

2024

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12-13 June

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Embracing the New Norm - Beyond Actuarial Frontier.

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Event Overview

The Society of Actuaries (SOA) is hosting the Asia-Pacific Annual Symposium on 12-13 June 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The theme of this year is **Embracing the New Norm - Beyond Actuarial Frontier**.

With the support from Actuarial Society of Malaysia, this symposium will provide a learning and networking platform for members and non-members in all over Asia to share their experiences in the actuarial profession, the finance and insurance industries, as well as other fields related to actuaries.

This year's symposium offers:

- Diverse and professional sessions that will share best practices and help attendees better prepare for future developments
- An opportunity to earn valuable CPD credits in a variety of practice areas
- The chance to meet and network with industry leaders
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Premier and exciting location

A diverse program covering topics in a wide range of areas, such as AI, ALM, Climate Modelling, Climate Risk, IFRS, Life and Health, Professionalism, Retirement and Social Insurance etc.

Seasoned speakers and experts will also share their professional insight about the future of the industry.

Educational Objectives: Share best practices with participants and create opportunity for the growth in the actuarial profession.

Audience Experience Level: All levels of experience

Target Audience: Actuaries, insurance, finance and investment practitioners, along with other industry professionals practicing in Asia-Pacific region, as well as all interested professionals from all around the world.

Location

Grand Ballroom, Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur
145, Jalan Ampang, 50450, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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On behalf of the Society of Actuaries (SOA), I would like to welcome you to the 2024 SOA Asia-Pacific Annual Symposium.

As a global organization, events like this symposium demonstrate our commitment to meeting actuaries' local needs. This symposium provides a valuable opportunity to network with colleagues and to share new ideas and best practices specifically for actuaries in Asia Pacific. The symposium will cover a variety of topics on life and health, IFRS and climate modeling.

I encourage you to use this event to enhance your knowledge and skills and to connect with your colleagues. I would like to express our gratitude to the Actuarial Society of Malaysia for their advice and support. Thank you, as well, to the program organizing team members, speakers, sponsors and volunteers who have helped design and create this symposium.

Thank you.

Timothy Rozar, FSA, MAAA, CERA
President and Chair
Society of Actuaries

Agenda

Day 1 - Wednesday, 12 June 2024		
08:00-09:00	Registration & Welcome Break	
09:00-09:30	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dato Seri' Mohamed Hassan Kamil, FSA, Chairman of Program Organizing Committee Amanda Hug, FSA, MAAA, President-Elect and Vice Chair, Society of Actuaries Aiza Yasmin Benyamin, FIA, FASM, FSAT, President of the Actuarial Society of Malaysia 	Plenary Session
09:30-10:20	Keynote Speech 1 (TBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hak Leh Tan, Regional Chief Executive, AIA Group 	
10:20-11:10	Keynote Speech 2: A New Era of Generative AI: 2024 and Beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linhui Dong, Ph.D., CSPA, Vice President, Data Science, RGA Victor Chen, FSA, FCIA, CERA, Chief to Staff – Asia Pacific, RGA 	
11:10-11:40	Morning Coffee Break	
11:40-12:40	Keynote Speech 3 - Professionalism Panel Discussion (TBC) Moderator: Si Xie, FSA, FCIA, CERA, Board of Director, Society of Actuaries; Head of Financial Planning and Fund Department, HSBC Insurance Broker Co. Presenter(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda Hug, FSA, MAAA, President-Elect and Vice Chair, Society of Actuaries Paul Setio Kartono, ASA, MAAA, FSAI, CFO, Prudential Syariah Indonesia; President, Society of Actuaries Indonesia Simon Dai, Actuarial Practice Leader, Asia Pacific at Deloitte 	Plenary Session
12:40-12:50	Transition to Lunch	
12:50-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00-14:30	Track A – IFRS S1A.1 – Insights on IFRS 17 Disclosures of Regional and Malaysia Life Insurers (Including Takaful) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chong Wen Ang, FIAA, FSAS, Principal and Consulting Actuary, Milliman Yu Wei Lim, FSA, FASM, Consulting Actuary, Milliman Track B – Life and Health S1B.1 – Beyond the Beats: Unveiling Cardiovascular Conditions in Asia's Critical Illness Insurance Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orchis Li, General Manager, Strategy & CI Research, Asia Life/Health, Gen Re Wendy Low, Actuary - CI Analytics Asia, Gen Re Track C - Climate Modelling S1C.1 – From Climate Scenario Analysis to Investment Decision-Making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saiyan Raja, ALM Solutions Specialist, Ortec Finance 	Concurrent Session 1.1

