



Statement on Coronavirus and Global Health Literacy Summit 2020

Update on the COVID-19 situation: 25 March 2020

In recent months the coronavirus has rapidly spread worldwide and the **International Health Literacy Association and E-DA Healthcare Group | I-Shou University** have noted the serious turn of events over the last few weeks, as every country takes precautions to manage the disease. Our thoughts go to all who have lost their loved ones, who are ill or in other ways suffer from the impact of the coronavirus. We also share our full support to all colleagues working at the frontline to fight the disease.

As organizers of the Global Health Literacy Summit, we remain hopeful that the situation will have returned to near normal by end of October and that travel, and other restrictions will be lifted in time for us to continue with the Summit. Meanwhile, we are monitoring the pandemic closely and will make changes in the program when necessary. We work in close collaboration with the health authorities of Taiwan and keep the health and safety of our delegates as our utmost priority. We also have made provisions for alternative dates, in case the Summit needs to be postponed. In the meantime, plans for the Summit are continuing as intended.

Extension of deadline for abstracts: As we recognize many public health professionals' efforts may be compromised due to the coronavirus outbreak, the deadline for submitting abstracts has been extended to **May 1st, 2020** (11:59 GMT+8).

New plenary session on health literacy and COVID-19: We have also added a fifth plenary session focusing on health literacy during a pandemic: COVID-19 to discuss its role in policy-making; public health campaigns; social distancing; and other measures taken to control the outbreak.

We will update the participants, exhibitors and sponsors as soon as news become available. You can find more information about the Summit on the website: www.ihlasummit2020.org and follow the news on Twitter: @ihlasummit2020 or Facebook: [IHLA Global Health Literacy Summit].

Up-to-date WHO advice and facts can be found here:

www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance

We stand together in hopes that the COVID-19 virus will be contained as soon as possible.

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2020 全球健康識能高峰會- 2019 年新型冠狀病毒(COVID-19)聲明

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過去幾個月來新型冠狀病毒在全球迅速傳播，國際健康識能學會與義大醫療財團法人/義守大學已注意到過去幾週來發生的嚴重事件，各國也皆採取各種預防措施來控制疾病的傳播。我們向所有失去親人、罹患疾病或任何遭受新型冠狀病毒影響的人表達慰問之意。我們也全力支持所有在第一線對抗此疾病的工作同仁。

作為全球健康識能高峰會的主辦單位，我們仍然期待局勢能在 10 月底之前恢復一切如常，旅行和其他限制也及時解除，以使我們的峰會議程能繼續進行。但在此同時，我們仍會密切關注此全球流行疫情，並在必要時調整相關議程。我們與台灣衛生當局密切合作，將維持參與者的健康和 safety 作為我們的首要任務。我們也已備妥完善的替代方案，以因應萬不得已時必要的延期舉辦。

延長摘要截止日期：我們瞭解許多公衛醫療專業人員正盡全力防制冠狀病毒的擴散，因此決定將提交摘要的截止日期延長至 2020 年 5 月 1 日止。

新增健康識能和新型冠狀病毒大會演講議題：我們另外新增了第五個大會演講議題，重點在新型冠狀病毒大流行期間的健康識能，以及討論其在制定決策、公衛運動、保持社交距離與其他控制疫情傳播方式中所扮演的角色。

如有任何最新消息，我們將及時告知所有與會者、參展者和贊助商。您可以在 2020 全球健康識能高峰會官網 www.ihlasummit2020.org 獲得更多有關本高峰會的訊息，也可加入 Twitter 帳號@ihlasummit2020，及臉書帳號 IHLA Global Health Literacy Summit 關注相關訊息。

世界衛生組織的最新建議和相關事實連結如下：

www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance

我們將一起努力，希望新型冠狀病毒疫情將能迅速獲得控制。

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