

Annex A

Quotes by founding members of the Intercontinental Alliance for Integrated Care

“There is growing awareness of the need to develop new patient-centred models of care that integrate healthcare and social care to address the evolving needs of our populations.

Through our collaboration with Singapore University of Social Sciences, and our participation in the new Intercontinental Alliance for Integrated Care, we look forward to exchanging knowledge, conducting innovative research, and developing solutions to help tackle the care challenges that lie ahead.”

Dr. Sanjiv Ahluwalia, Head of the School of Medicine, Anglia Ruskin University

“We are honoured to join the Intercontinental Alliance for Integrated Care, and partner with representatives from other countries in enhancing the health of people in the global community.

As a representative from China, we are determined to foster high quality healthy ageing by realising the major demands of older adults in China, and to actively participate in conducting proactive health projects based on the ICOPE framework for community-dwelling older people.

Through this collaboration with prestigious institutions and universities around the globe and a multi-disciplinary team, we can work together diligently in addressing the global challenges of the ageing population, therefore contributing to regional development on aged care. We look forward to working with others to share experiences, build capabilities, deepen understanding of integrated care, and promote healthy ageing proactively.”

Dr. Jun-E Liu, Executive Director, Strategic Planning & Execution, Chinese Institute for Healthy Ageing, Capital Medical University Beijing

“Chiang Mai Rajabhat University (CMRU) is honoured and excited to be part of the Intercontinental Alliance for Integrated Care (IAIC). This groundbreaking development is a vital platform for the transnational exchange of knowledge and learning towards innovative and sustainable health and social care in the Asian region including Thailand.

CMRU has a proud history of contributing to regional and local development in the Upper North of Thailand. Since our establishment in 1924, we have worked closely

with governments, communities, and industries to improve education, social conditions as well as the health of people in the region through our educational, research, and community development programs. However, many challenges related to health and social care still need to be addressed amidst the rise of an ageing population and chronic diseases in Thailand.

Joining the IAIC will allow CMRU to expand our boundaries of learning, redesign our roles in health and social development, and improve our capacity in health and social program design, development, and delivery. We are eager to collectively explore aspects of health and social care and the concepts of integrated care in different contexts and cultures. Particularly, we are excited to see how these concepts can be utilised to improve health and social conditions of people in the region through our key strategies: (1) Education and Training, (2) Research and Innovation, (3) Community Engagement, and (4) Capacity Building and Professional Development.

CMRU will be a proud partner and strong supporter of the IAIC. We look forward to exciting and fruitful years ahead.”

Associate Professor (Dr.) Chatree Maneekosol, Acting President, Chiang Mai Rajabhat University

“The School of Nursing at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University is delighted to be working in partnership with the Alliance and its partners to provide integrated care for older individuals. This collaboration will enable the development of innovative interventions for community-dwelling older adults and their family caregivers.”

**Professor Angela Y.M. Leung, PhD, MHA, BN, RN, FHKAN (Gerontology), FHKAN (Education and Research);
Director, World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre (WHOCC) for Community Health Services;
Associate Director, Research Institute for Smart Ageing (RISA)
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University;
President, Asian Health Literacy Association (AHLA);
IUHPE Global Executive Board, Global Working Group on Health Literacy
Non-official Director, Piota Chapter-at-large Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma)**

“I welcome the opportunities the Alliance brings to build on our work at Newcastle University to address the issue of ageing populations, something which is a growing global issue, and which we are well positioned to contribute to, given our longstanding presence and partnerships in Southeast Asia.

Working with our partners, and under the leadership of Singapore University of Social Sciences, the Alliance will allow us to explore collaboration opportunities to support our elderly populations. It will also mean we can optimise the exciting opportunities offered by digital innovation, pervasive inequalities, and also support caregivers with the skills and expertise they need in the future.

We have been passionately committed to training healthcare professionals since our founding as a School of Medicine and Surgery in 1834. Through this global partnership, we will be able to continue to explore innovative approaches and best practices in integrated care, adult learning, and lifelong learning and to address some of the shared challenges healthcare sectors around the world face today.”

Professor Chris Day, Vice-Chancellor and President, Newcastle University

“As a key institution in advancing population health research, the School of Population and Health at Renmin University of China is proud to join the Intercontinental Alliance for Integrated Care (IAIC). Our participation in this alliance aligns with our mission to enhance the Healthy China initiative and High-Quality Population Development, and drive sustainable health solutions.

Through collaboration with global partners, we aim to foster innovation, build capacity among our researchers and practitioners, and contribute to the development of integrated care models that improve health outcomes. We are excited about the long-term impact of this partnership, as it will not only strengthen our academic and research capabilities but also help shape the future of healthcare delivery worldwide.”