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14:35-15:05	<p>Track A – IFRS</p> <p>S1A.2 – Reinsurance Under Updated RBC Regimes and IFRS 17 in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donat Piras, FIA, FASHK, CERA, FRM, Senior Business Development Manager, SwissRe <p>Track B – Life and Health</p> <p>S1B.2 – Navigating the Landscape of Mental Illness Coverage – Challenges, Consumer Needs and a Vision for Sustainability and Relevance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Chong, FALU, FLHC, MBBS, Regional Medical Officer, SwissRe Asia <p>Track C - Climate Modelling</p> <p>S1C.2 – Climate Risk Modelling for Life Insurers: An Approach to Stress Testing Assets and Liabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Tanjuakio, FSA, CERA, Director and Insurance Industry Practice Lead, Moody’s Analytics • QA Wang, ASA, CERA, CFA, Assistant Director, Moody’s Analytics Tokyo Office 	Concurrent Session 1.2
15:10-15:40	<p>Track A – IFRS</p> <p>S1A.3 – Actuaries & Finance: Reflections on the Last 25 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Carrett, FIAA, Managing Director, Head of APAC, Reinsurance, Brookfield <p>Track B – Life and Health</p> <p>S1B.3 – Myocardial Infarction in Young Adults - Is It a New Norm?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Lu, Asia Pacific Chief Medical Officer, Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd, Hong Kong Branch <p>Track C - Climate Modelling</p> <p>S1C.3 – Quantifying the Financial Impacts of Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Low, ASA, CFA, FRM, Risk Solutions Director, Conning Asia Pacific 	Concurrent Session 1.3
15:40-16:10	Afternoon Coffee Break	
16:10-17:00	<p>Track A – IFRS</p> <p>S2A – Takaful: Ethical Insurance & Related Accounting Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syed Shiraz Anwar, FSA, Senior Manager, SHMA Consulting <p>Track B – Life and Health</p> <p>S2B – Seniors: How Does The L&H Insurance Industry Support the Insurance and Care Needs of Asia’s Aging Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queenie Choi, FIAA, Chief Commercial Officer - Asian Markets, RGA • SiNing Zhao, Regional Medical Director, Asia RGA <p>Track C - Climate Modelling</p> <p>S2C – Indonesian Forest Fire: Modeling and Its Mitigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endar Hasafah Nugrahani, Lecturer, Actuarial Science Study Program IPB University • Al Fikri Mulariano Tifa, Final Year Student, Actuarial Science Study Program, IPB University 	Concurrent Session 2
17:00-19:00	Cocktail Reception	

