



CHILD ADVOCACY CONFERENCE 2025

20 - 21 June 2025

PUSAT ISLAM, UMS KOTA KINABALU

**"BREAKING BARRIERS: ADVANCING
EQUITY FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN"**

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(STUDENTS RM80)**

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**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED
IN THE WELLBEING OF OUR
CHILDREN**

**Guest of Honour
YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri,
Minister of Women, Family and Community
Development of Malaysia**

**STRENGTHEN
COLLABORATION
& NETWORKING**

**PROMOTE
POLICY CHANGE**

**EMPOWER
STAKEHOLDERS**

**INCREASE
AWARENESS**



CAC2025 PROGRAM

DAY 1 20 June 2025 (Fri)			Day 2 21 June 2025 (Sat)		
0830	Registration				
0900 - 0930	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Chair: Dr Mohamad Ikram Ilias	GUEST OF HONOUR YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia	0830 - 1000	Symposium 3 COMMUNITY OUTREACH Chair: Dr Zulkifli Ismail	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Mercy Malaysia -Charity Begins at Home</i> – Dr Helen Lasimbang, Universiti Malaysia Sabah 2. <i>Yayasan Ikhlas – Alleviating and Uplifting the Vulnerable</i> – Dr Sharifah Sulaiha, IMU University 3. <i>Mission-Driven: Championing Change for a Better Tomorrow</i> – Dr Khoo Suan Phaik, IMU University
0930 - 0945	OPENING CEREMONY		1000 - 1030	TEA	
0945 - 1015	TEA		1030 - 1200	Symposium 4 CLINICAL CARE Chair: Dr Mohamad Yazir Adam Mohd Husin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Palliative Care : Yes, Children Need It Too</i> – Dr Ng Su Fang, Hospital Wanita & Kanak-Kanak Sabah 2. <i>Mending Hearts - the SOSHF Journey</i> – Eva Susau, Society for the Sabah Heart Fund 3. <i>HUMS – A Hospital for the Community</i> – Dr Helen Lasimbang, Universiti Malaysia Sabah
1015 - 1145	Symposium 1 THE LAW MATTERS Chair: Dr Christina Rundi	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The Rights of the Child and the Protection of the Vulnerable</i> – Dr Farah Nini Dusuki, Children's Commissioner, SUHAKAM 2. <i>Challenges Faced by Refugee Families</i> – Michelle Fong, UNHCR 3. <i>Child Act 2001– Implications and Applications</i> – Mary Gomez, Sabah Law Society 	1200 - 1300	Drafting of Declaration of the Conference Chair: Dr Erwin Khoo	Dr Amar-Singh HSS Child & Disability Advocate
1145 - 1330	LUNCH	Lunch Side Meeting: "Unheard Cries: Advocating for Deaf Children at Risk" Moderators: 1. Dr Khoo Suan Phaik, IMU University 2. Dr Nur Farhana Ardillah Aftar, Universiti Malaysia Sabah	1300 - 1400	LUNCH	
1330 - 1500	Symposium 2 PRIMARY HEALTHCARE and COMMUNITY SUPPORT Chair: Dr Soo Thian Lian	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Vaccination for Hard to Reach Populations</i> – Dr Christina Rundi, President of Sabah Medical Association 2. <i>Child Safeguarding and Child Wellbeing Index</i> – Dr Farqani Mohd Noor, UNICEF 3. <i>Indigenous Community Development</i> – Anne Lasimbang, PACOS Trust 	1400 - 1530	Symposium 5 ADOLESCENT and PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH Chair: Dr Selvakumar Sivapunniam	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Child Marriages – a Gordian Knot</i> – Anne Lasimbang, PACOS Trust 2. <i>Nurturing the Young: Preventing Toxic Stress in Children</i> – Dr Thiagar Nadarajaw, Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah 3. <i>Psychosocial Health in Teens</i> – Dr Thiagar Nadarajaw, Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah
1500 - 1530	TEA		1530 - 1600	TEA	
1530 - 1700	INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE	Dr Amar-Singh HSS Child & Disability Advocate	1600 - 1700	Symposium 6 EDUCATION and EMPOWERMENT Chair: Dr Kew Seih Teck	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Empowering Students, Enriching Communities: The Impact of Service Learning</i> – Dr Khoo Suan Phaik, IMU University 2. <i>Positive Parenting : Building a Positive Future</i> – Dr Zulkifli Ismail, Secretary General of Asia Pacific Pediatric Association
1700	END OF DAY 1		1700	END OF CONFERENCE	



GUEST OF HONOUR

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