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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**

As the Chairman of Sibu Municipal Council (SMC), we would like to submit this letter of application for our Sibu Town to become a member of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC).

Sibu is a town located in the central region of Sarawak. It is the capital of Sibu District in Sibu Division, Sarawak, Malaysia, with a population of approximately 280,000 of which 12.3% are people above 60 years old. The administration area under jurisdiction of Sibu Municipal Council is approximately 129.5 km<sup>2</sup>. Sibu is a strategic gateway to access various districts within the central region and is rich in various aspects of heritage preservation in terms of natural, cultural, and traditional customs. Sibu recently clinched the ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard 2022-2024 Award at the national level.

The Sibu Municipal Council is committed to better serve its ageing population through the age-friendly cities and communities initiative as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). We will work together with the Ministry of Women, Early Childhood and Community Wellbeing Development of Sarawak, Curtin University Malaysia, the State Health Department under the Ministry of Health, as well as other key stakeholders on baseline assessments to develop a local plan of action with reference to the eight AFCC domains on transportation, housing, outdoor spaces and buildings, social participation and employment, communication and information, community support and health services.

Through the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities (GNAFCC), we are confident that information sharing through the network platform will allow us to progress along on the four-step journey as well as sharing our age-friendly programs and practices with other cities and local governments around the world. We look forward to a favourable response and support from GNAFCC on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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