



Asian Family Summit
Sustainable Development & Family Well-Being: Agenda For Action in Asia
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Dear Sir/Madam,

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We are writing on behalf of the Organising Committee to invite you to the Asian Family Summit to be held at the Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre, Centennial Campus of The University of Hong Kong from 19 August to 22 August 2018, with a Family Well-being Expo on the first day.

The idea of an Asian Family Summit was first mentioned in the “The Way Ahead” of the publication produced by the Consortium of Institutes on Families in the Asian Region (CIFA) in 2014 to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family promoted by the United Nations. Since then, CIFA has established formal contacts with, and as the result, receiving recognition, from the United Nations.

This Summit is a joint effort of key stakeholders in Hong Kong, including the Consortium of Institutes on Family in the Asian Region (CIFA), the Faculty of Social Sciences (FOSS) of The University of Hong Kong (HKU), the Family Council (FC) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) and the Social Welfare Department of HKSAR. It is also a special occasion to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of CIFA as a regional platform to promote family well-being.

Family well-being is the root of a harmonious and stable society, contributing to its sustainable development in the long run. More and more efforts are being made by all sectors to view family in a wider perspective and how it relates to the larger system. With these developments, new solutions to family issues are urgently called for. It also requires multi-layer professional and societal involvement in tackling these challenges.

The Summit aims to provide a platform for public, private, academic/professional and the NGO sectors to map out an Agenda For Action in Asia for the well-being of families and to echo the international efforts in working on the 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development as promulgated by the United Nations. To be in line with the 2030 Agenda, the Summit has chosen “**Sustainable Development & Family Well-Being: Agenda for Action in Asia**” as its main theme. Subthemes relating to key issues faced by families have been carefully chosen, with a wider perspective of viewing family and the larger system. In the deliberations, emphasis will be placed on policy formulation, service development, good practice, and partnership.

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The logo for the Asian Family Summit (AFS) features the letters 'A', 'F', and 'S' in a large, stylized font. The 'A' is filled with various Asian dishes and ingredients. The 'F' is a blue and white high-speed train. The 'S' is filled with colorful floral patterns and a woman in traditional attire. Below the letters, the text 'Asian Family Summit' is written in a bold, orange font. Underneath that, the subtitle 'Sustainable Development & Family Well-Being: Agenda For Action in Asia' is written in a smaller, blue font.

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The Organising Committee, together with the Scientific Committee, has put up a full and exciting program, the details of which are available in the Summit website at <http://www.socsc.hku.hk/afs2018/>. You may like to note that a representative from the Division For Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations will be one of the Guests of Honor at the Opening Ceremony, as well as the first keynote speaker of the Summit. The recognition from the United Nations is of vital importance to us as it puts Hong Kong onto the international arena. We have also extended invitation to Mrs. Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of HKSAR government to be the Guest of Honour at the Opening Ceremony. We are awaiting for her reply.

You and your representatives are cordially invited to join this special event. Please do the online registration which will be available on the above website in November to benefit from the early bird rate which will expire on **30 April 2018**. You are also invited to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentation before **31 March 2018**. We would also like to seek your assistance in spreading the news of this Summit with a view to appeal for active participation from organisations and sectors in the various parts of Asian Region.

We look forward to a fruitful and exciting Summit, with your full support and active participation, which will mark another milestone in the development on family well-being not only in Hong Kong, but at the regional and international levels.

In case you need more information, please feel free to contact the AFS Secretariat at (852) 2859 5301 or info@cifa-net.org.

Yours sincerely,



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