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**APPLICATION FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KUCHING SOUTH (MBKS) TO JOIN THE  
GLOBAL NETWORK FOR AGE -FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

As the Mayor of the Council of The City of Kuching South (MBKS), I am writing to formally apply on behalf of THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KUCHING SOUTH, Sarawak for the membership in the World Health Organization's Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

MBKS is a dynamic growing city with a population of 610,000, of which 13.7% are people above 60 years old. Our city recognizes the importance of addressing the needs of its aging population and we are eager to join this global network to enhance the quality of life for our aging population which aligns with our Council's vision to Enhance the Quality of Life of the people of Kuching South.

MBKS has long been committed to create an environment conducive to the wellbeing of its elderly population and has already taken several steps toward becoming more age friendly by improving and providing accessibility in public spaces and community programs to support the wellbeing and active participation of our aging population. This commitment is evidenced by series of prestigious awards and international recognitions the city has garnered.

Being awarded by UNESCO as the Creative City of Gastronomy in 2021, is not only to highlights the rich culinary heritage but promoting healthy eating habits for the elderly and providing opportunities for the elderly to engage in social activities centered around food.

The designation of MBKS as a City of Unity demonstrates the dedication to promote harmony, understanding and mutual respect among its diverse population. An age friendly city must foster inclusivity and MBKS's emphasis on unity ensures that the elderly residents are respected, valued and included in all aspects of community life.

Recently, MBKS being the 1<sup>st</sup> State in Borneo to be recognized as a Child Friendly City indicates commitment not only for children but also older adults where the facilities and designs will create safe, inclusive supportive environment for children and elderly.

We believe that joining this Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities will provide us with valuable guidance, resources and opportunities to further these efforts.

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

**"BERSATU BERUSAHA BERBAKTI"**  
**"AN HONOUR TO SERVE"**  
**"BERKHIDMAT UNTUK MASYARAKAT"**

  
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