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**Letter Of Commitment to the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

Healthier East @SG, representing the Eastern region of Singapore – encompassing Bedok, Changi, Marine Parade and Tampines - confirms its commitment to joining the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Spanning a combined area of 89.31 km<sup>2</sup>, the areas of Bedok, Changi, Marine Parade and Tampines are located in Singapore's east and are home to a population of 610, 040 people. As of 2024, 27.8% of residents in this region are aged 60 and above, including 23,500 individuals aged 80 and over. Reflecting Singapore's ageing population, these figures are projected to rise at a faster pace compared to the previous decade.

Our region has already established a strong foundation of ongoing initiatives and services aimed at supporting our seniors to age in place while maintaining their quality of life. Working with Singapore Health Services (SingHealth) as the population health manager and various government agencies, we will further align our ongoing and future efforts with the eight domains of the WHO Age-Friendly Cities Framework. Additionally, we are committed to adhering to the network's cycle of continuous improvement, systematically evaluating our progress and sharing our initiatives to WHO and the network for mutual learning.

Joining the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities offers a unique opportunity to consolidate our efforts, enhance accountability, and contribute to the global knowledge base. Equally, we look forward to learning from the experience and best practices of other member cities and communities to enhance our initiatives further.

We are deeply committed to advancing age-friendly practices in our region and are passionate to contribute meaningfully to this global initiative. I look forward to a favourable response and to Healthier East @SG becoming an active and engaged member of the network.

Yours sincerely

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