

## **Elderly Care Symposium “From Ageing in Place to Dying in Place”**

In face of the rapidly ageing population, elderly community services provide support to an increasing number of elderlies with End-of-Life Care needs. However, having a life-limiting illness can be suffering and create tremendous emotional and physical distress to the patients and their family. The primary goal of End-of-Life Care (EoLC) is to prevent and alleviate the sufferings.

In this symposium, four distinguished speakers and leaders with a wealth of practical experiences and novel ideas in EoLC will offer forward-looking perspectives to transform elderly community service in Hong Kong. Dr Rosalie Shaw, known as the founding mother of palliative care in Australia and Singapore, will share her dedication and years of commitment in developing EoLC that matters to everyone. Dr Lam Ching Choi, the Chairman of the Elderly Commission in Hong Kong, will give you a greater insight into how the policy landscape gives rise to new opportunities for EoLC in the elderly service setting. The sharing of Prof Amy Chow, the Project Director of the JCECC Project, will update you on the most innovative development in community EoLC. You will learn about an evidence-based and replicable community EoLC model that helps improve the quality of life and reduce unnecessary hospitalization of older patients touched by end of life. Adopting this community EoLC model, Mr Yu Lok Tin, the service manager in the JCECC Project, and his service user, will share their real-life experience of the service reserves the dignity and alleviate sufferings of community-dwelling patients.

This zoom symposium targets managerial staff, including CEOs and managers of community elderly services.

This is part of the *End-of-Life Capacity Enhancement in Elderly Community Service Setting* series that offers a series of courses to all levels of staff in elderly community service, including those with different professional backgrounds and those in different supporting roles.