

# Is Age Just a Number?

## Leading a Multigenerational Workforce in Asia

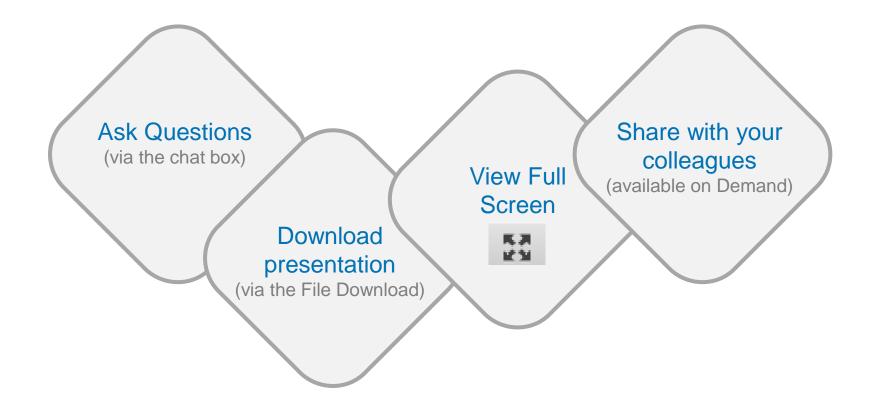
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## **Poll Question**

Is your Asia organization addressing the challenge of integrating multigenerational workforces?

- 1. Not yet
- 2. Just begun this journey
- 3. Yes, we are but still a long way off
- 4. We have well entrenched programs in place already



Figure 1

### Workers of all generations experience barriers associated with their ages

Q: In your experience, which of the following challenges do workers from different generations/ age groups *currently* experience in the workplace? Select all that apply for each group.

Silent generation	Baby boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z
Ageism (63%)	Ageism (65%)	Inadequate work/ life supports (46%)	Stereotypes associated with their age group (53%)	Stereotypes associated with their age group (65%)
Limited career advancement or growth opportunities (44%)	Limited career advancement or growth opportunities (54%)	Lack of job security (35%)	Inadequate work/ life supports (46%)	Ageism (56%)
Limited opportunities for professional development (42%)	Limited opportunities for professional development; lack of job security (both 46%)	Limited career advancement or growth opportunities (34%)	Lack of job security (36%)	Lack of job security (43%)

n=459

Source: The Multigenerational Workforce, The Conference Board, May 2022



#### Figure 2

## Top barriers to building an age-inclusive workplace: Lack of three elements—awareness, DEI initiatives focused on age diversity, and leadership interest in age issues

Q: What are the most important barriers to age diversity and inclusion that you have observed in your organization? Select your top 3 choices.

Top barriers to age diversity and inclusion	Percentage of respondents
Lack of awareness and/or knowledge of multigenerational and age diversity issues	47%
Lack of DEI initiatives that focus on age/generational diversity	43%
Lack of senior leadership interest in generational/age issues	40%
Age bias and stereotypes	38%
Limited resources dedicated to age diversity	28%
A challenging organizational culture	26%
Limited age diversity overall (e.g., most workers fall within the same age range)	16%

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