
Challenges and Opportunities of Aging Suburbs with Special Focus on Anseong

Regions are aging. Suburbs in South Korea where the influx of the young is limited call for immediate actions to cope with aging population. Anseong has been among the heavily aging suburbs and is expected to stay still in the foreseeable future. Efforts by select suburbs to tackle aging, along with the federal and state governments' policy directions, have been examined to propose ways in which Anseong may extend their existing strategy. Suggested actions for the wellbeing of the elderly are to extend job opportunities to private sector positions and to improve accessibility to welfare facilities through shuttle buses, happy taxis, and free local buses. The formation of an entrepreneurial town, the expansion of industrial composition, and the support for local universities may attract the young, resulting in a more balanced demographic structure.

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