

Application form for the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

1) City/Community details	
Name of city/community	Central and Western District
Region or state	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Country	China
Your city/community's population size	248,600
% of residents above the age of 60	15.1%
Are you applying through one of the Network's Affiliated Programmes?	I am not a member of any of these affiliated programmes

2) Commitment towards becoming an age-friendly city/community	
Letter of commitment from the Mayor (Attachment)	Appendix 4
Mayor's name and title	Mr. YIP Wing-shing, BBS, MH, JP Chairman of the Central and Western District Council
Address of the Mayor's office	Shop A, Unit 5F, G/F., No.5, Belcher's St., Nam Hung Mansion, Hong Kong

3) Designation of contact person for the Global Network	
Title	District Councilor
Name	Mr. YEUNG Hoi Wing
Position	Member, Central & Western District Council
Role in city/community's age-friendly initiative	Chairman of Working Group on Elderly Service of the Central and Western District Council
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4) Description of your age-friendly activities to date	
<p>Please provide a brief summary (250-300 words) of your city/community's policies, programmes and services targeted at older people and how you are planning to make it more age-friendly.</p>	<p>Summarizing from baseline assessment report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two main groups advocating for the concept of age-friendly city in the district: Central and Western District Community Concern Group; Central and Western District Age-friendly Work Group. - Both groups have been actively working in the community since 2007 and 2008 respectively, and they include more than 10 NGOs in the district; their objectives are to work with other community organizations and regularly communicate with District Council for the rights and benefits of the retired and old population. - District council and District Office have been working with various government departments and community organizations, and demonstrated active engagement and good efforts in supporting or promoting age-friendliness of the District. - Older people from the district were invited to participate in various activities, talks, conferences, and training courses, so that to empower the older adults by increasing their capability and awareness, and ultimately to encourage them to voice out their opinions, and create community impact and increase the community's age-friendliness. - Apart from the elderly, we also value input from the professional and the academia. The participants and assessors' evaluation of age-friendliness are well set out in the baseline assessment report. The report conducted by the University of Hong Kong and funded by the Hong Kong Jockey Club highlighted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ High level of age-friendliness ▫ Social participation and sense of belonging is strong in the district ▫ Keen support and care from fellow members of the community, where almost 50% of the respondents have served as volunteers at elderly centers and more than 80% have used services provided by elderly centers - Adding to government welfare spending which covers infrastructure, medical and social services, there have been continued efforts by the District Council to build a age-friendly city. Annually, around HK\$800,000 of District Council funding is allocated solely on district activities and programmes focusing on the elderly.

<p>Please provide a picture (skyline or logo) to illustrate your age-friendly activities. (Attachment)</p>	
<p>If you have a dedicated web page on your age-friendly activities, please include it here. If not, indicate your city or community website.</p>	<p>http://www.districtcouncils.gov.hk/central/english/dc/dc_structure_list.php?id=552&committee_type=workgroup</p> <p>Another dedicated website will be launched later this year</p>
<p>If you have already conducted an age-friendly baseline assessment of your city/community, please upload it. (Attachment)</p>	<p>(Appendix 2: Baseline Assessment Report_C&W)</p>
<p>If you have already developed a strategy or action plan to make your city/community more age-friendly, please upload it. (Attachment)</p>	<p>(Appendix 3: AFC Action Plan_C&W)</p>

5) Engagement of older people	
<p>How are you engaging and involving older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly city/community?</p>	<p>Summarizing district elder people’s community participation, and their later participation in the community projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the recent years, older adults in the community have been invited to join various activities such as conferences and forums organized by the community concern groups, and they have been actively engaging in the events and showed much of their concerns towards their residing community. - District Council members would visit more than 20 elderly centres in the district every year and listen to the elderly’s views on various issues on age-friendliness, hygiene, transport, recreational, and so on in the district. Their concerns would then be relayed to and addressed by various related government departments with the help of the District Council. - Elderly in the district have actively been joining the age-friendly city ambassador programme, for understanding the concepts and their own district resources. - They have been empowered to participate in various activities to promote and advocate for age-friendliness of their community. - After the baseline assessment, community organizations and District Council will cooperate to organize community projects to further boost the age-friendliness. Currently, three projects are being planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Age-friendly Kick-Off Ceremony and Carnival to invite participation of all elderly service units in the district to promote awareness and importance of age-friendliness. ▫ Age-friendly Ambassador Programme to recruit the elderly to participate in the facilitation of age-friendliness and to identify service gaps

	<p>from the perspective of the elderly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Community Promotion Campaign for Age-Friendliness to gather and distribute information on existing service provisions for the elderly so that they can be encouraged to make full use of existing services.
6) Cross-sectoral collaboration	
<p>What mechanisms have you/are you planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different departments of the local administration and across sectors?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Central and Western District Council has set up the Working Group on Elderly Service as a platform for District Council members, up to 34 NGOs on elderly service, and government representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To exchange ideas on elderly services and welfare and to organize activities with local elderly services providers. ii. To advice the government on elderly services and welfare policies, particularly on age-friendly policies, services and welfare for the local elderly people. iii. To advice the Culture, Leisure & Social Affairs Committee on the provision of services for local senior citizens and to report the Working Group's resolutions to the Committee. - In the Jockey Club Age-friendly City Project, it creates collaboration between Hong Kong Jockey Club, District Council and District Office, community organizations, and professional support team (HKU). The future plans are action-orientated, backed by research from stakeholders such as HKJC, HKU, the government and the District Council, therefore underlying our commitment to serve the community. NGOs submit AFC community programme proposals to a panel consisting of representatives from HKJC, HKU, District Council, and District Office. Three programmes per year will be accepted with financial support from HKJC and professional support by HKU later on.

7) Participation in the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities	
What motivated your city/community to become a member of the Global Network?	The Central and Western District Council and the local community would like to apply to be a member of the Global Network so the community will be encouraged by the efforts made in advancing the well-being of the senior citizens. The recognition by WHO motivates stakeholders to continue their efforts in age-friendly works, especially in contributing to taking service planning and capacity building to the next level to meet future challenges.
How do you hope to contribute to the Global Network?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share the experience of Central and Western District through WHO website on Age-Friendly World, and giving presentation at the International Age-friendly City Conference, etc. - Promote age-friendliness and share information on the District Council main webpage and dedicated page on Age-Friendly of the Central and Western District - Exchange ideas on elderly services and welfare with other network members - Hold large-scale publicity programmes in the district upon joining the Global Network to promote the importance of age-friendliness.