



# Regional Knowledge Event Private Health Insurance (PHI) for Sustainable Health Financing to Advance Universal Health Coverage

**Date:** June 1, 2026

**Venue:** Kai Chong Tong, School of Public Health Building, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, Hong Kong

## AGENDA OVERVIEW

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**8:30 AM - 9:00 AM | Registration**

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**9:00 AM – 9:30 AM**

### Welcome

Professor Philip Wai-Yan CHIU, *Dean, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (HKSAR, China)*

Professor Samuel Yeung-Shan WONG, *Director, JC School of Public Health and Primary Care, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (HKSAR, China)*

Professor Dr. Laksono TRISNANTORO, *Professor of Health Policy and Management, Department of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Medicine, Public Health and Nursing, Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia)*

### Word of Thanks

Professor Eliza Lai-Yi WONG, *Associate Director (Teaching and Learning), Centre for Health Systems and Policy Research, JC School of Public Health and Primary Care, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (HKSAR, China)*

## Souvenir Presentation and Group Photo

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### Session 1: Role of PHI for Sustainable Health Financing

**09:30 AM - 09:50 AM**

Topic: **TBD**

*Speaker:* Mr. Raymond Wai-Man WU, *Deputy Secretary for Health 1, Health Bureau (HKSAR, China)*

**09:50 AM - 10:10 AM**

Topic: **TBD Private Health Insurance under the Universal Health Coverage Framework: Where does it fit?**

*Speaker:* Dr. Eduardo P. BANZON, *Director, Health, Human and Social Development Sectors Group, Asian Development Bank (The Philippines)*

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**10:10 AM - 10:30 AM**     **Tea break**

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**10:30 AM - 10:50 AM**

Topic: **TBD**

*Speaker:* Mr. Clement CHEUNG Wan-ching, GBS, JP, *Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Authority (HKSAR, China)*

**10:50 AM – 11:10 AM**

Topic: **Role of Private Health Insurance in Healthcare Financing to advance Universal Health Coverage**

*Speaker:* Professor Eng-Kiong YEOH, *Director, Centre for Health Systems and Policy Research, JC School of Public Health and Primary Care, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (HKSAR, China)*

**11:10 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Moderator:** Professor Hong FUNG, *Professor of Practice in Health Services Management, Centre for Health Systems and Policy Research, JC School of Public Health and Primary Care (HKSAR, China)*

***Discussants:***

- Mr. Raymond Wai-Man WU, *Deputy Secretary for Health 1, Health Bureau (HKSAR, China)*
- Dr. Eduardo P. BANZON, *Director, Health, Human and Social Development Sectors Group, Asian Development Bank (The Philippines)*
- Mr. Clement CHEUNG, *Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Authority (HKSAR, China)*
- Professor Eng-Kiong YEOH, *Director, Centre for Health Systems and Policy Research, JC School of Public Health and Primary Care, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (HKSAR, China)*

**Session 2: PHI in practice: Industry Experiences**

**Perspectives from Industry (Insurers, Pharmaceutical Industry and Providers)**

**11:30 AM – 11:45 AM**

Topic: **TBD Paying for Innovative and Expensive Drugs: Challenges faced by Insurers**

*Speaker:* Ms. Selina LAU, *Chief Executive, Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (HKSAR, China)*

**11:45 AM – 12:00 PM**

Topic: **TBD Balancing between Financial and Social Value in Pharmaceutical Enlistment: The Business of Orphan and Cancer Drugs**

*Speaker:* Ms. Sabrina CHAN, *Senior Executive Director, Hong Kong Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry (HKSAR, China)*

**12:00 PM – 12:15 PM**

Topic: **TBD**

*Speaker:* Mr. Chye PANG-HSIANG, *Principal & Consulting Actuary, Miliman (HKSAR, China)*

**12:15 PM – 12:30 PM**

Topic: **TBD**

*Speaker:* Mr. Yat CHOW, *Executive Medical Director, Bupa Hong Kong (HKSAR, China)*

**12:30 PM – 12:50 PM | Round Table Discussion: PHI as a key pillar for a sustainable health system**

**Moderator:** Professor April Yu-Shan WU, *Research Assistant Professor, Centre for Health Systems and Policy Research, JC School of Public Health and Primary Care (HKSAR, China)*

***Discussants:***

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**12:50 PM – 2:15 PM Lunch break**

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## Session 3: Country Experiences and Research Findings on PHI

2:15 PM - 3:35 PM | Part 1

Topic: **TBD: Private Health Insurance in Hong Kong: How we got here and Paths Forward**

*Speaker:* Professor April Yu-shan WU, JC School of Public Health and Primary Care, *The Chinese University of Hong Kong, (HKSAR, China)*

Topic: **TBD**

*Speaker:* Professor Ying-Yao CHEN, *Deputy Dean, School of Public Health, Fudan University (China)*

Topic: **Private Health Insurance in Thailand's Universal Health Coverage: Origins, Current Status, and Future Role**

*Speakers:* Professor Siripen SUPAKANKUNTI, *Professor, Centre of Excellence for Health Economics, & Professor Chantal HERBERHOLZ, Director, Centre of Excellence for Health Economics, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok (Thailand)*

Topic: **The Past & Present of Private Health Insurance in Indonesia: Is there any future?**

*Speaker:* Professor Dr. Laksono TRISNANTORO, *Professor of Health Policy and Management, Department of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Medicine, Public Health and Nursing, Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia)*

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**3:35 PM – 3:55 PM Tea break**

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3:55 PM - 4:35 PM | Part 2

Topic: **TBD**

*Speaker:* Professor Dr. Sharifa Ezat WAN PUTEH, *Professor of Public Health and Hospital Management Faculty of Medicine, Dean of Centre of Liberal Science, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (Malaysia)*

Topic: **TBD**

*Speaker:* Professor Maria Elena B. HERRERA, *Adjunct Faculty of Asian Institute of Management, Makati City, Metro Manila (The Philippines)*

## Discussion

4:35 PM - 4:55 PM

**Moderator:** Mr. Chye PANG-HSIANG, *Principal & Consulting Actuary, Miliman (HKSAR, China)*

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## Closing

4:55 PM - 5:00 PM