Design & Health Scientific Program

Monday 28 September 2026, Registration at 13.00-

Tuesday 29 September 2026 (at Uniflor Complex)

08.00 – 08.45 Registration

09.00 – 10.30 Opening Session 1: Opening Ceremony and Introduction of Congress

- Welcome Speech by Prof Dr Ahmad Hata Rasit, UNIMAS Vice Chancellor

- Prof. Alan Dilani (Sweden)
Introduction of 15th World Congress on Design and Health

- Prof. Ray Pentecost (USA)
President of International Academy for Design and Health

- Opening Remarks by YB Datuk Amar Dr. Sim Kui Hian, Deputy Premier of Sarawak and Minister for Public Health, Housing and Local Government, Sarawak

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee / Tea Break, and Exhibition/ Poster

11.00 – 12.30 Session 2: Building Health: Shaping Cities for People and Wellbeing

Chair: Prof. Dato Dr Haji Abd Rahim bin Mohamad (Malaysia)
Keynote: Prof. Andrew Kiyu (Malaysia) Healthy Cities Program, Inclusivity and Culture

- Moonisah Usman (UK) Vitamin D Status as Potential Indicator of Healthy City Case-study London
- Yang Wenjing (China) Microclimate Exposure and Public Space use in Smart Cities
- Yuhua Zhang/ Zhengming Si (China) Climate Anxiety in Urban Context

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch and Exhibition

14.00 – 16.00 Session 3: Design Leadership in Healthcare: Hospital Project Case Studies
Chair : Arch. Angel Neo, CPG, (Singapore)
Keynote; Liak Teng Lit (Singapore) The Salutogenic Leadership of Creating Good Design

- Lim Lip Chuan (Singapore) Creative and Innovative Health Oriented Development in Singapore
- Arif H. Kamarulzaman (Malaysia) Restorative Cancer Care Environment
- Ghaydaa Hemawidah (Saudi Arabia) Hospital Architecture in Saudi Arabia
- Lee Kun Yun et al. (Malaysia) The Hospital Ecosystem: Designing Salutogenic Workplaces to Mitigate Nurse Burnout in the Modern City

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee / Tea Break, and Exhibition/ Poster

16.30 – 18.00 Session 4 : Innovating Healthy Cities: Design, Performance, and Impact

Chair : Arch. David WL Teoh (Malaysia) Director PAB Architecture
Keynote : Prof. Keiko Nakamura (Japan) Healthy Cities Innovation and Indicators

- Yilei Li/ Teng Fei (China) Assessing Low-Carbon Performance of Urban Blocks
- Asyilah M. Western/ Rosalia Saimon (Malaysia) Transport Relates Physical Activities to Prevent Obesity
- David WL Teoh (Malaysia) Cyberjaya Hospital Project

Wednesday 30th September 2026

08.00 – 09.00 Late Registration

09.00 – 10.30 Session 5: Global Health, Environment, and Culture in Ageing Communities

Chair Prof. Dr Anselm Su Ting (Malaysia)
Keynote : Prof. Anthony Capon (Australia) Designing Cities for Human Wellbeing and Planetary Health

- David Kaunitz (Australia) Salutogenic Design, Indigenous Aged Care, Culturally Safe Environment
- Cherif Amor (Qatar) An Integrative Conceptual Framework for Salutogenic Environments
- Sherly de Yong/Murni Rachmawati/ Hua Dong (Indonesia) Mapping the One Health

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee / Tea Break, and Exhibition/ Poster

11.00 – 12.30 Session 6: : Hospital Without Borders; Transforming Rural Health Through Connection

Chair: Dr Winnie anak Johnny (Malaysia)

- Melvin Chung Hsien Liang/ Teo Jia Chi (Malaysia) Transforming Rural Healthcare Paradigms
- Chang Ho Moon (Korea) Smart Healing Environment through Ward Remodeling Case Study in Korea
- Ryan Browne (Australia) Hospital Transformation: Rural Reach, Indigenous Knowledge Embedded
- Lucy Croft (Australia) Peninsula University Hospital, Victoria, Australia

