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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to provide the letter of commitment to support Dong-gu's application to join the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Since Busan opened in 1876 as Korea's biggest port city, port and logistics facilities have been concentrated in Dong-gu, the center of Busan's original city center.

North Port has been the foundation of modern Korean history and economic development in particular. The Busan Port North Port Redevelopment Project has resulted in the construction of a hydrophilic space and landmarks. The port's opening is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2026. With the newly established North Port, Dong-gu of Harbor City, we are preparing for the next 100 years of Dong-gu as an international maritime city. We are striving for co-prosperity between the present and future generations.

In this context, I hope to join the Dong-gu WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Dong-gu, Busan has become a super-aged society with 28.58% of the population aged 65 or older. Efforts to create a city suitable for the elderly are essential. Systematic management and policy promotion are needed

to create an elderly-friendly city. Dong-gu is trying to establish an aging-friendly infrastructure to respond to a super-aged society. We would like to promote customized policy alternatives to improve the quality of life for the elderly.

Our objective is to effectively promote policies that are elderly-friendly in Dong-gu. In line with Dong-gu's vision, we aim to create an age-friendly city where dreams can come true. The dynamic image of Dong-gu is reflected by the successful implementation of the North Port redevelopment project. Under the vision of a safe and happy Dong-gu for the elderly, a vibrant city for the elderly, we propose detailed action plans in eight areas across three major implementation strategies.

The objective is to ensure the safety of the elderly and develop a city that enhances their quality of life by providing a convenient environment. we provide customized services to meet the needs of the elderly. Our goal is to create a city that is welcoming to the elderly and where they can live in harmony. Dong-gu respects the hard work and values of the current generation. We are trying to create a city where future generations will want to live.

We hope that Dong-gu will join the WHO's Global Network of Senior Citizens-Friendly Cities and Communities to become a prosperous senior-friendly city by exchanging information and best practices with member countries around the world.

Yours sincerely

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