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Dr Margaret CHAN,
Director-General
World Health Organization

Dear Dr CHAN,

Age-friendly City in North District, Hong Kong

I write to seek your accreditation of the North District, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as an Age-friendly City in the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

The North District has throughout the past years endeavoured to promote age-friendliness across the community. Numerous stakeholders in the District, including government departments, the North District Council (NDC), and non-governmental organisations have worked together closely to make the District more livable to the elders. District facilities have been constructed and improved to better suit the needs of the elders, while various schemes have been put in place to ensure the elderly generation is properly cared for both physically and emotionally.

To take a further step forward, the Social Services, Labour and Economic Affairs Committee of the NDC established in 2016 a working group dedicated to the promotion of the North District as an age-friendly community. Elderly ambassadors from elderly service

units in the District are invited as representatives in the working group. They took the initiative to conduct field studies on the existing elderly facilities and services in the District, and attended seminars to share their experience and views with other senior citizens. They are encouraged to express their and other fellow seniors' views and give suggestions on the possible improvement.

The North District is committed to promote an age-friendly environment progressively and continuously. A 3-year action plan has been prepared and our Social Services, Labour and Economic Affairs Committee will review the progress of the North District Age-friendly City Initiative regularly.

We would be grateful if the WHO would consider our application and accredit the North District as an Age-friendly City. I look forward to your favourable reply. Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact Mr WONG Wang-to, Chairman of the Social Services, Labour and Economic Affairs Committee of the North District Council (Email Address: ndcadm@ndc.had.gov.hk).

Yours faithfully,



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Chairman, North District Council
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Attention to: Secretariat
WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear Sir/Madam,

**The application of North District Council to be a member of
WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

As the District Social Welfare Officer of Tai Po and North District of the Social Welfare Department in Hong Kong, I would like to give my support to the North District Council in their application for being a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Our Social Welfare Department all along shows great care and concern to our senior citizens through various possible means, including promotion of neighbourhood support and social inclusion in our annual district work plans, as well as working with all local stakeholders to deliver quality welfare services to meet the needs of our senior citizens, and at the same time to involve their participation and develop their potential in every facet of their lives.

Gearing towards the mission of building an Age-friendly Community, we will continue to work closely with our partner, the North District Council, to implement the various related initiatives in a persistent manner.

Yours faithfully,



YAM Mun-ho

District Social Welfare Officer (Tai Po and North)
Social Welfare Department

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