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INTRODUCTION

The Asia-Pacific Conference on Public Health (APCPH) is a biannual event organised by the College of Public Health Medicine, Academy of Medicine Malaysia. The aim of organising the conferences is to promote public health practice and research mainly in the Asia Pacific regions. It provides a platform for public health practitioners in Malaysia to connect with other local and regional public health practitioners and experts. The 7th APCPH was organized in 2022 and the coming 8th APCPH will be organized in 2024

The College of Public Health Medicine, Academy of Medicine Malaysia, is set to host the 8th edition of the Asia-Pacific Conference on Public Health (APCPH). This biennial conference aims to highlight public health research and practices, particularly in the Asia-Pacific regions. The event provides an avenue for public health practitioners in Malaysia to interact and share knowledge with both regional and global peers. Building on the foundation of the 7th APCPH held in 2022, preparations are underway for the 8th APCPH in 2024.

OBJECTIVE

1. Establish a forum for the dissemination of expertise, information, and scientific research among public health professionals both domestically and internationally.
2. Serve as a platform for ongoing education, drawing from speakers distinguished in their respective areas of specialisation.
3. Strengthen the skills of public health professionals to ensure improved community service delivery.

PARTICIPANTS

The conference will target roughly 700 participants total, drawn from a diverse group of public health professionals from various organization such as Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Higher education as well as international delegates. This will include policy-makers, researchers, lectures, students and also public health professionals at the state and district level.

The conference is anticipated to attract approximately 700 delegates, representing a broad range of public health professionals. Attendees will include representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence, and Ministry of Higher Education, as well as international participants. The diverse audience will consist of policymakers, researchers, academicians, students, and grass-root public health professionals from both state and district levels.





MAIN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The scientific program, spanning two and a half days, promises a rich exploration of the multidimensional facets within the realm of Public Health. Comprising disciplines such as health management, epidemiology, family health, occupational health, environmental health, and military medicine, the program aims to offer a comprehensive understanding of the diverse challenges and opportunities in the field.

This inclusive approach is reflected in the varied session formats, which include plenary sessions, symposiums, free paper presentations, and forums. These formats ensure a dynamic exchange of ideas and insights among attendees, fostering a collaborative atmosphere conducive to innovation and progress.

The lineup of speakers is equally diverse, drawing from both local and international spheres. Hailing from academic institutions, non-academic institutions, as well as professionals embedded in the field and representatives from ministries of health and military sectors, these esteemed speakers bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience. Renowned for their global contributions, they are poised to share their expertise on current issues, best practices, and future directions shaping the landscape of public health practice.

The plenary sessions serve as focal points for critical discussions on pressing topics, including healthcare systems resilience, the transformative role of information technology in healthcare delivery, and the indispensable leadership of public health advocates in fortifying healthcare systems against emerging challenges.

Further enriching the program are nine symposium tracks, each dedicated to exploring specific thematic areas. From resilience in healthcare to community engagement strategies, from climate change adaptation to combatting infectious diseases, these symposiums offer deep dives into key issues shaping the public health agenda. Notably, the symposiums also spotlight the role of military medicine, underscoring its significance in safeguarding public health.

The forum provides a platform for open dialogue on anticipated challenges facing public health in the coming decade, including the critical issue of healthcare access for stateless children. Lastly, the free paper sessions offer a breadth of perspectives, covering a wide array of topics aligned with the conference theme. Through these sessions, presenters contribute to a nuanced understanding of the complexities inherent in contemporary public health discourse. As we embark on this journey together, we invite our delegates to join us in exploring, learning, and collaborating towards a healthier future. Let us seize this opportunity to harness collective wisdom, innovation, and compassion to address the multifaceted challenges of public health, inspiring hope and progress for generations to come.





