

HKCSS Opens Doors to IFA 18: Global Conference on Ageing

Join Us in Hong Kong, China in November 2027

[Hong Kong, Sept 24, 2025] – The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) is proud to be welcoming the global ageing community in November 2027 as the official local partner of The International Federation on Ageing's 18th Global Conference on Ageing (IFACONF2027).

Following the resounding success of the IFA's 17th Global Conference on Ageing in Cape Town, South Africa earlier this month, the IFA's 18th Global Conference/IFACONF2027 will bring together thought leaders, researchers, policymakers, and advocates from across the world to drive global dialogue and action to address the most pressing priorities in population ageing, from rights of older people, integrated health and social care, age-friendly environments, technology, to the silver economy.

The largest gerontechnology public education event - [Gerontech and Innovation Expo cum Summit \(GIES\)](#), which attracts over 30,000 international and local visitors annually to explore the frontier knowledge and solutions of gerontechnology, will concurrently host IFACONF2027, welcoming delegates from across the globe. By co-locating the IFA's 18th Global Conference on Ageing alongside GIES, delegates will have an unparalleled platform to explore how technology, innovation, and policy intersect to improve the lives of older people. The collaboration will also shine a spotlight on the Greater Bay Area and Asia-Pacific region as hubs of innovation and leadership in healthy ageing.

"We are honoured to partner with the IFA to bring this prestigious event to Hong Kong. This is a unique opportunity, as 2027 marks the 80th anniversary of the HKCSS and the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Through this event, we aim to combine local experiences with global perspectives and showcase our work and commitment to advancing innovation in ageing." said Ms. Grace Chan, Chief Executive of HKCSS, International Vice-President of IFA.

Mr. Gregor Sneddon, Secretary General of the IFA, added: "IFACONF2027 marks an exciting next chapter for the global ageing agenda. Hosting the conference in Hong Kong, a city at the forefront of innovation, reinforces our commitment to bridging global expertise with regional leadership. Together with HKCSS, we are creating a generative space to spark action and inspire collaboration worldwide."

Exact dates, program details, and abstract submission opportunities will be released in the coming months. Delegates, partners, and media are encouraged to follow the [IFA](#) and [HKCSS](#) channels for updates and early registration information.

About the International Federation on Ageing

The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) with the mandate to drive the agenda of the world's ageing populations, advancing a world where all can age with choice, voice and dignity. Through its global convening power and formal relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and general consultative status at the United Nations and its agencies, the IFA brings together experts, policymakers, and civil society to advance policies and practices that improve the lives of ageing populations worldwide.

About the Hong Kong Council of Social Service

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) is a statutory body and a federation of over 520 non-governmental organizations, dedicated to advancing social development and improving the well-being of people across Hong Kong. Through leadership, co-creation, advocacy, innovation and capacity building, HKCSS works to address pressing social challenges and strengthen the social service sector. Its flagship initiative, the Gerontech and Innovation Expo cum Summit (GIES), is Asia's leading platform showcasing solutions that enhance quality of life for older people and promote active ageing.

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