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A Regional Approach to Promoting Innovative Long-Term Care

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Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA),
HelpAge International, Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE),
Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

Background and Objectives

Rapid population aging is one of the key challenges faced by an increasing number of APEC economies, and was identified in Healthy Asia Pacific 2020 as an urgent issue to be jointly addressed. With the number of persons aged 60 years and over in the Asia-Pacific region expected to grow to nearly 1.3 billion by 2050—about one in four people—there is an urgent need for effective policy responses to adapt to the inevitability of an aging world.

The changing demographics will have a significant economic, social, and political impact on the region’s economies in the medium to long term. Among the most salient consequences will be the increasing burden on health and welfare costs and the resulting impact on economic growth and social stability. Family and institutional care alone cannot respond to the needs of the elderly. The establishment of long-term, community-based care systems is essential to enable the elderly to live and receive care and support within their communities. At the same time, the expected shortage of appropriate care providers to meet the expanding caregiving needs is a serious problem. The region’s economies must quickly put in place various measures to promote healthy life expectancy and encourage the economic independence of the elderly population to make welfare costs sustainable and communities more resilient.

An aging society is not only an economic challenge but it is inherently a health and human security issue. It will significantly impact the achievement of universal health coverage (UHC), which is essential to ensuring healthy and active lives for all throughout the life course, as set out in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Coordination and cooperation between the public and private sectors, including civil society, is critical in introducing and incorporating innovative approaches and technologies to address the challenges ahead.

Aging populations present a challenge, but they also offer opportunities. The fact that people live longer today is one of humanity’s greatest achievements. The opportunities that aging societies present are as endless as the contributions that a socially and economically active, healthy, elderly population can bring to society. Harnessing the potential and experience of older persons is essential to reap the benefits of an aging society.
This Forum offers an ideal platform to raise awareness of the urgency of addressing population aging, discuss the challenges and ways to harness the benefits of rapid aging in Asia-Pacific economies, and share good innovative practices. Participants will explore ways to enhance cross-border, cross-sectoral cooperation that will help societies adapt to an aging world by facilitating "aging in place" through the development of comprehensive, community-based, long-term care systems and through more effective international movement of qualified care workers.

In the adjoining room, 20 panel exhibitions and short stage presentations and performances are organized by JETRO, showcasing Japan’s latest and most useful innovations in the area of elderly care–related products and services and the promotion of healthy aging.

As APEC brings together many of the economies facing this common challenge of aging, the Forum, to be held on the sidelines of the 3rd SOM and related meetings, aims to promote dialogue and collective action on a regional policy framework, and to provide intellectual input to the SOM and facilitate policy debate among APEC officials.
Agenda

09:00–09:40 Opening Session

09:00–09:05 Opening
Akio Okawara, President and CEO, Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) (MODERATOR)

09:05–09:15 Welcome Remarks
Tien Nguyen Thi Kim, Minister of Health, Viet Nam

09:15–09:35 Keynote Speech
Keizo Takemi, Member, House of Councillors, Japan; Chairperson, Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)
Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah, Member, Parliament, Indonesia; Chairperson, Indonesian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IFPPD)

09:40–10:10 Session 1: Discovering Asia’s Pathway toward a Vibrant Aging Society

09:40–09:50 Overview of Global Demographic Change and its Economic Impact from a Macro Perspective
Soonman Kwon, Chief of Health Sector Group (Technical Advisor on Health), Asian Development Bank (ADB)

09:50–10:10 Overcoming the Challenges—Lessons Learned from Japan’s Experience
Koji Fujimoto, Deputy Director General, Office of Healthcare Policy, Cabinet Secretariat, Japan
Shigemi Kitahara, President, Kitahara Neurosurgical Institute (KNI), Japan

10:10–10:30 Coffee/ tea break

10:30–12:00 Session 2: The Essential Role of Community Systems for Long-Term Care

MODERATOR:
Eduardo Klien, Regional Director, Asia Pacific Regional Office, HelpAge International

