



## Application Form to Join the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

Please note: **applications to the Network are processed quarterly in February, May, August and November, not on a rolling basis.** You will receive an automatic confirmation of your city or community's application upon submission.

To join the Network, cities must:

A. Attach to this form a letter from the Mayor and municipal administration indicating their commitment to the Network cycle of continual improvement.

B. Commence the Network cycle of four steps outlined below:

1. Establishment of mechanisms to involve older people throughout the Age-friendly Cities and Communities cycle

Cities and communities are also encouraged to build partnerships with government and civil society (including NGOs and academic institutions).

2. Development of a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the city/community

Note: This assessment can be flexible to take into account the diversity of cities and communities, however at a minimum, it needs to consider each of the eight domains identified in the WHO Age-friendly Cities Guide available at:

[Global Age-friendly Cities: A Guide](http://www.who.int/entity/ageing/publications/age_friendly_cities_guide/en/index.html)

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1. outdoor spaces and buildings,
2. transportation,
3. housing,
4. social participation,
5. respect and social inclusion,
6. civic participation and employment,
7. communication and information, and
8. community support and health services.

3. Development of a 3-year city-wide action plan based on the findings of this assessment

If possible, the plan will link to other municipal instruments to ensure that age-friendliness becomes a core responsibility for all municipal departments.

4. Identification of indicators to monitor progress against this plan.



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### Part 1: City/Community Details

- 1) **Name of the city or community:** Sai Kung District
- 2) **Region or state:** Hong Kong
- 3) **Country:** China
- 4) **Your city or community's population size:** Around 444,000
- 5) **Percentage of residents above the age of 60:** 8.9% (65 years old or above)  
22.333333 North
- 6) **Geographic coordinates:** 114.333333 Est
- 7) **Are you applying through one of the Network;s Affiliated Programs?**
- AARP Network of Age-friendly Communities, United States
  - Age-friendly Ireland, Ireland
  - Municipalité Amie des Aînés, Québec, Canada
  - Pan-Canadian Age-Friendly Communities Network, Canada
  - Regional Programme Bashkortostan, Russian Federation
  - Réseau Francophone des Villes Amies des Aînés
  - Slovene Network of Age-friendly Cities, Slovenia
  - Spanish National Programme of Age-friendly Cities, Spain
  - UK Network of Age-friendly Cities, UK
  - Vida Cidades, Portugal
  - I am not a member of any of these affiliated programmes

**Part 2: Political commitment towards becoming an age-friendly city  
or community**

- 1) **Mayor's Name and Title :** Mr NG Sze-fuk, George, GBS, JP  
Chairman of Sai Kung District Council
- 2) **Address of the Mayor's Office :** 4/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex,  
38 Pui Shing Road, Tseung Kwan O

### **Part 3: Designation of contact person for the Global Network**

Please appoint a contact person in local administration for all correspondence and collaboration with the WHO and other Global Network members.

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| <b>1) Title:</b>  | District Councilor  |
| <b>2) Name:</b>   | Mr TAM Lanny, Stanley                                       |
| <b>3) Position :</b>  | Member, Sai Kung District Council                           |
| <b>4) Role in city or community's age-friendly initiative :</b> | Chairman, Social Services & Healthy and Safe City Committee |
| <b>5) Email address:</b>  | catherine_sw_chan@had.gov.hk                                |
| <b>6) Tel. Number (including international dialling code) :</b> | 852 3740 5273   |

#### **Part 4: Description of Your Age-friendly Activities to Date**

**Part 4a: Please provide a brief summary, in 500 words or less, of your city or community's policies, programmes and services targeted at older people and how you are planning to make your community more age-friendly?**

With continuous growth in population, together with the sustainable development of the community, the role played by the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) has become increasingly important. Our objective is to serve as a bridge between government, community stakeholders and the public, with a view to building a healthy, safe, age-friendly and harmonious community together.

Sai Kung District is one of the pioneer districts promoting Age-friendly Hong Kong since 2008. We learn the importance of public awareness on ageing population, recognition of seniors' devotion, promotion of elderly participation, as well as the building up of a cross-sectoral collaboration. For details, please refer to the Appendix (Part 4).

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## **Part 5: Engagement of older people**

**How are you engaging and involving older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly city or community?**

We consider the engagement of older people crucial to the development of an age-friendly community. Instead of one-off approach, a mechanism involving older people will be established as elaborated in Appendix (Part 5)

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## **Part 6: Cross-sectoral Collaboration**

**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?**

A legitimate working group will be formed to develop Sai Kung District into an age-friendly community. Representatives from District Council, District Office, Social Welfare Department, NGOs and older people groups will be invited. For details please refer to Appendix (Part 6)

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## **Part 7: Participation in the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities**

1) How do you hope to contribute to the Global Network?

We can contribute to the Global Network in the following ways:

1. Share the experience in Sai Kung District via inputting content at WHO Website on Age-Friendly World, and making presentation at the International Age-friendly City Conference, etc.
  2. Further promote the Age-Friendly City Movement by updating the necessary and suitable information on Age-Friendly Hong Kong (Sai Kung) at the District Council official website
  3. Facilitate local friendly site visits if other network members ask for
  4. Contribute to the community good practice in Global Network via Age-friendly Hong Kong Protocol. For instance, by joining the Age-friendly Hong Kong Steering Committee and the Task Force:
    - a. Task Force on Expert Group and Alliance Building
    - b. Task Force on Social Impact Assessment and Evidence based study
    - c. Task Force on Capacity Building and Good Practice Sharing
    - d. Task Force on Promotion Strategy and Appreciation scheme
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2) What motivated your city or community to become a member of the Global Network?  
Sai Kung District can benefit from the exchange of information with the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities as well as other members in the network.

## Remarks To Age-Friendly Hong Kong Steering committee:

Regarding to the application for joining the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, Sai Kung District Council would like to:

- Self-handling the application via WHO website
  - Consent the Age-friendly Hong Kong Steering Committee to submit the application. The direct contact with WHO is still between District Council and WHO.
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- Sai Kung District Council supports the Age-Friendly Hong Kong Protocol and the necessary information are shown in the Appendix.