



**MINISTER FOR HEALTH
SINGAPORE**

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Singapore's Letter of Commitment to join the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

Dear WHO colleagues,

Population ageing is a significant demographic phenomenon shaping societies all over the world. Singapore is no exception. Around 1 in 7 Singaporeans are seniors today and we expect this to increase to 1 in 4 Singaporeans by 2030.

Singapore is therefore committed to promoting healthy and active ageing, and a good quality of life for our older residents. If we can enable our seniors to age with purpose, and in good health, we do better than adding more years to life, but more life to years.

In 2015, Singapore launched the Action Plan for Successful Ageing as our national blueprint to enable Singaporeans to grow older with confidence. We aim to give every senior opportunities to stay active and engaged, be part of a caring and inclusive society, and live well in a city where they can age gracefully and confidently in place.

The Action Plan has seen good progress thus far, but much more can be done. The ageing landscape in Singapore is dynamic, and even as we address the needs of seniors today, we have started to plan for seniors of tomorrow. These seniors are likely to have had better jobs and education, and will live longer. They will therefore have different expectations and aspirations.

Singapore's commitment to the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities represents our dedication towards building a cohesive age-friendly society that is centred on care, contribution and connectedness. We will continue to rally people from all walks of life to redefine ageing as a positive force, champion seniors and their contributions, and celebrate longevity.

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