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Day 2 - Thursday, 13 June 2024		
08:00-09:00	Registration & Welcome Break	
09:00-09:30	Track D – Retirement/Social Insurance	Concurrent Session 3.1
	S3D.1 – Enhancing Sell-Type Home Reversion Products for Retirement Financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Koon-Shing Kwong, FSA, CERA, Education Professor, Singapore Management University 	
09:00-09:30	Track E – Climate Risk	
	S3E.1 – New ISSB Disclosure Standards for Climate-Related Risks and Sustainability-Related Financial Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dale Hall, FSA, MAAA, CERA, CFA, Managing Director of Research, Society of Actuaries 	
09:00-09:30	Track F – ALM	
	S3F.1 – ALM With Dynamic Efficient Frontier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taik Ki (TK) Lee, Managing Director and Head, AON PathWise Solutions Group (PSG), APAC Region Mingwan Soh, FRM, Director, Aon PathWise Solutions Group 	
09:35-10:40	Track D – Retirement/Social Insurance	Concurrent Session 3.2
	S3D.2 – Actuarial Horizons: Navigating the Evolving Landscape of Social Security Programs/ ESG Evolution and Digital Transformation in the Pension Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvin Chiu, FSA, Head of Asia Retirement, Manulife Elvin Tharm, FSA, Senior Managing Director, Head of Retirement Proposition, Strategy & Transformation, Asia Retirement, Manulife Investment Management Shuhada Baharin, Social Security Practitioner, PERKESO 	
09:35-10:05	Track E – Climate Risk	
09:35-10:05	S3E.2 – The Rising Tide of Regulatory and Litigation Risks in Climate and Chemical Risks	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harry Lee, Head of Reinsurance Contracts Asia Pacific, Swiss Re Asia Pte. Ltd 	
09:35-10:05	Track F – ALM	
	S3F.2 – Beyond Risk and Return: Practical ALM Considerations for Life Insurers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren Fok, FSA, CERA, CFA, FRM, Associate Director, Moody's Analytics Aiza Yasmin Benyamin, FIA, FASM, FSAT, Senior Partner, Actuarial Partners Consulting 	
10:10-10:40	Track E – Climate Risk	Concurrent Session 3.3
	S3E.3 – Recovery and Resolution Planning for Life Companies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farzana Ismail, Principal and Consulting Actuary, Milliman Richard Payne, Director and Consulting Actuary, Milliman 	
10:10-10:40	Track F – ALM	
	S3F.3 – Capital Optimization: Matching Adjustments in Asian Solvency Regimes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alex Bryant, FIA, FSAS, Principal and Consulting Actuary, Milliman Hana Ghazali, FIA, FASM, Consulting Actuary, Milliman 	
10:40-11:10	Morning Coffee break	

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11:10-12:00	<p>Track D – Retirement/Social Insurance</p> <p>S4D – Navigating Change: Building Resilience in the Mortality Business Post -COVID Era</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ivan Lee, FSA, Head Pricing L&H Re Southeast Asia and India, Swiss Re Asia Pte. Ltd <p>Track E – Innovation (TBC)</p> <p>S4E – Recent Technology Being Adopted in Actuarial Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chihong An, CEO / Managing Director – Seoul, Milliman Korea <p>Track F – ALM</p> <p>S4F – Multi-Dimensional Insurance Investment in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rick Wei, FSA, FCIA, CERA, Head of Asia Insurance Solutions, J.P. Morgan Asset Management 	Concurrent Session 4
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-14:10	<p>S5 – How Would Actuaries "Out-Smart" Gen-AI?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ka Hei Choi, FSA CERA, Partner, Deloitte Actuarial Practice Yee Yung Yong, Director, Deloitte 	Plenary Session
14:10-14:50	<p>S6 – Actuaries Making a Difference: The SOA Societal Purpose Committee</p> <p>Presenter(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dale Hall, FSA, MAAA, CERA, CFA, Managing Director of Research, Society of Actuaries Hassan Paul Scott Odierno, FSA, Senior Partner, Actuarial Partners Consulting 	
14:50-15:15	Afternoon Coffee break	
15:15-15:55	<p>S7 – Actuarial Resource Management and Talent Retention – IFRS17 Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kian Teong Hung, FSA, Appointed Actuary, Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Berhad Nigel Thong, Manager - Actuarial & Product Development, Hays Recruitment 	Plenary Session
15:55-16:45	<p>S8 – IFRS 17 – Go Live Experience, and Day 2 Opportunities for Actuaries Beyond Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexander P. Aeberli, Actuarial Director, EY Singapore Steve Cheung, FSA, FASHK, Partner, EY Hong Kong 	
16:45-16:50	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Amanda Hug, FSA, MAAA, President-Elect and Vice Chair, Society of Actuaries</p>	

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General Information

Registration Fees

	Register by 19 Apr, 2024	Register after 19 Apr, 2024	Register by 30 April, 2024	Register after 30 April, 2024
SOA/ASM Member	USD\$335.00	USD\$400.00		
Non-Member	USD\$390.00	USD\$460.00		
SOA/ASM Member (For group with 3+, eligible for same company or different companies)			USD\$335.00	USD\$400.00
Non-Member (For group with 3+, eligible for same company or different companies)			USD\$390.00	USD\$460.00
Affiliate Member (Limited Quota)/ Retired/Government/Academic/Unemployed	USD\$280.00			

Notes: The registration fee includes sessions at the symposium and a networking reception but exclude hotel guest room fee.

