

# Research Grants Council to present public lecture on “Happy, Healthy, Longevity” on November 4

The following is issued on behalf of the University Grants Committee:

In line with the Government's initiative to promote STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) education for all, for fun and for diversity in support of the direction of promoting innovation and technology development, the Research Grants Council (RGC) will organise a series of public lectures from October 2023 to January 2024, covering areas including technology, innovation, health and culture.

The second lecture titled "Happy, Healthy, Longevity" will be held at the Hong Kong Central Library on November 4 (Saturday). All are welcome.

The RGC has invited four scholars of the Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to share their knowledge and research findings. Assistant Professor Dr Wong Min Ney and Associate Professor of Practice Dr Janet Ng will talk about post-stroke language impairment, while Associate Professor Dr Elaine Kwong and Associate Professor and Associate Head Dr Cindy Ngai will explain swallowing disorders in the ageing population. Details are as follows:

Time: 3pm to 5pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Hong Kong Central Library

Language: Cantonese

Admission: Free (seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis)

Members of the public can also watch a live broadcast of the lecture through the YouTube Channel of the Hong Kong Public Libraries ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCJUipdvSACZj01ldo03YQBA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJUipdvSACZj01ldo03YQBA)).

First session: A path to language recovery following stroke: Neurological functions, impairments, and therapy

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Language impairment is one of the common consequences of stroke. Patients will experience difficulties in understanding the language, troubles with expressing and unclear speech. These could greatly affect daily communication and activities. Dr Wong and Dr Ng will provide an overview of language processing in the brain, review symptoms of post-stroke language impairment, examine language recovery with speech therapy and discuss possibilities of new treatments with reference to local research evidence.

Second session: Navigating swallowing disorders: Enhancing diagnosis, treatment, and therapist-patient collaboration in an ageing population

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Dr Kwong and Dr Ngai will delve into the realm of swallowing disorders in an ageing population to unravel the diagnostic techniques and illustrate the latest advancements in treatment modalities, as well as exploring how an open and effective communication between therapists and patients will enhance therapeutic outcomes.

The RGC has been regularly organising public lectures since 2009, featuring various distinguished scholars as speakers. These lectures aim to promote research knowledge of Hong Kong's tertiary institutions and to raise public awareness of the significance and values of local research work.

For enquiries, please call 2524 3987 or visit the University Grants Committee webpage ([www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/about/events/lectures/lectures.html](http://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/about/events/lectures/lectures.html)). In addition, members of the public can register for the RGC's email subscription service at [www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/about/subscribe](http://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/about/subscribe) to receive regular updates.