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Tentative Rundown

12 December 2008	
8:45—9:15	Registration
9:15—9:30	Opening Ceremony
Recent Advances in Quality of Life Research	
9:30—9:50	Knowledge, attitudes and behaviours concerning education for sustainable development: An exploratory study Prof. Alex Michalos, Ms. Heather Creech, Ms. Christina McDonald and Ms. P. Maurine Hatch Kahlke
9:50—10:10	How are the kids doing? How do we know? Recent trends and international comparisons in child and youth well-being Prof. Kenneth Land
10:10—10:30	Quality of life and persons with intellectual disability. Can we measure QOL in this population? Prof. Joav Merrick, Prof. Hatim Omar and Dr. Søren Ventegodt.
10:30—10:50	Impact of poor quality of life on adolescents in rural Kentucky Prof. Hatim Omar, Dr. Søren Ventegodt and Prof. Joav Merrick
10:50—11:15	Tea Break
Family and Adolescents (1)	
11:15—11:35	The impact of social exclusion and structural barriers on the well-being of Shanghai migrant children Dr. Xiao Yan Han
11:35—11:55	Personal and family correlates of suicidal ideation in Chinese adolescents in Hong Kong Dr. Sylvia Kwok and Prof. Daniel Shek
11:55—12:15	Impact of work and family conflicts on father-child relationships and quality of parenting – The Hong Kong case Prof. Yuk King Lau
12:15—12:35	Volunteering functions, intention to volunteer and purpose in life among adolescents in Hong Kong Dr. Ben Law
12:35—14:00	Welcoming Lunch
Family and Adolescents (2)	
14:00—14:20	The effects of sports on subjective well-being among university students in Hong Kong Prof. Sai Leung Ng and Mr. Andrew Tsoi
14:20—14:40	Social problem solving as a predictor of well-being in adolescents and young adults Dr. Andrew Siu and Prof. Daniel Shek
14:40—15:00	Life satisfaction, positive youth development and problem behavior in Chinese adolescents in Hong Kong Prof. Rachel Sun and Prof. Daniel Shek
15:00—15:20	Impact of media violence on adolescents in Mainland China Dr. Ming Lian Xu
15:20—15:45	Tea Break
Promotion of Quality of Life	
15:45—16:05	Internet communication versus face-to-face interaction in raising quality of life Prof. Paul Lee, Prof. Louis Leung, Prof. Venhwei Lo, Prof. Chengyu Xiong and Prof. Tingjun Wu
16:05—16:25	Promoting the quality of life through enhancing resilience in a Chinese context: The effectiveness of a preventive program for children Dr. Tak Yan Lee, Dr. Wai Man Kwong, Prof. Michael Ungar and Dr. Maria Cheung
16:25—16:45	Mental health promoting behaviors among Hong Kong adults Prof. Winnie Mak and Ms. Phoenix Mo
16:45—17:05	An exploration of the burnout situation on teachers in two schools in Macau Dr. Andrew Luk, Ms. Bessie Chan, Ms. Selwyne Cheong and Mr. Stanley Ko
17:05—17:25	Quality of life as medicine: Can improvement of quality of life cure somatic and mental illness? Salutogenesis and recovery Dr. Søren Ventegodt, Prof. Hatim Omar and Prof. Joav Merrick

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8:30—9:00	Registration
Poverty, Adulthood and Aging	
9:00—9:20	Quality of life of female university students growing up in poverty in Hong Kong Ms. Vera Tang and Prof. Daniel Shek
9:20—9:40	“I wish to be self-reliant”: Aspiration, quality of life, and exit barriers of welfare recipients in Hong Kong Prof. Chack Kie Wong and Prof. Vivian Lou
9:40—10:00	Quality of life of poor people living in remote areas in Hong Kong Prof. Hung Wong
10:00—10:20	Older people’s best years of life Prof. Jik Joen Lee
10:20—10:40	Life satisfaction of older adults in Hong Kong – The role of social support from adolescent grandchildren Prof. Vivian Lou
10:40—11:00	Tea Break
Assessment and Evaluation of Quality of Life	
11:00—11:20	Social development in Hong Kong: Development issues identified by Social Development Index (SDI) Mr. Hoi Wai Chua, Mr. Anthony Wong and Prof. Daniel Shek
11:20—11:40	Application of structural equation models to quality of life Prof. Sik Yum Lee and Prof. Xin Yuan Song
11:40—12:00	Using students’ weekly diaries to evaluate positive youth development programs: Are findings based on multiple studies consistent? Prof. Daniel Shek
12:00—13:00	Round Table Discussion
13:00—14:00	Farewell Lunch

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