News Literacy: How to be a Discerning Media Consumer to Fight COVID-19 ‘infodemic’

Abstract

“We’re not just fighting an epidemic. We’re fighting infodemic,” declared WHO in mid-February amid the global health crisis over COVID-19. Why can’t we stop the constant stream of questionable rumours and misleading claims? Where do viral misinformation originate and how do they spread? Is there anything we can do about it? In this forum, Dr Kajimoto discusses the intertwined factors affecting our behaviours and shares some practical tips for identifying reliable, actionable information.