Professor Du Peng, Dean of the School of Population and Health, Renmin University of China

“Progress on global health is urgently needed, and joining this Alliance is a brilliant opportunity for Royal Holloway to contribute to change at a global level. I know colleagues will bring innovative, cross-disciplinary thinking to the table and – just as importantly – a genuine curiosity about what they can learn from the other Alliance members and their networks. I have no doubt that by working together, we will find new ways to make a real difference to our local and global communities, and I look forward to seeing this collaboration grow and evolve over time.”

Professor Julie Sanders, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Royal Holloway, University of London

“Integrated care systems based on social and health innovations are key to address the challenges and opportunities in healthcare. The Intercontinental Alliance for Integrated Care is a pivotal step toward global collaboration in integrated care. Simon Fraser University is honoured to contribute to this shared vision of advancing innovative and sustainable care solutions. We look forward to productive collaboration and impactful outcomes with the partners in this alliance.”

Dr. Habib Chaudhury, Chair and Professor, Department of Gerontology, Simon Fraser University

“As we embark on this transformative journey with the Intercontinental Alliance of Integrated Care (IAIC), Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) together with all inaugural members of IAIC stand at the forefront of a new paradigm in healthcare. This initiative symbolises our dedication to fostering collaboration across borders, harnessing knowledge and innovation to create a holistic approach to healthcare. Together, we will pave the way for a healthier future, where integrated care becomes a reality for all communities.”

Dr. Hazri Kifle, Vice Chancellor and President, Universiti Brunei Darussalam

“I am delighted that the Edwin S.H. Leong Centre for Healthy Ageing at the University of British Columbia is a founding member of the Intercontinental Alliance for Integrated Care. I am proud to be a part of this initiative that will foster collaboration between universities in Asia, Canada, and the United Kingdom so that we can collectively work together to develop and implement innovative approaches to health and community care.

As we face a time of unprecedented challenges due to the ageing of populations, growing social disparities, and environmental challenges, it has never been more important that we work together across borders and disciplines to promote catalytic and collaborative action that will foster longer and healthier lives globally.”

**Dr. Michael Kobor, Edwin S.H. Leong UBC Chair in Healthy Ageing – a UBC President’s Excellence Chair;
Director, Edwin S.H. Leong Centre for Healthy Ageing;
Professor and Canada Research Chair in Social Epigenetics, Department of Medical Genetics;
Fellow CIFAR;
University of British Columbia**

“Today marks a momentous occasion as we gather to celebrate the launch of the International Alliance for Integrated Care (IAIC). It is with immense pride and

optimism that Sau Po Centre on Ageing, The University of Hong Kong, can join this visionary leadership that dedicated to transforming healthcare on a global scale.

The formation of IAIC is a testament to our collective commitment to advancing integrated care. Driven by a shared motivation: to create a seamless, patient-centred healthcare system that transcends borders and delivers equitable, high-quality care for all, I believe that our alliance is born out of a profound recognition that by working together we can overcome the fragmented nature of healthcare delivery and address the complex challenges faced by our communities.”

Vivian Lou, PhD, Professor & Director, Sau Po Centre on Ageing, The University of Hong Kong

Quotes by Intercontinental Alliance for Integrated Care local chapter partners in Singapore

“Our partnership with SUSS represents a shared vision to combine education and innovation in transforming community care. We provide SUSS students with hands-on learning opportunities under the mentorship of our professionals, while also advancing the training and development of our staff. Meanwhile, SUSS brings invaluable research expertise, and the two organisations’ close proximity facilitates seamless collaboration. Through this alliance, we aim to empower both current and future generations to meet the needs of our ageing population.”

Adjunct Associate Professor (Dr.) Kenny Tan, Chief Executive Officer, St Luke’s ElderCare Ltd

“TOUCH Community Services (TOUCH) is excited to be a part of the IAIC. We believe that a sustainable care ecosystem could be put in place by leveraging community assets, improving accessibility to social and healthcare services, strengthening care networks and harnessing digital capabilities to optimise seniors’ mental and physical well-being. We look forward to collaborating with the alliance to contribute to the advancement of integrated care of seniors.”

Mr. James Tan, CEO, TOUCH Community Services

“At Tsao Foundation, we are committed to advancing models of integrated care that enhance the quality of life for older people in an inclusive society. Since our inception in 1993, we have embedded integrated care in all our services. The Intercontinental Alliance for Integrated Care (IAIC) is a valuable platform for us to work with SUSS and other partners to further our work in the development and implementation of innovations in community aged care, training and education, and policy-relevant research through collaboration across sectors and borders. As the convener of a regional alliance of non-profits working with older people (The Alliance on Longevity in Asia-Pacific or ALAP), we can also add value by being a bridge to regional partners. This partnership with SUSS represents a unique opportunity to foster capacity-building and co-create solutions to the complex challenges of ageing societies.

We look forward to working with the IAIC to catalyse transformative changes and inspire new approaches to integrated care in Singapore and beyond.”

Dr. Mary Ann Tsao, Chairman, Tsao Foundation