“Translating Evidence-Based Research into Policy & Programme Development: MyAgeing’s Experience & Challenges”

Public Seminar Series

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**Abstract**

Translating research into policy and practice is neither easy nor straightforward. When the Institute of Gerontology (IG) was founded in 2002, the national discourse on old age and ageing was transitioning from a welfare-centric focus to a more diversified, developmental approach. Population ageing is a complex phenomenon with broad implications, and it becomes critical as the window for action is much smaller for rapidly developing countries like Malaysia. Evidence-based policymaking is often an idealized process, as research findings are but one of the many interpretative inputs competing for the attention of decision makers. For perspective and balance, researchers must collaborate not just among fellow scientists and thinkers, but also seek to engage practitioners on the ground who are last-mile service providers. Building partnerships and leveraging multi-sectoral networks can help strengthen the political will for positive changes. When the Institute was rebranded to become the Malaysian Research Institute on Ageing (MyAgeing) in 2015, ongoing efforts to document and assess the impact of gerontological research in the country become more important to identify gaps and coordinate research in priority areas among key players and stakeholders.

The seminar will share key highlights from MyAgeing’s journey in gerontology research, advocacy and communication for national development.

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