

Flourishing Asian Communities & Workforce Symposium

Venue: Novotel Hotel, 72/112 Green Lane East, Ellerslie

Date and Time: 13 March 2026, 8:45am to 4pm

Masters of Ceremony: Anastasia Constantinides and Alex Wang

8:45	9:15	Registration Opens
9:15	9:30	Welcome and Cultural Opening
		Housekeeping - Masters of Ceremony
9:30	9:45	Opening Remarks – Fred Pau, Asian Family Services
9:45	10:15	Keynote 1 Invisible and Hyper-visible: The Dual Realities Shaping Asian Young People and Their Workforce Dr. Ying Wang, Centre of Arts and Social Transformation, University of Auckland
10:15	10:30	Morning Tea
10:30	10:45	National Centre of Workforce Development Launch - Asian Family Services
10:45	10:55	Ministerial Address – Minister Matt Doocey
10:55	11:50	Flourishing Asian Communities & Workforce Awards Presentation
11:50	12:00	Group photo with Minister Matt Doocey
12:00	12:30	Keynote 2 Understanding What People Who Gamble and Their Families Consider Help and Treatment, and Implications for Workforce Development Associate Professor Simone Rodda, AUT University
12:30	13:30	Networking Lunch
13:30	14:30	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to Gambling Harm in Primary Care in Aotearoa New Zealand — Early Identification, Brief Interventions, and Warm Handovers Suicide Prevention for Asian Communities — Culturally Safe Conversations, Safety Planning, and Pathways Gambling Harm Through an Asian Lens — Early Identification, Brief Interventions, and Referral Pathways for Asian Communities
14:30	14:45	Afternoon Tea
14:45	14:50	Return to Main Room
14:50	15:20	Keynote 3 From Evidence to Advocacy: Amplifying Asian Community Voices in Policy and Practice Dr Andrew Zhu, Director of Trace Research
15:20	15:40	Acknowledgements and Closing Remarks

15:40	15:50	Cultural Closing
15:50	16:00	Networking and Award Photos