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The approval of the training grant is subjected to the conditions set by PSMB.

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You may cancel your registration prior to 30 days of the event start date to receive a full refund, less a USD\$100 administrative fee. There will be no refunds provided within 30 days of the event start date. However, you may transfer your registration to another SOA major meeting within one year of cancellation.

For more details, please refer to the SOA Asia-Pacific Annual Symposium event site: <https://www.soa.org/prof-dev/events/2024-apac/>

CPD CREDITS

13.00 credits may be applied toward the "Qualification Standards for Actuaries Issuing Statements of Actuarial Opinion" and the "SOA Continuing Professional Development Requirement."

10.83 credits may be applied toward "The Canadian Institute of Actuaries Qualification Standard—Continuing Professional Development."

Presenter and Moderator Biographies

Opening and Closing Sessions

Dato' Seri Mohamed Hassan Kamil, FSA

Chairman of Program Organizing Committee

Dato' Seri Mohamed Hassan Kamil has more than 35 years of experience in the insurance and takaful industry. He is currently an Independent Non Executive Director of AIA Public Takaful Bhd and AIA Pension and Asset Management SdnBhd. He was the Group Managing Director of Takaful Malaysia from 2007 until 2017, and subsequently the Group Chief Executive Officer of Takaful Malaysia until December 31, 2021. During his tenure at the helm of Takaful Malaysia, Dato' Seri Hassan propelled the company to become one of the top Takaful operators in the world, winning numerous awards along the way.

Prior to leading Takaful Malaysia, Dato' Seri Hassan held several key positions at multinational insurance companies, including chief operating officer, chief actuary, and chief financial officer. Dato' Seri Hassan also held leadership roles in the actuarial profession – as President of Actuarial Society of Malaysia from 1996 to 2002, and was a previous Chairperson of the Society of Actuary's South East Asia Committee and a former member of Society of Actuaries Asia Employers' Council.

Dato' Seri Hassan graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Actuarial Science and Master in Business Administration from the University of Iowa, USA. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, USA, Fellow of the Actuarial Society of Malaysia and a Chartered Life Underwriter.

Amanda Hug, FSA, MAAA

President-Elect and Vice Chair

Society of Actuaries

Amanda Hug will become the 76th SOA President and Chair at the 2024 ImpACT Conference, the SOA's annual meeting. She is a Director at WTW, where she leads the New York office and supports clients in the transformation, analytics and litigation spaces. She previously worked at MassMutual as Chief of Staff to the CFO, among a variety of product development roles.

During Amanda's 2020-2023 term on the SOA Board of Directors, she chaired the Governance and Policy Committee and Task Force for Evolving the FSA Pathway. She also served as a member of the Strategic Plan Task Force and as a Board Liaison for the Young Professionals Advisory Council and the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. Amanda is a past President of the Actuaries' Club of Hartford & Springfield and the Actuaries' Club of Boston. She graduated first in her class with an MBA from the University Chicago Booth School of Business and summa cum laude from Wheaton College (IL).

Amanda enjoys adventure travel and has been lucky enough to swim on the edge of Victoria Falls, cross paths with the big five in South Africa and hike the W trek in Patagonia. As a committed Christian, she holds a Master in Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and is active in her local church in New York City.

