Guest Speaker Sharing (17th Jul 2021, 11am to 12pm)
WHO in the Western Pacific adopted the Regional Action Plan on Healthy Ageing

Overview
The Regional Action Plan on Healthy Ageing for the Western Pacific was endorsed by the World Health Organization Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in 2020. Recognizing that population ageing is a global trend and accelerating, the action plan was developed to support Member States in taking early action to prepare for population ageing. It outlines five objectives for promoting healthier older adults who are thriving and contributing in society: The action plan focuses on health and social transformation to enable people to age in good health, receive tailored community supports and contribute meaningfully in society throughout their lives.

Presenter
Dr Hiromasa Okayasu is the Coordinator for Healthy Ageing at the World Health Organization’s Regional Office for the Western Pacific. He is based in Manila, Philippines. Dr Okayasu is qualified as a medical doctor in Japan. Before joining WHO in Geneva in 2008, he worked as a management consultant for McKinsey & Co in the USA and Japan. He worked for WHO on Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and then Mekong Malaria Elimination (MME) Programme prior to becoming Coordinator for Healthy Ageing.

Host
Dr Kelvin Tan (PhD, HKU) Senior Lecturer, Master/PhD in Gerontology Programmes and Mentor/Domain Expert in Singapore University of Social Sciences. He is also a fellow of Sai Po Centre on Ageing. He has many years of experience in innovation initiatives and senior care for the community and startups. He is a mentor/advisor in German Accelerator, People’s Association, One & Co (Japan East Rail) and Ageing Asia. He is an advocate with ibasho senior empowerment programme in Singapore.

SUSS Gerontology Programme is delighted to partner Sau Po Centre on Ageing, The University of Hong Kong to invite our students/alumni and staff to share this conversation with Dr Okayasu. The two universities have a MOU to promote exchange of knowledge/research between students and academics in the field of Gerontology. Through this session, we can inspire both communities to tap on the strong culture of learning and advocacies for older adults.

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