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The Secretariat of
WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Application for Joining the WHO Global Network of
Age-Friendly Cities and Communities from Eastern District, Hong Kong**

As the Chairman of Eastern District Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, I am writing to support our District in filing the application to join the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities, as a commitment of our concerted efforts to build an age-friendly community in the District.

Eastern District ranks 3rd among the 18 Districts in the HKSAR in its percentage of senior citizens population. We are conscious of the diverse needs of our senior citizens and are adopting a pragmatic, forward-looking and innovative approach in planning for the provision, enhancement and improvement of the hardware and software for an aging-in-place environment. We are encouraged that the baseline assessment conducted in 2017 found the participating elderly perceived the Eastern district to be age-friendly in general. With the opportunity of joining the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities, we are confident that the coordinated efforts and cross-sectoral collaboration of different Government departments, non-government organisations (NGOs), the private sector as well as local organisations and communities will be further strengthened for short, medium and long-term planning in accordance with the eight domains identified in the WHO Age-friendly Cities Guide.

I look forward to joining hands with all sectors for collaborated effort in the global network and building an age-friendly Eastern District.

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman, Eastern District Council
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