

**Kiwanis Malaysia Academy (KMA) and
School of Education (SOE) Sunway University
SEN Symposium 2026
21 & 22 November 2026 at Sunway University**

Day 1- 21 November 2026 – Symposium & Knowledge Forums

Time	Program
8:00 am	Registration and arrival of guests
9:00 am	Welcome Remarks by Professor Malissa Maria Mahmud, Dean, School of Education, Sunway University
	Speech by Chairman of the Kiwanis Khir Johari Foundation, Dato' Stewart LaBrooy
	Speech by YBhg Prof Dato Dr Elizabeth Lee, Group Chief Executive Officer, Sunway Education
	Official Opening Speech by Guest of Honor
	MoU Signing between KKJF and Sunway University witnessed by Guest of Honor
	Kiwanis Khir Johari Foundation (KKJF) Honoring Change-Makers Recognition 2026
10:10 am	Keynote Address by Professor Sibrandes Poppema, President & Vice Chancellor, Sunway University Topic: <i>When School Ends, Life Begins: The Adulthood Gap in Special Needs, A Journey to Independence</i>
10:30 am	Coffee break

11:00 am	<p>Forum 1</p> <p>Topic: Living Beyond 18: A Personal Journey to Independence</p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assoc. Prof. Dr Amanallah Soltani, Deputy Dean, School of Education, Sunway University • Dr Drew B Mallory, Professor of Management & Organization, Research Director, Neurodiversity at Work Research Centre, Sasin School of Management, Chulalongkorn University • Ms Amani Amrullah, Neurodivergent Adult
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	<p>Forum 2</p> <p>Topic: Best Practices for Adulthood Programmes</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Drew B Mallory Professor of Management & Organization, Research Director, Neurodiversity at Work Research Centre, Sasin School of Management, Chulalongkorn University</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assoc. Prof. Dr Astri Yulia, Deputy Dean, School of Education, Sunway University • Mr Jayasingh, Advisor & Project Director for Aktion Club of Kiwanis Changkat Jong • Ms Eileen Soon, Founder of Lemme Learn, Penang

2:00pm	<p>Forum 3</p> <p>Topic: Skills for Life - Supporting Employment & Independent Living</p> <p>Moderator: Puan Azura Abdul Rashid Senior Lecturer, School of Education, Sunway University</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Edwin Nathaniel, Music Mart • Madam Katherine Ho Tsui Mee, Founder, Persatuan Kebajikan Sinar Cahaya Istimewa Kuala Lumpur • Madam Catherine Kang P.J.K., President Kiwanis Club of Penang Central
3:00pm	Coffee Break
3:30 pm	<p>Live Podcast by Kita Family Podcast</p> <p>Topic: Beyond Survival: Preparing Neurodivergent Individuals for Secure, Dignified & Independent Adulthood</p> <p>Podcasters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pn Nori Abdullah, Chairman of Yayasan Budi Penyayang & Director of WRTS Taman Desa • Dr Choy Sook Kuen, Founder of Oasis Place • Datin Anit Kaur Randhawa, Partner, Asbir, Hira & Co • Pn Nik Nadia Nik Mohd Yusoff, Moderator of Autisme Malaysia Facebook • Ms Desiree Kaur, Founder of Project Haans
4:30 pm	Closing remarks for Day 1 by Chairman of Kiwanis Malaysia Academy, Dato' Fatimah Saad
5:00 pm	Day 1 ends.

Day 2 – Workshops & Practical Tracks

Time	Program	Remarks
8:00 am	Registration and arrival of participants	
9:30 am	Track 1: Workshop on Vocational Readiness <u>Trainer:</u> Ms Chow Jo Ann from EmployAble	
	Track 2: Workshop on Guardian Competency <u>Trainer:</u> Madam Jamilah Binti Kadir, Adjunct Professor, School of Education, Sunway University	
12:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Track 3: Workshop on Social Dignity and guidance neurodivergents into adulthood <u>Trainer:</u> Assoc. Prof. Dr Amanallah Soltani, Deputy Dean, School of Education, Sunway University	
	Track 4 : Planning for the future : Will/Trust/Insurance <u>Trainer:</u> Eugene Cheong Head of Legal, Asia Pacific, Wood McKenzie Parent with ASD son	
4:30 pm	Ends	