



# Growing the economy and meeting the care needs of the Malaysian society

24-25 September 2024  
Auditorium, ISIS Malaysia

Malaysia is faced with two critical demographic challenges – an ageing population and a declining birth rate. Amid the shifting demographic patterns, vulnerable groups, including children in need, persons with disabilities and individuals battling mental health issues are often left behind in the shadows.

Reframing paradigms of the provision of care as an investment and economic growth engine is critical to meet care needs. Of equal importance is the need to recognise, train and support caregivers in their journey. This conference takes stock of the diverse needs, progress, challenges, gaps and opportunities unique to caring for specific target groups, and the enablers within the care economy ecosystem. How can the nation provide better and equitable care for all, in policy and practice?





# Agenda

## DAY ONE 24 September 2024, Tuesday

- 0830–0915 hrs Registration
- 0915–0930 hrs **Opening address**  
**Datuk Prof Dr Mohd Faiz Abdullah**  
Chairman  
ISIS Malaysia
- Welcoming remarks**  
**Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria**  
Senior Visiting Fellow  
ISIS Malaysia
- 0930–1100 hrs **SESSION 1: Policy papers, initiatives, legislations and regulations in Malaysia**  
Paper presenter: **Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria**  
(ISIS Malaysia)
- 1100–1230 hrs **SESSION 2: Issues in governance: Federal–state relations, public, private and voluntary sectors, urban–rural divide and lessons from the Global South**  
Paper presenters: **Dr Teo Sue Ann & Dr Khairil Ahmad**  
(MySDG Centre for Social Inclusion, Society for the Promotion of SDGs)
- 1230–1400 hrs LUNCH BREAK
- 1400–1530 hrs **SESSION 3: Older persons**  
Paper presenters: **Chai Sen Tyng** and **Assoc Prof Dr Rahimah Ibrahim**  
(MyAgeing, UPM)
- 1530–1700 hrs **SESSION 4: Persons with disabilities – Program Pemulihan Dalam Komuniti, PDK**  
Paper presenters: **PDK Kota Kuala Muda, Sg Petani, PDK Kuala Klawang, Jelebu and Lydia Ann Bill**  
(APPGM–SDG)

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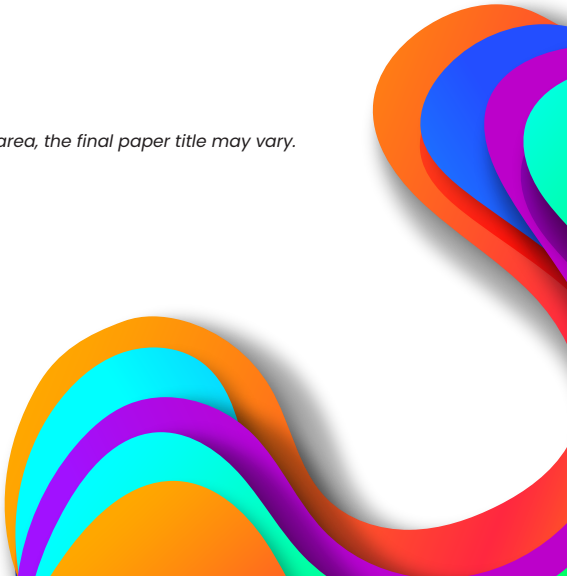


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## DAY TWO 25 September 2024, Wednesday

- 0830–0915 hrs Registration
- 0915–0930 hrs **Welcoming remarks**  
**Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria**
- 0930–1100 hrs **SESSION 5: Children in need**  
Paper presenters: **Anisa Ahmad** (House of Wisdom PLT) and **Debbie Ann Loh** (APPGM-SDG)
- 1100–1230 hrs **SESSION 6: People with mental health concerns**  
Paper presenter: **Prof Dato' Dr Andrew M Chandrasekaran** (Malaysian Mental Health Association)
- 1230–1400 hrs LUNCH BREAK
- 1400–1530 hrs **SESSION 7: Professional standards and trainings for the social care industry**  
Paper presenter: **Dr Teoh Ai Hua** (UUM & MASW)
- 1530–1700 hrs **SESSION 8: Care economy as a growth sector**  
Paper presenter: **Dr Teo Lee Ken** (MySDG Centre for Social Inclusion, Society for the Promotion of SDGs)
- 1700–1715 hrs Concluding Reflections  
**Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria**

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