

Singapore hosts dialogue on future trends, challenges impacting health

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The 3rd Raffles Dialogue on the Future of Human Well-Being and Security brings together global thought leaders to look at emerging threats and explore strategies to take on these challenges as we future-proof our societies. Healthcare, business sustainability, threats to humanity and healthy longevity in an interconnected future will be examined by leaders across academia, government, healthcare, enterprise and the scientific media to build societies that are adaptable to change.



Singapore – By 2025, more than half the workforce will be automated. Worldwide healthcare spending will reach \$25 trillion by 2040. Globally, 1.6 billion people will be 65 years and over in 2050. Such challenges will impose significant strain on economies, health systems and social structures worldwide.

Experts and thought leaders in health, business, technology and sociology will join keynote speakers, The Right Honourable Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and former Administrator of the UN Development Programme, and Dr Sania Nishtar, Co-Chair of the High-Level Commission on Non-Communicable Diseases at the World Health Organisation, in addressing key global challenges at the *3rd Raffles Dialogue on the Future of Human Well-Being and Security: Towards Resilient and Empowered Societies*. The Raffles Dialogue will open with a discussion on Singapore's Role in Global Health. Singapore's Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong, will be part of the panel examining how the region can collectively learn from and tap on each other to reach sustainable development goals in health in the face of global trends and threats (*Refer to Annex A for a summary of topics covered*). The President of the Republic of Singapore and Chancellor of the National University of Singapore (NUS), Madam Halimah Yacob, will grace the Opening Dinner as the Guest-of-Honour with Rt Hon Helen Clark delivering the first keynote address.

“Singapore is honoured to serve as a convenor of global events and conversations affecting local, regional and global policies, allowing key opinion leaders from around the world to share their expertise and insights on healthcare, business, economics, innovation and technology and the impact of emerging trends and challenges on our interconnected future,” said Professor John Eu-Li Wong, Chairman of the Organising Council for the 3rd Raffles Dialogue, Chief Executive of the National University Health System (NUHS) and Senior Vice President (Health Affairs), NUS. “We want to start national and cross-border conversations that will help us advance human well-being and security in the face of these challenges.”

The 3rd *Raffles Dialogue on the Future of Human Well-being and Security: Towards Resilient and Empowered Societies*, held from 27-28 November 2018 in Singapore, is jointly organised by the NUHS, NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (NUS Medicine), NUS Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health. It is supported by the NUS Medicine International Council (NIC) and the Ministry of Health. This year's Dialogue also coincides with Singapore's chairmanship of ASEAN and Singapore's top-ranking in the UN health-related Sustainable Development Goals, which was released in a report by *The Lancet* in late 2017.