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Abstract

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In 2016, the University of Wollongong (UOW), Taipei Medical University (TMU), Asia University (AU) and the Taiwanese Alzheimer's Disease Association (TADA) established a transdisciplinary collaboration: Taiwanese Australian Innovation within Ageing Network (TAIWAN). We link relevant healthcare services, teaching, research and policy to improve the lives of older people and their families. We draw on our international leadership in gerontology and geriatrics for innovative "design thinking" to explore and tackle large scale global social, environmental and economic challenges in an ageing world.

The purpose of this symposium is to illustrate how interdisciplinary collaborators from Taiwan and Australia are working together to share policy and practice changes and improve the lives of older people. During the symposium three case studies will be presented by senior collaborators within TAIWAN to illustrate how learning is being shared and joint research is being undertaken to improve the lives of older people:

- Gerontological Nursing as a Specialty: Improving delirium care in hospitals in Australia and Taipei;
- Dementia and Driving: A shared journey of enabling person centred decisions; and
- Active Aging and College of Interdisciplinary Studies: Joint degrees in Taipei and Wollongong to share learnings across countries improve practice.

The presenters will be represented by UOW and TMU. The moderator is Director General-Shwu-Feng Tsay, Department of Nursing and Health Care, Ministry of Health and Welfare, demonstrating the importance of this work and the recognition of its value for improving the lives of older people. The symposium will be interactive and include activities demonstrating how to establish an international interdisciplinary research, practice and policy group focused on improving the lives of older people. The barriers to and the essential elements for success for achieving change in practice and policy will be highlighted. The session will conclude with a Q&A session for participants to ask members of TAIWAN how this initiative could be replicated across other collaborations and an outline of our future work will be presented.