

CANDIDATES

REGIONAL COORDINATOR ASIA (ELECT ONE FOR YOUR REGION)



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It is a great privilege to be the candidate for Asia Regional Coordinator again this year.

Sigma's vision is to be a global organization for developing nursing leaderships in education, research, practice, and policy. My interest in putting

myself forward for the position because of my passion to serve in Asia Region. Also, my experience in the past 2 years provided me a strong background in understanding the needs and strengths of each chapter in Asia Region and taught me to courageously step forward and strategically develop and connect chapters.

Since 2013, I have been fortunate to engage with Sigma in different ways as community leader in my Pi Iota Chapter, Counselor of Pi Iota at-Large Chapter, volunteer of steering committee, and Asia Regional Coordinator. I involved in expanding my Pi Iota Chapter to be an at-large chapter in 2020/2021. My publicity skills on social media also helped in making Asia Region more visible globally. The passion to serve in Sigma is not unique to me; however, I believe my prior experiences have uniquely prepared me to be the Sigma's next Asia Regional Coordinator.

Committed to service to the nursing profession, I stepped up early in my career for leadership roles. As a nurse researcher, I led my research team in promoting women's health and health equity via empowerment on attaining their health literacy in health promotion projects, for examples, safe sex practice and sexual abuse prevention in female college students, HPV vaccination promotion in secondary school students, and reduction of alcohol drinking in at-risk populations by using gamification and instant-messaging.

I also demonstrated leadership in nursing education in School of Nursing, the University of Hong Kong. I am currently the Associate Professor and Chair of Teaching & Learning and provides leadership for 3 postgraduate programmes. I led the teaching team to use technology in nursing education including virtual reality based education in enhancing students' empathy for psychiatric patients, using a robot to train up health assessment and questioning skills during patient admission and using high fidelity simulation for enhancing students' clinical competency, situation awareness and problem solving skills with the funding supported from seven UGC Teaching Development Grants. In 2021, my teaching team has received the Teaching Innovation Award under the teaching excellence scheme by my University.

Healthcare is changing rapidly and the ability for nurses to be innovative, exchange knowledge and experience is the key. Sigma provides a platform for facilitating global dialogue and sharing across clinical and academia settings. As the Asia Regional Coordinator in the next term, I aim to continue with my meaningful work, encourage more nurses in joining us and enhance the support we provide to our presidents and members in Asia region globally.