The Impact of the Pandemic on Family Life in Asia

The webinar aims to build bridges between academia and civil society organizations by bringing together researchers and practitioners to discuss the findings of the international research project “The Impact of the Pandemic on Family Life Across Cultures”, an international research study conducted in 72 countries across Asia, Europe, North America, Middle East and Latin America. This first event will present the findings of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children’s and parents’ mental health, parent-child relationships, coping strategies, family resilience and family policies in Malaysia, Indonesia, Mongolia, and Singapore.

17 December 2020 | 2PM-4PM (Singapore) | 6AM-8AM (UTC)

Moderators

Mr. Lee Wee Min
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Prof Wei-Jun Jean Yeung
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Panellists

Dr. Vincent Wong
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Ms Joanna-Koh Hoe
CEO, Focus on the Family
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Ms. Khongorzul Tuya
CEO, Focus on the Family
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Panel 1: Impact of the Pandemic on Parents’ Mental Health

**Speaker: Dr Vincent Wong**

Dr. Vincent Wong is a Consultant Psychiatrist registered with the Malaysian Medical Council and National Specialist Register. He is a Life Member of the Malaysian Psychiatric Association and Malaysian Medical Association. He started his private practice in 2019.

He has a vast experience in helping people with emotional problems and mental disorders. He believes that mental health is an important component of holistic health. He has written articles on mental health and presented research papers in both local and international conferences. He has given many public talks on various mental health issues such as Stress Management, Anxiety disorder, Depressive disorder, Suicide Prevention, Mental Health in young people, and other mental health-related conditions. He is also involved in Mental Health Promotion and Family Support Groups for people who care for those with mental illness.

**Moderator: Mr Lee Wee Min**

Panel 2: Impact of the Pandemic on Parent-Child Relationships

**Speaker: Ms Joanna-Koh Hoe**

Joanna presently serves as CEO of local charity, Focus on the Family Singapore. Joanna is a two-time recipient of the Work-Life Leadership Award (2010/2018) and an accredited Work-Life Consultant & Trainer. She has worked with more than 100 organisations ranging from MNCs and SMEs, to government agencies and schools. She has also appeared on media interviews and regularly addresses small and large audiences ranging from children and teens, to young adults and parents.

**Moderator: A/P Anis Ben Brik**

Panel 3: Coping Strategies and Family Resilience

**Speaker: Ms Khongorzul Tuya**

Khongorzul Tuya is the founder of Focus on the Family Mongolia in 2015. She started her Ph.D. in Clinical Counselling in January 2017. She is an adjunct faculty member of Mongolian National University. She has been providing counselling to people who are mostly suffering from anxiety, depression and personality disorders using Psychodynamic/Object Relations approach. She provides specialized counselling trainings to public health workers, social workers, counsellors, psychiatrists and also provides trainings/workshops at workplaces. She also provides Psycho-Education to the public through multi-media: TV Broadcasting, FM Radio, Articles and Interviews. She authored various articles on mental health, child psychology, parenting and marriage, etc.

**Moderator: Prof Wei-Jun Jean Yeung**

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