

1st International Conference on Cross-Cultural Medical Education 2026

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Theme: Global perspectives, shared learning: Medical education without borders

Tagline: Embracing diversity and building global competency

07:30–08:30	REGISTRATION Faculty of Medicine AIMST - Zhengzhou Health College, China
08:30–09:00	Opening Ceremony
09:00–09:05	Exchange of gifts - online display
09:05–09:10	Photo Session
09:10–09:30	Tea Break
09:30–10:00	Keynote Address 1: Global Standards and Local Relevance in Medical Training Speaker: Dr Thiyagar Nadarajaw Chairperson: Dr Aravind Raveendran
10:00–10:30	Keynote Address 2: The Future of Cross-Border Medical and Health Education in Asia Speaker: Prof. Dr Wang Chen, Chief Executive Officer of Zhengzhou Health College, China Chairperson: Dr Sri Kumar P S
10:30–11:15	Panel Discussion 1: Qualities Expected of a Future-Ready Asian Medical Graduate Moderator: Dr Ramesh Kumaresan Panellists: Dr Aravind Raveendran • Dr Lyu Qunjun • Dato' Dr Lim Kim Huat • Dr Selva Kumar Sivapunniam • Dr Priyah Prathaban Subtopics 1. Clinical Competence in a Technology-Enabled Healthcare System - Dr Aravind Ravindran 2. Professionalism, Ethics and Value-Based Medical Practice - Dr Lyu QunJun 3. Cultural Competence and Communication in Diverse Asian Contexts - Dato' Dr Lim Kim Huat 4. Leadership, Collaboration and Adaptability - Prof. Selva Kumar SivaPunniam 5. Social Accountability, One Health and Lifelong Learning - Dr Priyah Prathaban
11:15–11:45	Plenary 1: Challenges in Ensuring Global Competency in Health Professional Education Speaker: Ms Liu Huan Chairperson: Dr Thiyagar Nadarajaw
11:45–12:30	Panel Discussion 2: Balancing Cultural Identity with Global Medical Standards Moderator: Assoc Prof Dr Vinod Pallath (Monash University) Panellists: Ms Fu Congcong • Dr Syed Musab Nazar • Dr Sri Kumar • Dr Rohini Karunakaran Subtopics 1. Patient Autonomy, Family-Centred Care and Ethical Decision-Making - Ms Fu Congcong 2. Global Competency Standards versus Local Healthcare Needs - Dr Syed Musab Nazar 3. Cross-Cultural Communication and Inclusive Clinical Practice - Dr Sri Kumar 4. Integrating Cultural Values into Medical Professionalism - Dr Rohini Karunakaran
12:30–13:00	Plenary 2: Role of AI in Enhancing Cross-Cultural Learning Speaker: Dr Saravanan Sunderamurthy, Director, Health Performance Unit, Ministry of Health Malaysia Chairperson: Dr Sritharan Rao
13:00–14:00	LUNCH BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATION

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TRACK 1		TRACK 2	
Cross-Cultural Competence in Healthcare		Internationalisation of Medical Curriculum	
14:00–14:25	Cultural sensitivity in patient communication by Ms Zhao Yongna (online) Chairperson: Dr Selva Kumar	Outcome-Based Education across countries by Dr Sri Kumar Chairperson: Mr Mao Yagang	
14:25–14:50	Managing language barriers in Medical school and healthcare by Dr Syed Musab Nazar Chairperson: Prof. Yu Chye Wah	Comparative curriculum models: Malaysia vs China by Mr Xue Xing Xing (online) Chairperson: Dr Rohini Karunakaran	
14:50–15:15	Teaching empathy across cultures by Dr Shivali Shamser Chairperson: Ms Fu Congcong	International accreditation challenges by Dr Saravanan Sunderamurthy Chairperson: Mr Mao Yagang	
15:15–15:40	Indigenous and traditional health beliefs by Mr Chang Pei Sen (online) Chairperson: Dr Sriharan Rao	Preparing Future Health Professionals for a Globalised World: Lessons from Cross-Cultural Education by Dr Ahmed Attia Chairperson: Dr Madhumita Sen	
15:40–16:05	Facilitating learning across cultures: Inclusive approaches in medical education by Assoc Prof Dr Vinod Pallath Chairperson: Dr Aravind Raveendran	Student exchange and elective programmes by Professor Nitin Kapur (online) Chairperson: Mr Mao Yagang	
16:05–16:25	TEA BREAK		
16:25–16:40	Launch of DAHA Workshop		
16:40–16:50	Presentation of Prizes and Mementoes		
16:50–17:00	Vote of Thanks from AIMST University & Zhengzhou Health College		

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