



# MHS SEMINAR

## DEVELOPMENT OF PHYSIOTHERAPY PROFESSION IN CHINA - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

### Outline of Seminar

This seminar offers a unique opportunity to delve into the evolution of physiotherapy profession in China, exploring its historical roots, current advancements, and future directions. The Chinese Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) became a member organization of World Physiotherapy in 2025 and it is a member association of the World Physiotherapy Asia Western Pacific region.

Professor Wang Yuling, a prominent leader in Physiotherapy, has played a key role in this long process of striving for international recognition of the CPTA. He is also a major advocate in enhancing educational standards in the whole China. He will share with us his insights on the historical challenges and milestones that have shaped the profession, providing a comprehensive overview of its journey from the past, the present and to the future developments in the healthcare field in the Asian region.

The second speaker is Ms Sheila Purves, a renowned expert known for her contributions to community-based rehabilitation and capacity building across diverse regions in China. Sheila will discuss the present landscape of physiotherapy services, highlighting innovative practices and collaborations that are transforming patient care and accessibility, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Together, these speakers will offer a forward-looking perspective on the future of physiotherapy in China, considering the roles of technology, policy, and international collaboration in driving further development. This seminar promises to enrich your understanding of physiotherapy's vital role in enhancing health outcomes and shaping the future of healthcare in China.



#### Date & Time

Sept 20, 2025 Saturday  
2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



#### Moderator

Prof. Grace Szeto  
Physiotherapy programme leader, School of Medical & Health Sciences, TWC



#### Registration Fees

Free



#### Venue

LT1, 2/F, KPC, 31 Wylie Road, Homantin (TBC) or Online Zoom



#### CPD Points

To Be Confirmed



#### Target Participants

Physiotherapists and other healthcare professionals are all welcome



**Professor Wang Yuling**  
MPH, PhD

Prof. and Head, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, The Sixth Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University, Director of Guangdong Clinical Research Center for Rehabilitation Medicine. Currently, Prof. Wang is the Vice Secretary-General of the Chinese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine and Secretary-General of the Chinese Physical Therapy Association. He is also the Chairman of the Rehabilitation Devices and Biomaterials Branch of the Chinese Society of Biomaterials.

His clinical specialties are in the rehabilitation and physiotherapy of chronic pain, MSK diseases, and sports injuries. He was awarded the title of "Lingnan Famous Doctor", "Good Doctor of Yangcheng" and "Young and Middle-aged Doctor of Guangdong Province".

His research interests focus on brain network mechanisms for chronic pain, artificial intelligence rehabilitation, and population epidemiology big data.



**Dr. Sheila Purves**  
MBE, DSoSci

Sheila Purves, trained in Canada as a physiotherapist and occupational therapist, has dedicated her career to developing rehabilitation services in China through capacity building and community-based rehabilitation. Her interests include inclusive services, disaster response, and integrating rehabilitation into primary care. Despite retirement, she consults and teaches regionally, serving as an Executive Committee Member of The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation and advisor to organizations like Hong Kong Red Cross. Sheila holds a Master of Public Health and an honorary Doctorate of Social Sciences.

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