PANEL:
Du Peng, Director, Institute of Gerontology, Renmin University of China
Vichai Chokeviwat, Member, Quality Control Committee under the National Health Security Act; President of Senior Citizen Council of Thailand; Former Expert in Health Promotion, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
Peh Kim Choo, Chief Executive Officer, Tsao Foundation; Director, Hua Mei Centre for Successful Ageing, Singapore
Faridah Binti Abu Bakar, Deputy Director (Family Health), Family Health Development Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
Koji Miura, Professor, Keio University Hospital Clinical and Translational Research Center; Former Director-General, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan
12:10–13:30  Luncheon  [Grand Mekong Ballroom]

  LUNCHEON SPEAKER
  Sarah Louise Barber, Director, WHO Kobe Center, Japan


  MODERATOR
  Reiko Hayashi, Director, Department of International Research and Cooperation, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, Japan

  PANEL:
  Diono Susilo, Head, Division of Empowerment of Foreign Human Resources for Health, Board of Development and Empowerment, Human Resources for Health, Ministry of Health, Indonesia
  Suvinda Samarakoon Singappuli, Director, National Secretariat for Elders, Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare, Sri Lanka
  Juan Antonio A. Perez III, Executive Director, Commission on Population, the Philippines
  Pham Thi Quynh Huong, Division for Japan-Europe and Southeast Asia, Department of Overseas Labor (DOLAB), Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affair (MOLISA), Viet Nam
  Wako Asato, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University, Japan

15:20–15:50  Closing Session: Way Forward for Policy Discussions and Decision-Making on Regional and Multisectoral Collaboration

  Keizo Takemi, Member, House of Councillors, Japan (MODERATOR)
  Eduardo Klien, HelpAge International (MODERATOR FOR SESSION 2)
  Reiko Hayashi, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (MODERATOR FOR SESSION 3)
  Jetn Sirathranont, Member of Parliament, Thailand; Secretary General, AFPPD
  Pham Le Tuan, Vice Minister of Health, Viet Nam

15:50–16:00  Closing Remarks

  Lubna Baqi, Deputy Regional Director, Asia Pacific Regional Office, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
  Hidetoshi Nishimura, President, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

16:00–17:30  Visit JETRO Exhibition & Performance  [Indochina Ballroom]

17:30–19:00  Buffet Reception  [Grand Mekong Ballroom]

  REMARKS
  Jun-ichi Kawauie, Consul General of Japan in Ho Chi Minh City
  Pham Le Tuan, Vice Minister of Health, Viet Nam
Biographical Notes

OPENING SESSION

Tien Nguyen Thi Kim
Minister of Health, Viet Nam

Tien Nguyen Thi Kim graduated in 1982 from the Hanoi Medical University, where she also trained as an internist specializing in epidemiology and public health (1982–1985). She obtained a Master in Epidemiology and Public Health degree from Bordeaux II University in France in 1994 and a PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Medicine & Pharmacy in Ho Chi Minh City in 1995. She completed her studies as an associate professor in epidemiology and public health in 2002. She first taught at the Hanoi Medical University (1985–1987), then worked as epidemiologist in charge of program management for the control of diarrheal disease and dengue hemorrhagic fever at the Epidemiology Department, Pasteur Institute, Ho Chi Minh City (1987–1993). At the Pasteur Institute, she was appointed vice chief of the Planning Department, responsible for research and international cooperation, and served as a member of the Scientific Council (1993–1998); deputy director of the Institute in charge of planning, research, and training (1998–2002); then director of the National Program for Control of Dengue and Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (2002–2007). From February 2007 to July 2011, she was appointed vice minister of health. She assumed her current role in August 2011 as minister of health, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Viet Nam and a member of the National Assembly.