Aiza Yasmin Benyamin, FIA, FASM, FSAT

Senior Partner

Actuarial Partners Consulting

Aiza is a senior partner at Actuarial Partners Consulting based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She is also the President of the Actuarial Society of Malaysia for 2024/2025. In her 25+years of working experience, she has been involved in consulting projects to life (re)insurers and (re)takaful operators including traditional roles such as in valuation, pricing, M&A due diligence, capital adequacy assessment (ICAAP), model review and market feasibility studies, as well as newer roles IFRS 17 introduces. Her passion is in asset liability management (ALM). She has performed studies for life & general insurers, social security and wealth funds, guiding management find an optimal strategic asset allocation that is most likely to achieve the company's investment objectives whilst keeping within its risk tolerance. She graduated from UMIST and holds a Masters from City University, London. She qualified as a Fellow of the UK Institute of Actuaries in 2002.

Hak Leh Tan

Regional Chief Executive

AIA Group

Linhui Dong, Ph.D., CSPA

Vice President, Data Science

RGA

Linhui is the Vice President, Data Science at RGA. As a leader of RGA's AI and Data & Analytics community, Linhui is providing strategic directions, and responsible for leading a group of data scientists and engineers to develop and implement data-driven AI solutions to enable business growth and operational efficiency. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics and the Certified Specialist in Predictive Analytics (CSPA) designation.

Victor Chen, FSA, FCIA, CERA

Chief to Staff – Asia Pacific

RGA

Victor is the Chief to Staff – Asia Pacific at RGA. In his role, Victor supports the Head of Asia Pacific on strategic planning and execution of key organizational initiatives to deliver on RGA APAC's objectives and targets. Prior to RGA, Victor was the Chief Actuary - APAC L&H for another global reinsurer. Victor is a longtime volunteer of the SOA and have served on various projects and committees. Currently, he is a member of the SOA Greater Asia Committee and the Joint Risk Management Research Team.

Si Xie, FSA, FCIA, CERA

Board of Director, Society of Actuaries

Head of Financial Planning and Fund Department, HSBC Insurance Broker Co.

Concurrent Sessions

Al Fikri Mulariano Tifa

*Final Year Student, Actuarial Science Study Program
IPB University*

Fikri is a final year student in the Actuarial Science Study Program of IPB University in Bogor, Indonesia. Fikri is known as a student who takes part in various campus activities, e.g. committees, competitions and organizational activities. Fikri has been actively engaged as the Chief of the Department of Science, Appreciation, and Achievement on the Student Executive Board of FMIPA IPB 2020/2021 and Steering Committee of Pesta Sains Nasional 2021. As an active student in competitions, Fikri has achieved several achievements, such as becoming the 1st winner of the Education Aids on Tanoto Student Research Award 2022 and the 3rd winner of the Initial Phase of Start-up on Indonesian Student Entrepreneurship 2022. In addition, Fikri is interested in finance and data analysis, so he has participated in a variety of trainings and internships, including the Indonesian Student Micro Credential - Sharia Strategic Banking Management organized by Bank Syariah Indonesia, Generasi Gigih 2.0 - Data Analyst Track by the Anak Bangsa Bisa Foundation, and the Kampus Merdeka Program - Business Data Analyst Internship at PT Pegadaian.

Alex Bryant, FIA, FSAS

*Principal and Consulting Actuary
Milliman*

Alex is a Principal and Consulting Actuary for Milliman's Singapore office, with 18 years of actuarial experience. He has worked as a consultant for Milliman Singapore since 2013, having previously worked for a life insurer in the UK for over seven years. Alex's consulting experience has covered a wide range of assignments, including M&A, capital management, regulatory reporting, and participating business management issues. He has helped several companies in Singapore to review and implement matching adjustment portfolios for Singapore RBC2 reporting.

Alexander P. Aeberli

*Actuarial Director
EY Singapore*

Alex is an actuarial director in EY's Singapore practice. He has been supporting (re)insurers, regulators, and rating agencies on IFRS 17 related topics in the APAC region since 2016. Alex has hands-on IFRS 17 and post-IFRS 17 experiences spanning from Greater China, to Korea, ASEAN, and ANZ markets. Alex is a regular speaker on the topic of IFRS 17 and post-IFRS 17 at actuarial and finance conferences.

