build Gwangjin-gu where all of the residents are happy.

As of April 2024, the population aged 65 or over in Gwangjin-gu reached 57,000(17%) out of total 335,000, entering aged society. It is expected to enter super aged society by 2028.

In order to build a legal base for age-friendly city, Gwangjin-gu completely revised 『Ordinance on senior welfare and age-friendly city of Gwangjin-gu, Seoul』 in June 2023.

In addition, we developed 『Gwangjin-type age friendly city building three-year plan for the happiness of all generations』 that will be carried out from 2024 to 2026, based on the

recommendations from a research project on the current state of Gwangjin-gu and residents' welfare demand.

We aim to build 'A leading age-friendly city of Happy Gwangjin.' To achieve our goals, we developed 4 main strategies: 'Participatory Happy City, Healthy Happy City, Safe Happy City, Open Happy City'. Our goal is to build a warm-hearted local community where every generation can communicate with each other and live happily together.

We will operate the 'Age-Friendly City Monitoring Group' run by senior residents of Gwangjin-gu, to share and monitor the progress of the three-year plan.

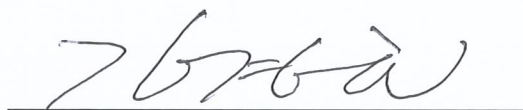
We believe that joining the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities will act as a catalyst to our policies and efforts towards building an age friendly city.

As a member of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities, we hope to share policy experiences and seek better alternatives with other members of the network.

We hope for close friendships with the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities, and will do our best to build an age-friendly city.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kyeong-ho Kim

Mayor of Gwangjin-gu,
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