



EUROPE-ASIA FORUM ON ACTIVE AGEING AND INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY

~ IN COMMEMORATION OF 2012 EUROPE YEAR OF ACTIVE AGEING AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN GENERATIONS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30TH 2012, 9.00AM–6.00PM

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The recent decade has seen the adoption of the framework of active aging as a key to tackle the challenges and harness the potential of the ageing population. The designation of 2012 by the European Commission as the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (EY2012) further highlights the significance of the framework and seeks to promote active ageing in employment, independent living and lifelong learning.

Europe is not alone in the face of rapid demographic changes. Within Asia, Singapore is becoming one of the fastest aging societies alongside Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan. What is the relevance of European efforts in promoting active aging to Asian societies? How effective are the policies and practices currently in place to foster an active ageing culture and enhancing solidarity between generations in Europe and Asia? This special EU-Asia forum brings together a group of European and Asian experts who will share their insights and discuss good practices on Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity. The forum welcomes the participation of scholars, policy makers, local practitioners and agencies in the discussion and will serve as a platform for reflection and active exchange of ideas and policy learning in the efforts towards a society for all ages.

PROGRAMME

9.00-9.30am	REGISTRATION
9.30am	WELCOME REMARKS Associate Professor Ho Kong Chong, Vice Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Dr Yeo Lay Hwee, Director of European Union Center in Singapore
9.50am	OPENING ADDRESS – ACTING MINISTER CHAN CHUN SING, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
10.05am	MORNING BREAK
10.30am	<i>'Reflecting on policies and programs relating to active aging and intergenerational solidarity for community and the family in the European context'</i> Speaker: Dr Alan Hatton-Yeo, Chief Executive, Beth Johnson Foundation Chair and Moderator: Dr Thelma Kay, Former Senior Advisor, Ministry of Social and Family Development
11.30am	<u>PANEL 1: ENSURING EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SENIORS AND INTERGENERATIONAL HARMONY</u> Active Ageing policies and employment of the seniors in the European Union Miss Francesca Sperotti - University of Bergamo and Association for International and Comparative Studies in Labour Law and Industrial Relations (ADAPT), Italy

	<p><i>Active Ageing and employment of older people in Taiwan: Current Policy, Problems and Community-Based action research</i></p> <p>Assoc Professor Wen-Chi Grace Chou - Department of Labor Relations and the Institute of Labor Studies, National Chung-Cheng University, Taiwan</p> <p>Singapore speaker/commentator/moderator</p> <p>Mr Andrew Fung - General Manager, Tripartite Alliance for Fair Employment Practices (TAFEP)</p>
1.00pm	LUNCH
2.00pm	<p><u>PANEL 2: HOUSING THE SENIORS: INDEPENDENCE AND COMMUNITY INTEGRATION</u></p> <p><i>The UK's housing and planning response to an ageing population</i></p> <p>Dr. Rose Gilroy on UK - Director of Engagement and Senior Lecturer in Planning and School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, Newcastle University</p> <p><i>Housing Challenges and Implementation for the Healthy and Happy Aged Society in Korea</i></p> <p>Professor Helena Yoon on South Korea - Department of Housing and Interior Design , College of Human Ecology, Yonsei University</p> <p>Singapore speaker/commentator/moderator</p> <p>Assoc Professor Wong Yunn Chii - Head, Department of Architecture, School of Design and Environment, NUS</p>
3.30pm	AFTERNOON BREAK
3.50pm	<p><u>PANEL 3: LIFELONG LEARNING AND INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY</u></p> <p><i>Who should subsidize Lifelong learning?</i></p> <p>Dr. Ann-Kristin Boström on EU and Sweden - Director of Education, Swedish National Agency for Education and Researcher, University of Jonkoping</p> <p><i>Policy Implementation of the U3A in Hong Kong: the birth and development of Elder Academies (EAs)</i></p> <p>Professor Alfred Cheung-Ming Chan on Hong Kong - Chair Professor of Social Gerontology, Lingnan University, Hong Kong and Chair of Elderly Commission, HKSAR Government</p> <p><i>'KIDZUNA(solidarity)' re-create the society: lifelong learning which create active aging and intergenerational solidarity in Japan</i></p> <p>Professor Makino Atsushi on Japan - Division of Lifelong Learning Infrastructure Management, Graduate School of Education, University of Tokyo</p> <p>Singapore speaker/commentator/moderator</p> <p>Assoc Professor Thang Leng Leng - Japanese Studies and Health cluster, National University of Singapore and President, Fei Yue Family Service Centre</p>
5.40pm	CLOSING

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