Calvin Chiu, FSA

*Head of Asia Retirement
Manulife*

Calvin Chiu is currently Head of Asia Retirement of Manulife. He is responsible for Manulife's pension business in HK, Indonesia and Malaysia, business development and expansion strategy across the Asia region, as well as providing pension related subject matter expert support to each of the markets in Asia. Prior to this role, Calvin was Vice President, Executive Compensation, responsible for executive compensation, compensation programs for Manulife's Investment Segment, global mobility total rewards strategies, and HR M&A due diligence. Calvin joined Manulife in September 2010 as Vice President, Global Pensions and Benefits. In that role, he had oversight of all the pension and benefits plans for Manulife's employees, agents, and retirees globally. Prior to joining Manulife, Calvin was the Senior Director of Global Pensions at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce from 2007 to 2010. From 1999 to 2007, Calvin was a consultant with Towers Watson in the US retirement business and subsequently the international consulting group. Calvin holds a Bachelor of Math in Actuarial Science degree from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Retirement Schemes Association and a Taskforce member of the Cross Straits Pension Forum.

Chihong An

*CEO / Managing Director – Seoul
Milliman Korea*

Chong Wen Ang, FIAA, FSAS

*Principal and Consulting Actuary
Milliman*

Chong Wen Ang is a Principal and Consulting Actuary in Milliman's Singapore office, with around 15 years of actuarial experience. He is also the Modelling Solutions Lead for South-East Asia (ex. Thailand). Chong Wen has led numerous IFRS17 implementation work for life insurers across Southeast Asia, covering conventional and Takaful businesses. In addition, Chong Wen's consulting experience also covers a wide range of assignments including M&A, regulatory reporting and EV reviews.

Dale Hall, FSA, MAAA, CERA, CFA

Managing Director of Research

Society of Actuaries

R. Dale Hall, FSA, MAAA, CERA, CFA is Managing Director of Research for the Society of Actuaries (SOA). In his role, Dale coordinates the SOA's strategic research partnerships, oversees SOA experience studies, coordinates research across the SOA's wide variety of actuarial practice areas, and directs the SOA's data-driven in-house research initiatives. He is a frequent speaker at insurance and retirement industry meetings to highlight SOA research, including presentations to the actuarial task forces of the NAIC and congressional committee testimony on pension plan mortality rates. He has appeared on behalf of the SOA in a variety of media outlets including coverage on C-SPAN and National Geographic's BREAKTHROUGH television series and hosts the Society of Actuaries Research Insights Podcast. Prior to joining the SOA, Dale spent over 20 years in the US insurance industry, primarily as Chief Actuary for the Life/Health companies of COUNTRY Financial. While at COUNTRY, he was active in industry as a member of the ACLI Actuarial Committee and was an adjunct professor in the actuarial science program at Illinois State University. Dale is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a Member of the American.

David Lu

Asia Pacific Chief Medical Officer

Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd, Hong Kong Branch

David joined Swiss Re in 2013, and now is Asia Pacific Chief Medical Officer of Swiss Re based in Hong Kong. His key responsibilities are leading the APAC Medical Officers team overseeing all medical related insurance risks and their trends, providing advice to and support business growth with a particular focus in Asia Pacific. Prior to joining Swiss Re, David had 10 years' experience of working at an international health insurance company. David is an orthopaedic surgeon graduated from Beijing Medical University and holds an DrMedSci from Hokkaido University. He is the Active Member of AAIM (American Academy of Insurance Medicine), and the Member of AIMJ (Association of Insurance Medicine of Japan).

Donat Piras, FIA, FASHK, CERA, FRM

Senior Business Development Manager

SwissRe

Donat Piras works as a Senior Business Development Manager for Swiss Re. Based in Hong Kong, he supports life insurers to optimize their capital through reinsurance. Prior to joining Swiss Re, he advised clients on IFRS 17, economic valuation and capital as an actuarial consultant in Hong Kong and Europe. Donat is a fellow of the IFOA and the ASHK, a CERA, an FRM and holds a Master in Quantitative Economics and Finance.

