

# Cross-cultural aspects of aged care

EDITORIAL

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The *Asian Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics* has been published by the Hong Kong Geriatrics Society and Hong Kong Association of Gerontology since 2006. Its aim is to foster international exchange on the academic and practical aspects of aged care and research in Asia. With the continued efforts of the editorial board and the international editorial advisors, we have received articles from contributors in Hong Kong, elsewhere in Asia, and further a field. The *Asian Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics* certainly enjoys a wide readership across countries in Asia, as it is widely distributed in several countries in this region.

In this issue, we are glad to include a wide selection of articles from an array of different countries including: Canada, Korea, China and Singapore. The contents of the articles also demonstrate the importance of cross-cultural research in aged care by scholars from different parts of the world.

The paper from Prof Chappell<sup>1</sup> demonstrates the importance of examining new values and approaches in aged care in Shanghai, which reveals new trends of aged care in urban China. The second article from the China Research Center on Aging<sup>2</sup> gives us the most updated demographic transition of ageing societies in rural China. The third article on environmental and gender influences on the nutritional and health status of Korean centenarians<sup>3</sup> highlights various aspects of centenarian health in that country, which is of relevance to other countries in the region. Significant number of Asians migrate to western countries. The article from Prof Lai<sup>4</sup> identifies depressive symptoms and needs of ageing South Asians living in Canada.

The *Asian Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics* looks forward to receiving articles from various regions to further promote international collaboration of aged care research in Asia.

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