



AAICP International Conference



The Ninth International AAICP Conference on Promoting health, happiness and quality of life: Psychological, social and cultural perspectives

Asian Association of Indigenous and Cultural Psychology,
Faculty of Psychology and Education, University of Malaysia Sabah
Koto Kinabalu, Malaysia, July 25-27, 2018

Happiness, health and quality of life has become an important part of modern life in which more have been lifted out of poverty and live in prosperity in human history. The economic growth and wealth, however, have not always been translated into happiness, health and quality of life. Industrialization, urbanization, commercialization and technology that have brought many benefits have also destroyed in some parts traditional values, cultures, environment, and way of life for many communities.

The focus on this conference is to examine factors that promote happiness, health and quality life and ways to alleviate the devastating physiological, psychological and social consequences of environmental disasters, societal poverty, community disintegration, and the experience of stress and depression. Coping with stress and promoting health are important aspect of well-being. Traditional medical and psychological theories have focused on physiological basis of health. However, recent researches indicate that relational, social, community, cultural and spiritual factors promote happiness, health and quality of life and well-functioning families and communities mediate the experience of stress and promote health and promoting well-being.

The goal of the *Ninth International Conference of Indigenous and Cultural Psychology* is to understand factors that promote happiness, health and well-being. The second goal is to examine how human thoughts, emotions and actions in local, social, cultural and global context influence happiness, health and well-being. The third goal is to integrate arts and humanities with social sciences to understand happiness, health and well-being. The final goal is to contribute to development of psychological knowledge that is relevant, useful and universal that would promote happiness, health and well-being.

Koto Kinabalu, Malaysia is ideally suited to host the Ninth International Conference of Indigenous and Cultural Psychology, with its diverse cultures, religions and way of life. Koto Kinabalu represents an example of people living in harmony with nature and diverse cultures with viable and well-functioning communities. Indigenous way of life is dominant and culture provides a basis for alleviating stress and promoting health and well-being.

This conference will cover the following topics on happiness, health and well-being:

1. Factors promoting happiness, health and well-being.
2. Self, family and community in promoting healthy human development
3. Education, life-long learning and health promotion.
4. Effective organizations, job satisfaction and job performance.
5. Stress, coping and health.
6. Coping with environmental disasters, disabilities and trauma.
7. Diagnosis, counseling and treatment of health problems.
8. The role of technology and businesses in improving the quality of life.
9. Primary prevention, community intervention and promoting healthy lifestyle.
10. Integration of indigenous and cultural psychology with health sciences and medicine.
11. Linkages of art, music, and humanities with sciences of promoting happiness, health and well-being

Conference Schedule

Venue: Faculty of Psychology and Education, University of Malaysia Sabah

Wednesday, July 25

- 15:30 - 18:00 Registrataion
18:00 - 20:00 Opening ceremony and address
Welcoming dinner and cultural performance

Thursday, July 26

- 09:00 - 10:00 Keynote presentation
10:00 - 10:15 *Coffee break*
10:15 - 12:00 Symposium
12:00 - 13:30 Lunch and poster presentation
13:30 - 14:30 Keynote presentation
14:30 - 15:30 Symposium
15:30 - 16:00 *Coffee break*
16:00 - 18:00 Symposium

Friday, July 27

- 09:00 - 12:00 Symposium and oral presentations
10:30 - 10:45 *Coffee break*
12:00 - 13:00 Lunch and poster presentation
13:00 - 15:30 Symposium and oral presentations
15:30 - 16:00 *Coffee break*
16:00 - 18:00 Symposium and oral presentations
18:00 - 20:00 Closing ceremony and dinner

Deadline

Abstract and symposium submission:
Notification of acceptance:

April 15, 2018
May 15, 2018

Registration fee:

US\$250	Regular: Economically developed countries (Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, North America, Europe)
US\$150	Student discount: Economically developed countries
US \$150	Discount: Economically developing countries, Malaysia
US \$100	Student discount: Economically developing countries

Registration fee includes:

1. Lunch (2)
2. Dinner (2)
3. Cultural performance
4. Coffee, tea, and snack
5. Attendance of all scientific sessions, opening and closing ceremony
6. Program and book of abstracts

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JH Park and TG Jung Young Scholar Award

The **Park Jung-heun and Jung Tae-gon Young Scholar Award** were established to provide financial travel assistance for promising young Asian psychologists to attend the International Conference of the **Asian Association of Indigenous and Cultural Psychology**.

The recipients of the Young Scholar Award will receive a certificate, \$300 to cover travel expenses and registration fee waiver to attend the AAICP conference. The awards will be given during the Closing Ceremony on July 27, 2018.

Applicants should send the following information to Prof. Uichol Kim, uicholk@yahoo.com

1. CV or resume
2. 500 word summary of current research
3. A letter of reference from a supervising professor

Deadline for submission: April 15, 2018