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## Journeying the Silk Road of Reproductive Care will bring global leaders in fertility health to Beijing

The Silk Road was an ancient network of trade routes linking the great civilizations of China, Europe and the Middle East. Apart from being a conduit for the exchange of goods, the Silk Road facilitated the sharing of ideas between diverse cultures that influenced the progress and enrichment of societies.

While most of the traditional trade routes no longer exist, the name Silk Road continues to serve as a metaphor for the interactive passage of knowledge, art and technology.

The term has been embraced by the Asia Pacific Initiative on Reproduction (ASPIRE) for its 15<sup>th</sup> Congress to be held in the China National Convention Centre in Beijing from 7 to 10 May 2026. Renowned for its academic and research institutions, Beijing is a hub for science, technology and international collaboration.

ASPIRE is the peak organisation of specialists in fertility science, medicine, nursing and counselling who are dedicated to improving knowledge and awareness of and equitable access to quality assisted reproductive technology across the Asia Pacific region.

*Journeying the Silk Road of Reproductive Care* is the theme of the Congress that will bring together more than 2,000 delegates from across the globe to address latest developments in assisted reproduction. It will showcase ASPIRE's commitment to creating the best possible outcomes for the one in six couples around the world who experience infertility.

A comprehensive scientific program will headline the Congress and an outstanding panel of leaders in fertility health will deliver lectures on topics including:

- advances in understanding of the human microbiome and new frontiers in genetics relating to fertility;
- plummeting total fertility rates around the world;
- access, equity and affordability of assisted reproductive medicine;
- cross border reproductive care;
- cultural and religious factors in assisted reproduction;
- artificial intelligence in the IVF laboratory;
- psychosocial impacts of infertility;
- fertility preservation in young cancer patients;
- social media influences on fertility awareness; and
- lifestyle factors affecting fertility health.

Further information on the ASPIRE Congress, go to <https://www.aspire2026.com> or contact Trevor Gill, ASPIRE Congress Media Relations Tel: (Australia) 61 418 821948 or email [lighthousepr@adelaide.on.net](mailto:lighthousepr@adelaide.on.net)