Elvin Tharm, FSA

Senior Managing Director, Head of Retirement Proposition, Strategy & Transformation, Asia Retirement Manulife Investment Management

Mr. Elvin Tharm is currently Senior Managing Director, Head of Retirement Proposition, Strategy & Transformation, Asia Retirement, of Manulife Investment Management. He is responsible for creating the strategic vision for the retirement business across Asia markets, leading the design and development of country-level retirement business propositions across products, investment platforms, distribution channels, and digital solutions. Prior to joining Manulife, Elvin was the Head of Business Development and Client Relationship for Mercer HK's Wealth business. He was responsible for bringing together pensions and investment solutions for institutional investors (pension funds, insurance companies, endowment funds, MNC firms) and wealth management intermediaries (banks, private banks, investment funds platforms) in HK, Singapore, Macau, Taiwan. Elvin graduated from the University of Iowa with a master's degree in Actuarial Science and the Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and the Actuarial Society of HK. He also serves as the Vice Chair of the Business and Strategy Sub-committee Member and a Taskforce member of the Cross Straits Pension Forum of the Hong Kong Retirement Schemes Association (HKRSA). He is also a member of the eMPF Tech Committee of the Institute of Financial Technologists of Asia (IFTA).

Ender Hasafah Nugrahani

*Lecturer, Actuarial Science Study Program
IPB University*

I am a lecturer at the Actuarial Science Study Program of IPB University in Bogor, the first established Actuarial Science study program in Indonesia in 2016. This study program is hosted by the Department of Mathematics at IPB University, where I have served for more than 30 years. After receiving my bachelor and master's degree in statistics from IPB University, I completed my doctoral degree in applied mathematics in 2003 from the University of Saarland, Germany. My teaching and research interests are in the field of Mathematical modelling and dynamical system analysis in Economics. Besides my in-campus lecturing activities, I have also participated in several scientific workshops and conferences both inland and overseas. Among others, I have participated in ICIAM (International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics) 2007 in Zurich, Switzerland, and ICIAM 2015 in Beijing, China, as well as the IME (Insurance: Mathematics and Economics) workshop and conference 2017 in Vienna, Austria, and IME 2019 in Munich, Germany.

Farzana Ismail

*Principal and Consulting Actuary
Milliman*

Farzana Ismail heads the Life Insurance and Family Takaful consulting practice in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Farzana has over 20 years of experience in the life insurance and family Takaful industry, covering a wide range of areas including par fund management, regulatory reporting, IFRS17 implementation, embedded value work, product pricing and capital management. She has worked on numerous M&A transactions and transfers of portfolios in South East Asia, Europe and the US (including assignments involving insurers with solvency issues)

Hana Ghazali, FIA, FASM

*Consulting Actuary
Milliman*

Hana is a Consulting Actuary at Milliman Kuala Lumpur. She has actuarial experience in the Malaysian and Hong Kong markets and has also been involved in projects across the Asian region. Her experience includes participating business management, M&A and conducting embedded value (“EV”) reviews. Prior to working as an actuarial consultant, Hana was a regulator and economist at Bank Negara Malaysia.

Harry Lee

*Head of Reinsurance Contracts Asia Pacific
Swiss Re Asia Pte. Ltd*

Mr. Harry Lee is Swiss Reinsurance's Head of P&C Reinsurance Contracts, Asia Pacific, based in Hong Kong. His function is part of Swiss Re's Global P&C Center of underwriting excellence. He owns the functional responsibility for drafting, reviewing, advising on P&C treaty and facultative reinsurance contracts (including complex reinsurance transactions wording or direct insurance policies) across Asia incl. ANZ, through partnership with underwriters and internal product structurers. Harry is Member of Global (Asia Pacific, EMEA, and America) P&C Reinsurance Contracts Leadership Team; steering strategies and transformation around risks management, portfolio analysis, and developing solutions related to (re)insurance contracts. Before joining Swiss Re, Harry had about 20 years of experience in the direct insurance space, holding claims management, in-house coverage counsel, and quality assurance roles with global carriers. His insurance products knowledge encompasses P&C, Marine, Financial Lines, and A&H. Harry is a regular speaker in client industry events, training, and CPD courses for the industry. He also spoke in the Oct 2023 SOA-AICT joint event.

Hassan Scott Paul Odierno, FSA

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