

Symposium | Suicide prevention : [Symposium 30] Culturally grounded suicide prevention measures

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Moderator: Yoshinori Cho (National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry)

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Yoshinori Cho, who is the Director General of the National Institute of Mental Health in Japan and the President of the Japanese Association for Suicide Prevention, organized this symposium on Suicide Prevention. Under the theme of "Culturally grounded suicide prevention measures," this symposium provides a forum to consider suicidal behavior and suicide prevention from cultural perspectives, to discuss culturally rooted suicide prevention measures, and also to look at the universality that is common across cultures. Laurence Kirmayer will speak on culturally grounded mental health promotion and suicide prevention. Kang Seob Oh will speak on late-life suicide and suicide prevention strategies in Korea. Hirofumi Oyama will speak on multilayered approaches to suicide prevention for older adults in Asia with insights from Europe. Multilayered suicide prevention has been shown to reduce suicide rates among older adults in local communities in Asia and other countries, reinforced by seamless integration and robust linkages across universal, selective, and indicated interventions. These linkages have included formal cross-level connections, such as professional referrals, and informal ones, like specialist advice and self-referrals." Harry Minas will present "A suicide prevention strategy for the Vietnamese community in Victoria, Australia."