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch, Exhibition, Technical Showcases and Posters

14.00 – 16.00 Session 7: Designing Healthy Workplace Environments

Chair Prof. Hessam Ghamari (USA)

Keynote : Prof. Evelyne de Leeuw (Canada) Infrastructure and Health: One Health and Healthy Cities

- Vivien Mak (Hong Kong) Healthy Life, Healthy City – Perspective in Hong Kong
- Natalia Ottonello/Merle Zadeh (Uruguay/Germany) Salutogenic Workplace Design: Reduced Stress
- Hiroyuki Hibino/ Hiroshi Fukuda (Japan) Expanding Toward Salutogenic Workplace Development
- Sahand Abbasi (USA) Salutogenic Health Promoting Design Education

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee / Tea Break, and Exhibition/ Poster

16.30 – 18.00 Session 8: : Designing for Mental Wellness: Creative Approaches to Emotional Health

Chair: Dr. Innocent Okpanum (Africa)

- Natalia Ottonello/Sabrina Lorusso (Uruguay Italy) The Impact of Facade Design on Emotional Experience
- Abdul Malik, Ayu Amiza/Rosalia Saimon/ Jeffery Stephen (Malaysia) The Salutogenic Design Influence Mental Well-being
- Alma Lorelei Abejero/ Michael Jason Mozo (Philippines) Green Building Research for Healthy Indoor
- Andy Kwan (Hong Kong) Kwai Chung Hospital, Hong Kong

20.00 – 23.00 Advisory board dinner meeting of the International Academy for Design & Health only by invitation.

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Thursday 1st October 2026

08.00 – 09.00 Late Registration

09.00 – 10.30 Session 9:Building Care Around the Child: A Design Framework

Chair Dr Chen Yoke Yong (Malaysia)

- Eileen Chua (Malaysia) Design Rooted in Dignity: Early Childhood Impact
- Wojciech Drag (Poland) Meaningful Interior Design for Children's Hospital
- Ellie Nahirafee (USA) Fall Risk Prevention among Women during Pregnancy
- Zhou Qianqian/ Mei Hongyuan (China) Inclusive Design in High-Constraint, high risk Environment
- Dev Bagga (Australia/ Singapore) Campbelltown Hospital Redevelopment

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee / Tea Break, and Exhibition / Poster

11.00 – 12.30 Session 10: Ecological and Green Design as Determinants of Health and Well-being

Chair Arch. Sarly Adre Sarkum (Malaysia)

Keynote : Dr. Ken Yeang (Malaysia) Ecological Architecture and Salutogenic Outcome

- Alvia A. Tinaan/Michael Ramirez/ Mykee Ababon (Philippines) Urban Lighting Condition at Night
- You-Jyun Chu/Chia-Hui Wang (Taiwan) Towards Salutogenic Urbanism: Green Space Exposure
- Zhe Wang/ Shaoyao He/ Xu Zhou (China) Promote Ecological and Salutogenic Urban Design

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch, Exhibition /Poster

14.00 – 16.00 Session 11: Panel Discussion;

A Healthy Policy is the Foundation of Salutogenic Healthy Society.

Chair: Alan Dilani (Sweden)

- Dr Zarihah Mohd Zain, (Malaysia) Smoke-Free Policy in Healthy City Setting, Deputy President, MyWATCH
- Prof. Anthony Capon, (Australia) Planetary Health at the University of Sydney,
- Mr Liak Teng Lit (Singapore) Health Advocate and Environmentalist
- Prof. Evelyne de Leeuw (Canada) School of Public Health University of Montreal. One Urban health
- Prof. Dato Dr Andrew Kiyu, (Malaysia) WHO Healthy Cities Setting, Sarawak Advisor for Healthy City
- Prof. Ray Pentecost, (USA) Multidisciplinary Professional Education for Sustainable Cities, Texas A&M University,

20.00 – 23.00 International Academy Awards Gala Dinner - Celebrating and Rewarding Global Excellence on Design and Health