



The Fifth Regional Forum of WHO Collaborating Centres in the Western Pacific

Prof. Angela LEUNG, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services (4th from right) and Prof. Ivy ZHAO, Deputy Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services (3rd from right) attended the Forum in Manila, Philippines, on 4 November 2025. The event strengthened collaboration between WHO and WHO Collaborating Centres and explored mechanisms for knowledge exchange and partnership building. Given the growing importance of artificial intelligence, our Centre is positioning itself as a regional hub for promoting AI-enhanced healthy ageing solutions.



The First Global WHO Collaborating Centres Forum in Lyon, France

Prof. Angela LEUNG attended the First Global WHO Collaborating Centres Forum in Lyon, France, from 7 to 9 April 2026. She contributed actively to discussions on inter-regional collaboration and partnership with the WHO Academy. She also served as a panelist in the session "Understanding and Countering Mis- and Disinformation in Science". Drawing on experiences from health literacy projects in Asia and responses to misinformation during the pandemic, she helped set the scene for productive discussions.



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ICOPE Training Workshop in the Philippines (4-5 June 2026)

In collaboration with the University of the Philippines Manila, Prof. Angela LEUNG and Dr Karena OU, Post-doctoral Fellow from PolyU's WHOCC for Community Health Services, delivered a two-day ICOPE training workshop. The workshop was supported by local facilitators from the University of the Philippines Manila College of Nursing which includes, Dr Laurence Lloyd PARIAL, Dr Earl Francis SUMILE, and Dr Kathryn Lizbeth SIONGCO. The workshop brought together 41 nurses from different islands of the Philippines, representing community practice, hospitals, and healthcare professional education. Two PolyU School of Nursing's students who are also the awardee of the School's Global Nursing Leadership Scheme, Ms KWONG Sin Tau and Mr LAW Hoi Ka, assisted in the workshop and gained valuable international exposure.



Prof. Angela LEUNG introducing the ICOPE framework.



Dr Karena OU presenting ICOPE assessment tools.



Practical demonstration of in-depth hearing assessment by Prof. Angela LEUNG (left), Mr LAW Hoi Ka (centre), and Ms KWONG Sin Tau (right).



Certificate presentation to keynote speaker, Ms April LEE, WHO Technical Officer (center) by Prof. Angela LEUNG (left) and Dr Laurence Lloyd PARIAL (right).



Group discussions on the adaptation of localized ICOPE care pathways.



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Group Photo for Trainers and Facilitators of the ICOPE workshop. (Left to right):

- Ms KWONG Sin Tau, year-1 mental health nursing student from PolyU School of Nursing;
- Mr LAW Hoi Ka, year-1 mental health nursing student from PolyU School of Nursing;
- Dr Karena OU, Post-doctoral Fellow from PolyU's WHOCC for Community Health Services;
- Prof. Angela LEUNG, Director of PolyU's WHOCC for Community Health Services;
- Prof. Sheila R. BONITO, Dean & Professor at College of Nursing, University of the Philippines Manila;
- Dr Kathryn Lizbeth SIONGCO, Assistant Professor and Head, Research and Creative Writing Program, University of the Philippines Manila - College of Nursing;
- Dr Laurence Lloyd PARIAL, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Office of International and Local Linkages, Office of Research Integrity, University of the Philippines Manila - College of Nursing; and
- Dr Earl Francis SUMILE, Associate Professor, Public Health Nursing Specialty Group, University of the Philippines Manila - College of Nursing

GIES ICOPE Exhibition- ICOPE and Gerontechnology (20-23 November 2025)

The School's WHOCC for Community Health Services participated in the Gerontech and Innovation Expo cum Summit (GIES), Hong Kong's largest gerontechnology public education event. The Center promoted the ICOPE approach to healthcare and social care stakeholders, and the general public.

The exhibition featured the ICOPE framework, intrinsic capacity domains, local implementation examples, service resource mapping and an introductory video. PolyU's nursing student ambassadors conducted basic ICOPE assessments and provided personalised health advice linked to community resources.



Student ambassadors conducting ICOPE basic assessment for older visitors.



PolyU's gerontechnology innovations that reverse or slow down intrinsic capacity decline.



Visitor trying the AI-assisted Cognitive-motor Dual-task Training System.



Prof. Angela LEUNG took photo with the project team.



Group photos with PolyU's nursing students and visitors.