Day 1: 9 July 2024 (Tuesday)

Time	Activity	Speaker
0800 – 0830	Registration	
0830 – 0915	Plenary 1: Shaping a health workforce for the future	Dr Rabi Abeyasinghe WHO Representative and Head of the WHO Country Office to Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam and Singapore
0915 – 1000	Keynote address	To be confirmed
1000 – 1030	Sponsored talk: Beyond abstinence: harm reduction as a human rights issue	HUMANIZE Malaysia
1030 – 1100	Tea break and networking session	
1100 – 1240	Parallel symposium sessions	
Parallel Symposium 1: Resilience in health care		
1100 – 1130	Strengthening global health security and resilience	Dr Anita Suleiman President, College of Public Health Medicine, Academy of Medicine Malaysia
1135 – 1205	The role of SEAOHUN in shaping future One Health next generation	Dr Tongkorn Meeyam Executive Director, Southeast Asia One Health University Network Secretariat
1210 – 1240	Healthcare resilience in Malaysia	Dr Veronica Lughah Director, Sarawak State Health Department, Malaysia
Parallel Symposium 2: Community engagement in public health care		
1100 – 1130	The roles of health clinic advisory panel in public health care	Dato Dr J Kannan Raman Chair, Puchong Health Clinic Advisory Panel, Malaysia
1135 – 1205	Community lead actions to control non-communicable diseases	Dr Noraryana binti Hassan Deputy Director (NCD), Disease Control Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
1210 – 1240	The roles of AGAPE Centre in engaging community for resilient public health care.	Dr Toh Teck Hock Community Paediatrician, Sibuh Hospital, Sarawak, Malaysia
Parallel Symposium 3: Healthy settings		
1100 – 1130	Revisiting the green city concept in revitalizing public health	Prof Datu Dr Andrew Kiyu Professor of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia
1135 – 1205	25 years of Healthy Cities in the Philippines: How we started and evolved	Dr Maria Rosarita Q Siasoco Executive Director, PHAPCares Foundation, Philippines
1210 – 1240	Promoting health and wellbeing in policy making: A case study on Penang's Happiness Index	Ms Young Pey Jung Senior Analyst, Socio-Economics & Statistics Programme, Penang Institute, Malaysia
1240 – 1430	Lunch break and poster session	
1430 – 1600	Parallel oral paper presentation sessions (Theme 1 to Theme 3)	
1600 – 1715	Tea break and networking session	
1715 – 1930	Free and easy	
1930 – 2200	Gala dinner	



Day 2: 10 July 2024 (Wednesday)

Time	Activity	Speaker
0800 – 0830	Registration	
0830 – 0915	Plenary 2: Leveraging innovation to accelerate health impact and shape wellbeing	Dato' Dr Fadhlullah Suhaimi Abdul Malek Chair, Managing Director, MRIC Healthcare Sdn Bhd, Malaysia
0915 – 1015	Forum 1: Facing public health challenges in the coming decade	Chairperson: Prof Datu Dr Andrew Kiyu, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak Panel 1: Dr Zulhizam bin Haji Abdullah (Director, Public Health Development Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia) Panel 2: Mr Azrul Mohd Talib (Chief Executive, Galen Centre, Malaysia) Panel 3: Prof Dr Pratap Singhasivanon, (Secretary General/Coordinator of SEAMEO TropMed Network, Thailand)
1015 – 1100	Tea break and networking session	
1100 – 1240	Parallel symposium sessions	
Parallel Symposium 4: Climate change adaptation		
1100 – 1130	Environmental epidemiology: Challenges in a changing planet	Prof Dr Mazrura Sahani President, Malaysian Society of Environmental Epidemiology, Malaysia
1135 – 1205	Assessing human health vulnerability to climate change	Dr Rohaida Ismail Environmental Health Research Center, Institute of Medical Research, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
1210 – 1240	Climate change and health in Asia	Prof Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai Professor of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia
Parallel Symposium 5: Family health matters for resilient future		
1100 – 1130	Building resilience through life-course approach	Dr Saidatul Norbaya Buang Deputy Director, Family Health Development Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
1135 – 1205	Innovative approach in elderly care for a resilient future	Prof Dr Yasuhiko Saito Professor of Gerontology, Nihon University Population Research Institute, Japan
1210 – 1240	Sexual and reproductive health in the next generation adolescent	Prof Dr Razitasham Safii Professor in Public Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia
Parallel Symposium 6: Public health competency		
1100 – 1130	Malaysia National Public Health Postgraduate Curriculum – competence and skills	Prof Dr Sanjay Rampal Head, Specialty Subcommittee for Education in Public Health Medicine, Malaysia Medical Council, Malaysia
1135 – 1205	The future of Public Health Medicine Specialist	Prof Dr Jamalludin Ab Rahman President, Malaysian Public Health Physician Association, Malaysia
1210 – 1240	Hong Kong's experience in setting public health competency	Dr Thomas Tsang Past President, Hong Kong College of Community Medicine, Hong Kong SAR, China
1240 – 1400	Lunch break and poster session	
1400 – 1530	Parallel oral paper presentation sessions (Theme 4 to Theme 6)	



