

New Gerontechnology Laboratory in Malaysia

Monash University Malaysia at Selangor is expanding its expertise in ageing research in a big way with the launch of a Gerontechnology Laboratory on February 18, 2016, the first of its kind in Malaysia. Set-up with the support of Khind Starfish Foundation, the laboratory serves as a research platform to capitalise on the potential of a collaborative and integrative approach to gerontechnology research. Gerontechnology laboratory takes an interdisciplinary approach to developing technologies for older adults within five domains of human activity: health and self-esteem; housing and daily living; mobility and transport; communication and governance; work and leisure. The research conducted in the laboratory aims at providing in-depth and comprehensive insights into the real needs of older adults, at designing age-friendly products and services, and at promoting an active and independent lifestyle for the elderly within an emerging country context setting.

The laboratory is a collaborative effort between the schools of business, IT, health sciences, medicine, social sciences and engineering. It consists of a Living Hall Station, a Kitchen Station, a Cognitive Station and a Health Station. We aim at building on existing synergies within the university community and beyond, to strengthen research on ageing, and to facilitate partnerships with healthcare providers, government and developers and to the broader community. *Pei-Lee Teh* PhD, founder of the Gerontechnology Laboratory

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Ribbon cutting at the opening by (from left to right) Mr. Ong Pang Yen, Executive Director, Professor Helen Bartlett, Pro Vice-Chancellor and President of Monash Malaysia, Mr. Cheng Ping Keat, Group CEO of Khind Holdings and Chairman of Khind Starfish Foundation, and Associate Professor Pei-Lee Teh, founder of the Gerontechnology Laboratory (Photography by Mr. James Tham)

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ISG Sinophone Chapter (registered as 'Chinese Society of Gerontechnology and Service Management' in Taiwan) is having its 2016 conference on May 14, at NaiKai University of Technology at Nantou County. Professor van Bronswijk, ISG Grand Master



Presentation of the judges in the 2015 competition for the 'Older-Adult Appreciation Award'

and Editor-in-Chief of Gerontechnology and Professor Agenosono Yoshiko of Nihon University (College of Humanities and Sciences, Department of Social Welfare) are invited as keynote speakers of the conference. A total of 95 papers in different fields of gerontechnology and service management are presented in the conference.

The '5th Innovative Gerontechnology Product / Service Design Contest' for college students is also held in parallel with the 2016 annual conference. The theme this year is 'Design for Connectedness'. Nineteen student teams entered the final round and will make their final presentation and demonstration on May 14. In addition to the judges invited from related industries, eight older adults will be there as the judges for the 'Older-Adult Appreciation Award'.

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Elsevier John Wilson Award for our honorary member Mitsuo Nagamachi

Three ergonomists, who have significantly contributed to advance ergonomic design, received the 'Elsevier John Wilson Award' for making outstanding and lasting contributions to ergonomics at a global level, have developed innovative theoretical concepts and methods and have illustrated a systems approach to the design of complex systems. This award is endorsed by the journal 'Applied Ergonomics' and honors the memory of John Wilson (1951-2013), Professor of Human Factors at the University of Nottingham and former co-Editor-in-Chief of Applied Ergonomics. On August 10, 2015, during the IEA Triennial Congress in Melbourne (Australia), the International Ergonomics Association (IEA) presented this award to our honorary member Professor Mitsuo Nagamachi PhD, CPE, CPEJ, founder of Kansei Engineering, President of the International Kansei Design Institute, and Professor emeritus at Hiroshima University, Hiroshima International University and Kure National Institute of Technology. We congratulate professor Nagamachi!

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