

Letter of commitment to join WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

To the Esteemed Representatives of the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities,

Boryeong City, located at the heart of Korea's western coastal region, is a unique city where marine, rural, and urban communities coexist in harmony. We have continuously worked to create an age-friendly environment where our senior citizens can live safely, healthily, and happily.

As of July 2025, our senior population aged 65 and over numbers 30,181 people, accounting for approximately 32.57% of our total population. In a proactive response to our transition into a super-aged society, we conducted a research project titled “**2025 Boryeong Age-friendly City Plan Development**” and established a **three-year action plan** that aligns with the WHO's eight domains of age-friendliness.

Boryeong City has been implementing a variety of initiatives, including improving public transportation accessibility, constructing barrier-free pedestrian walkways, renovating senior centers, expanding lifelong learning opportunities and culture/leisure programs, enhancing personalized healthcare and emergency safety systems, and promoting intergenerational harmony through various community projects. These efforts provide a comprehensive foundation for residents of all ages to lead physically, mentally, and socially healthy lives.

Moving forward, we will continue to strengthen interdepartmental cooperation and foster partnerships with citizens, public agencies, and local organizations to ensure effective implementation of our policies. We will also activate citizen participation bodies such as the Age-friendly Monitoring Group, enabling seniors

to play a direct role in the planning and evaluation of relevant policies.

As a member of the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities, Boryeong City is committed to contributing to the advancement of age-friendly cities worldwide by sharing our unique expertise in marine-rural-urban integrated care, intergenerational programs, and senior-led participation models, and by engaging in active collaboration with fellow member cities.

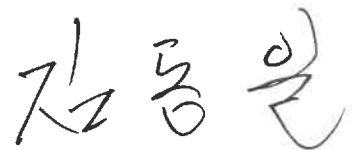
We sincerely look forward to building a strong and cooperative relationship with the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities. We kindly request your favorable consideration of our application for membership.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Aug. 2025

Mayor of Boryeong, Kim Dong-il

Handwritten signature in Korean characters, reading '김동일' (Kim Dong-il).