



## Asian Mental Health and Wellbeing Summit 2025

Elevating Unheard Voices of Asian Youth: A Call to Action

Venue: The Grand Hall, Parliament
Date and Time: 13 August 2023, 8:30am to 5pm
Masters of Ceremony: Romy Lee & Starsha Samarasinghe

8:00		Registration opens
8:45		Karakia - Te Kaumatua Matua Peter Jackson
8:50		Housekeeping - Masters of Ceremony
09:00	09:10	Asian Youth Artwork Presentations  Jason Tran (UoA's Thriving@Crossroads team) Gabrina Zhao (AFS youth)
09:10	09:30	Opening Address  Hon Matt Doocey (Minister of Mental Health and Associate Minister of Health)
09:30	09:55	<ul> <li>Plenary session: Asian Youth Lived Experience</li> <li>Michelle Delves (UoA's T@C team)</li> <li>Dr Annie Chiang (UoA's T@C team)</li> <li>Michelle Lei (AFS Kia Ora Ake Team)</li> <li>Dileetha Kohoban (AFS Kia Ora Ake Team)</li> <li>Paolo Aquino (AFS Kia Ora Ake Team)</li> </ul>
9:55	10:00	Group photo with Minister
10:00	10:30	Morning tea
10:30	10:50	Keynote Address: Contextualising Asian Youth Mental Health in Aotearoa New Zealand Associate Professor Roshini Peiris-John (Principal Investigator, UoA's T@C project)
10:50	11:50	<ul> <li>Panel Discussion on Challenges and Opportunities for Advancing Asian Youth Mental Health</li> <li>Kiri Richards (Associate Deputy Director-General Mental Health, Addiction and Suicide Prevention, Ministry of Health)</li> <li>Dr Leeanne Fisher (National Chief, Mental Health and Addiction, Health NZ)</li> <li>Lisa Gestro (Director, Mentally Well (Interim), National Commissioning, Health NZ)</li> <li>Moderator: Dr Kelly Feng (CEO, AFS)</li> </ul>
11:50	11:55	Briefing by Alex Schröder (Assistant Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman)
11:55	12:00	Statement by Dr Melissa Derby (Race Relations Commissioner, Human Rights Commission)
12:00	13:00	Asian youth lived experience creative output exhibition and Lunch
13:00	13:20	Keynote address: Kia kuru pounamu te rongo: Holding the Highest Aspirations for Our Mokopuna Dr Claire Achmad (Chief Children's Commissioner, Mana Mokopuna)
13:20	13:25	<ul> <li>Group Discussion briefing – AFS Integrated Tree Model</li> <li>Chiely Utley (AFS Kia Ora Ake Team)</li> <li>Neil Sagun (AFS Kia Ora Ake Team)</li> </ul>
13:25	14:25	Group Discussion on identifying and prioritising solutions for actions led by T@C and AFS youth





14:30	14:45	Kia Ora Ake Presentation
		Romy Lee, AFS Kia Ora Ake Team
14:45	15:45	Plenary - Group Discussion Feedback
		Celesti Tan (UoA's T@C team)
		<ul> <li>Nikki Singh (UoA's T@C team)</li> </ul>
		Dr Lovely Dizon (UoA's T@C team)
		Paolo Aquino (AFS Kia Ora Ake Team)
		Linda Duong (AFS Kia Ora Ake Team)
		Moderators: Nancy Lu (Member of Parliament) and Dr Vartika Sharma (UoA's T@C team)
15:45	15:55	Next Steps – Dr Kelly Feng (CEO, AFS) & Associate Professor Roshini Peiris-John (Principal Investigator,
		UoA's T@C project)
15:55	16:10	Closing Remarks: The Future is Now
		Karen Orsborn (Chief Executive, Te Hiringa Mahara, Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission)
16:10	16:20	Acknowledgements – Fred Pau (AFS Board Chair) and Dr Rodrigo Ramalho (UoA's T@C team)
16:20	16:30	Closing Karakia - Te Kaumatua Matua Peter Jackson
16:30	16:35	Group photo
16:35		Networking