

Vision and Mission

International Occupational Therapy Conference

The inaugural International Occupational Therapy Conference, organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Occupational Therapy (HKIOT), took place in Qingdao, China in 2005 with the backing of a grant from the Hong Kong Government. This event marked a significant milestone in the advancement of occupational therapy in Mainland China.

The HKIOT is dedicated to advancing occupational therapy as a profession in Mainland China. Hosting international conferences serves as a pivotal strategy in fulfilling this mission. These conferences offer a collaborative platform for occupational therapists worldwide to convene, exchange insights, establish connections, and motivate each other for the betterment of our field.



Following the inaugural conference, the second through seventh conferences were hosted in Guangzhou (2008), Hong Kong (2012), Shenzhen (2015), Kunming (2018), Chengdu (2021), and Guangzhou (2024) consecutively. The forthcoming 2025 conference is scheduled to be held in Shanghai, a city renowned for its blend of ancient traditions and modernity in China.

The theme of the 2025 conference, "Health and Happiness through Occupation," resonates with universal aspirations. How can we attain these ideals? As in previous editions, distinguished speakers will illuminate pathways to realizing health and happiness through occupation. China's admission as a member of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) underscores its commitment to the profession. Currently, approximately 12 educational programs in China meet WFOT's stringent standards and have received recognition. For insights into the latest developments in occupational therapy in China and to share experiences from around the globe, we invite you to join us at the Conference. Let's learn from each other and contribute to the collective growth of our profession!

Attendees of past International Occupational Therapy Conferences have found them to be enriching and heartwarming experiences, akin to reuniting with distant family members. This unique gathering provides us with an invaluable opportunity to connect, united by a shared passion and purpose. Save the date and we eagerly anticipate your presence at the Conference!

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