



27 October, 2016

Attention: Secretariat  
WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Application for the membership of  
WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

I am glad to have the honour to submit this letter of support, in my capacity as the Chairman of Sha Tin District Council in Hong Kong, for our District to be considered by the World Health Organisation for the membership of the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Sha Tin is the most populous administrative district in Hong Kong. The Sha Tin District is well-developed with a good transport network, high level of medical and health service, convenient sports and recreation facilities, and well-planned housing development. Sha Tin District is currently a member of the Alliance for Healthy Cities, an initiative of the World Health Organisation as well.

Ageing population is a challenge in Hong Kong, and the Sha Tin District is no exception. In 2016, it is estimated that about 14.5% of residents in the District aged 65 or above. With an aim to building Sha Tin into an age-friendly city, Sha Tin District Council has been actively promoting age-friendly programmes in the District. Sha Tin District Council has been working hand in hand with other Government departments as well as non-governmental organisations that provide services to the elderly to make Sha Tin a better place for our senior citizens. We have organised a group of Age-Friendly Community Ambassadors, undertaken community assessment programs, conducted research on the age-friendly facilities in the District, and arranged a series of activities to promote the public awareness on age-friendly city.

For the years to come, we will continue to work towards the mission of age-friendly city by rolling out different age-friendly related programmes in Sha Tin.

We look forward to becoming a member of the World Health Organisation Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Yours faithfully,



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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Letter of Support for Sha Tin District Council  
for Application to be a Member of  
WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities**

I am writing to support the Sha Tin District Council in the application to be a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities (the Network).

As the District Social Welfare Officer (Sha Tin) of the Social Welfare Department in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, I oversee that our work in Sha Tin District echo the departmental mission to enable our elders to live in dignity and to provide necessary support for them to promote their sense of belonging, sense of security and sense of worthiness. We provide a wide spectrum of welfare services to enable them to remain living actively in the community for as long as possible and meet their varying care needs whenever necessary. We have been working closely with the Sha Tin District Council for efficient and effective service delivery in meeting the needs of our elders, such as enhancing service accessibility, addressing isolation, promoting intergenerational and family interactions, and encouraging volunteer options as well as support etc.

We support the Sha Tin District Council to join as a member of the Network, and will continue to join hands with the Council in continual improvement in development of age-friendly practice in Sha Tin for the benefit of our senior citizens.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs Gloria LEE)

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