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Time	Activity	Speaker
1530 – 1710	Parallel symposium sessions	
Parallel Symposium 7: Ending AIDS by 2030 – Myths or reality?		
1530 – 1600	Will PrEP end AIDS in Malaysia?	Dr Mazliza Ramly Principal Assistant Director, Disease Control Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
1605 – 1635	Reaching the unreached through HIV self-test	Mr Chung Han Yang Deputy Executive Director, Malaysian AIDS Council, Malaysia
1640 - 1710	THIP – A new approach for ending AIDS	Dr Ruziana Miss Sectional Head, HIV/STI/HepC Disease Control Section, Sarawak State Health Department, Malaysia
Parallel Symposium 8: Combating emerging infectious disease		
1530 – 1600	One Health approach in infectious disease management: The Lawa Model	Professor Banchob Sripa Director, Tropical Disease Research Center, Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University, Thailand.
1605 – 1635	Preparedness for disease X	Dr Thilaka Chinnayah Deputy Director, Disease Control Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
1640 - 1710	Strengthening laboratory capacities for early disease detection	Dr Nor Zahrin Hasran Public Health Medicine Specialist, National Public Health Laboratory, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
Parallel Symposium 9: Military medicine		
1530 – 1600	Health service support and capacity building in crisis	Brigadier General Dr Mohd Arshil Moideen Dean and Public Health Medicine Specialist, National Defence University of Malaysia
1605 – 1635	Rapid deployment capability for mitigation of CBRNE threat	Lt Col (Rtd) Prof Victor Feizal Abd Shatar Director, Chemical Defence Institute, National Defence University of Malaysia
1640 - 1710	Burden of disease of Plasmodium Knowlesi malaria and other causes of acute febrile illness in military operation in Sabah	Brig Jen (Dr) Mohd Farid bin Alias Director General, Health Section, Army Headquarters, Malaysia
1710-1730	Tea break and networking session	

Day 3: 11 July 2024 (Thursday)

Time	Activity	Speaker
0800 – 0830	Registration	
0830 – 1000	Parallel oral paper presentation sessions (Theme 7 to Theme 9)	
1000 – 1030	Tea break	
1030 – 1115	Plenary 3: Resilient healthcare: The role of public health leaders	Dato Indera Dr Shaari Ngadiman Past President, College of Public Health Medicine, Malaysia
1115 – 1215	Forum 2: Health rights for stateless children	Chairperson: Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Yusof, Universiti Malaysia Sabah Panel 1: Dr Farah Nini bt Dusuki (Lawyer, Faculty of Law, University of Malaya) Panel 2: Mary Anne K. Baltazar (Founder, Advocates for Non-discrimination and Access to Knowledge (ANAK), Sabah) Panel 3: Dr Prabakan Dhanaraj (District Health Officer, Kota Kinabalu District Health Office, Sabah)
1215 – 1300	Closing ceremony	
1300 – 1400	Lunch break and adjournment	



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- Community Engagement in Public Health Care
- Healthy Settings
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Family Health for Resilient Future
- Public Health Competency
- Ending AIDS by 2030 – Myths or Reality?
- Combating Emerging Infectious Disease
- Military Medicine

Conference Fees

Members of Academy of Medicine Malaysia (AMM):	MYR600.00
Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students:	MYR600.00
Non-Members of AMM:	MYR700.00
Low- and Lower-Middle-Income Countries:	USD200.00
Upper-Middle and High-Income Countries:	USD250.00
On-site Registration:	MYR1200.00 USD300.00

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration: 01-Feb-2024 to 30-June-2024

Abstract Submission: 01-Feb-2024 to 31-May-2024

On-site Registration: 09-July-2024 to 11-Jul-2024

Abstract submitted before 01-Apr-2024, notification of acceptance: 15-Apr-2024

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