World Health Day Booth (25 April 2026)

To celebrate World Health Day 2026, the Centre co-organised the community health event "World Health Day 2026: Stay Scam-Safe and Healthy Every Day in Kwun Tong" at Yau Tong Community Hall. An ICOPE assessment and intervention booth was set up to support older adults.



Group photo of officiating guests:

- (1st row, 2nd from left) Mr TANG Ka-piu, JP, Legislative Council Member
- (1st row, 3rd from left) Mr KWOK Wai-shun, Divisional Commander (Kowloon East), Fire Services Department
- (1st row, 4th from left) Ms CHEUNG Tin-yee, District Commander of KTDIST
- (1st row, middle) Dr Ronald LAM, Director of Health from the Department of Health of the HKSAR Government
- (1st row, 4th from right) Mr HO Lap-ki, JP, District Officer (Kwun Tong)
- (1st row, 3rd from right) Prof. WOO King-hang, JP, Chairman of the KTDIST SPC Honorary Presidents Council cum Chairman of the Kwun Tong Healthy City Steering Committee
- (1st row, 2nd from right) Prof. LEUNG Yee-man Angela, Director of WHOCC for Community Health Services



Dr Ronald LAM, Director of Health from the Department of Health of the HKSAR Government, visited our booth.

Kadoorie Foundation Supported Project on ICOPE in Mainland China

A four-year project has been launched to evaluate the effectiveness and implementation of multimodal integrated care services for older adults across 20 villages in Shixing County, Shaoguan City, Guangdong Province. The WHOCC for Community Health Services will lead capacity-building for village care workers (predominantly rural women), family caregivers, village doctors, and administrative staff. Training will focus on the ICOPE care pathway, enabling participants to conduct assessments, develop personalised care plans, and deliver home-based care services. The project officially commences on 1 May 2026. Collaboration agreements are in place, and preparatory work (training materials and data systems) is underway.



Prof. Angela LEUNG and Dr Yaqi HUANG visiting an older adult's home with village social care workers and Shaoguan Rural Revitalization Foundation representatives.

Webinar Series

The School's World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services hosted a series of webinars under the theme 'Embracing Ageing in Western Pacific'. These webinars aim to connect people who are interested in healthy ageing and to enable them to acquire new knowledge and share ideas.

Topic

Speakers

Physical activity for promoting health and preventing falls in older age

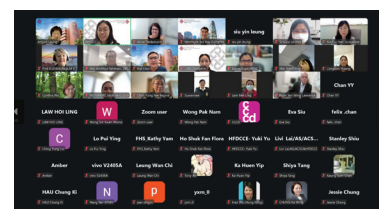
Prof. Anne TIEDEMANN

Professor
Institute for Musculoskeletal Health
Sydney School of Public Health
Faculty of Medicine and Health
The University of Sydney

Art Meets Care: The Impact of Digital Painting and Peer Support on Caregiver Well-Being

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An integrated frailty and intrinsic capacity care model for community-dwelling older adults in Singapore: Early Experience from Adapting the WHO ICOPE Programme

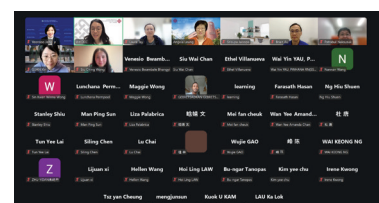
Prof. TAY Bee Gek, Laura

Clinical Associate Professor
SingHealth Duke-NUS Medicine Academic Clinical Programme
Duke-NUS Medical School

Healthy aging in patients with Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD)

Prof. Yeonsoo JANG

Professor
College of Nursing
Yonsei University



Social prescribing in the Western Pacific

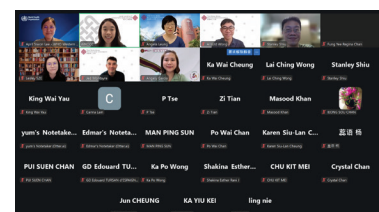
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Beyond the Spine: The Hidden Impacts of Low Back Pain on Healthy Aging

Prof. Arnold WONG

ADoRISA
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16 JAN 2026

20 MAR 2026

29 MAY 2026



Healthy Ageing Webinars

For series of webinar recordings, please visit:
<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/sn/whocc/#healthy-ageing-webinars>



ICOPE Workshop

For those who are interested in ICOPE workshop, please visit: <https://www.icope.club/>