Keizo Takemi
Member, House of Councillors, Japan; Chairperson, Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)

Keizo Takemi is a Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) member of the Japanese House of Councillors who also served as state secretary for foreign affairs in the Obuchi Cabinet in 1999, and as senior vice minister of health, labour and welfare in the first Abe Cabinet. Within the LDP, he is serving as chairman of the Special Mission Committee on Global Health Strategy of the Policy Research Council. Takemi is a senior fellow at JCIE. He has been involved in various global initiatives, including the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women’s and Children's Health, Global Health Workforce Alliance, WHO Expert Working Group on R&D Financing, and the International Organizing Committee of the Prince Mahidol Award Conference. He has also been serving as chair of the Parliamentary Caucus on Stop TB Partnership since March 2013, and chair of the AFPPD since October 2013.
Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah
Member, Parliament, Indonesia; Chairperson, Indonesian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IFPPD)

Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah serves as deputy chairperson of the Commission IX (Population and Health) of the Indonesian Parliament. She has also served as the chairperson of the IFPPD since 2015. Before joining the parliament, she served as senior adviser to the minister of cooperative and small business, and senior adviser to the minister of religious affairs. Hasbullah has also played various roles with international organizations such as UNICEF, Save the Children, and Helen Keller International, as well as with several institutions under Nahdatul Ulama (the largest Muslim organization in Indonesia).

Akio Okawara (MODERATOR)
President and CEO, Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE)

After graduating from Keio University with a BA in law, Akio Okawara joined Sumitomo Corporation in 1973. During the span of his 40-year career with the company, he served in the automotive, overseas transport, and other departments. He was seconded in the 1980s to Los Angeles to serve as assistant to the president of Mazda Motors America, and in 1991–1997 he was posted as director of business development in Washington DC. Back in Tokyo, he headed Sumitomo’s Information Analysis and Research Department. In 2004, he was posted to the Sumitomo Shoji Research Institute, and he served as the executive director of the institute from 2006 to 2013. In April 2014, Okawara became president and CEO of JCIE. He currently serves as a panel member of the US-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON) and is a member of the Foundation Council of the Japanese-German Center Berlin. He also serves as Japanese director of the UK-Japan 21st Century Group, and as a member of Japanese-German Forum and the Korea-Japan Forum. In the global health field, Okawara serves as director of the Global Health and Human Security Program Executive Committee, and director of the Friends of the Global Fund, Japan (FGFJ).

SESSION 1

Soonman Kwon
Chief of Health Sector Group (Technical Advisor on Health), Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Soonman Kwon is chief of the Health Sector Group (technical advisor on health) in the ADB. He was the dean of the School of Public Health at Seoul National University, and has held visiting positions at Harvard School of Public Health, London School of Economics, University of Toronto, and Peking University. He is the founding director of the WHO Collaborating Center for Health System and Financing. Kwon has been a member of advisory committees of the WHO Alliance for Health Policy
and Systems Research, Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, WHO Centre for Health Development (Kobe), and Swiss National Research Council. He served as president of the Korean Association of Schools of Public Health in 2013–2014 and of the Korean Gerontological Society in 2015–2016. He is now president-elect of the Korean Health Economic Association. He is also currently associate editor of Health Policy (Elsevier), and was editor of the Korean Journal of Public Health (2007–2009) and Korean Journal of Health Economics (2014–2015). With the WHO, World Bank, GIZ, and ADB, he has worked on health systems and financing in Algeria, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Uganda, and Viet Nam. He holds a PhD in health economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (1993) and taught at the University of Southern California School of Public Policy.

**Koji Fujimoto**  
**Deputy Director General, Office of Healthcare Policy, Cabinet Secretariat, Japan**

Upon graduating from the Tokyo Institute of Technology, where he majored in mechanical engineering, Koji Fujimoto joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (now the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, or METI) in 1987. He completed his Master in Public Policy at the Harvard University Kennedy School in June 1993. After working in various sections of METI, he was appointed director of the Medical and Assistive Device Industries Office of the Commerce and Information Policy Bureau in 2003. In 2005, he was seconded to the Dusseldorf Center in Germany of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) as director of the Light Machinery Industries Center. On returning to Japan, he returned to METI and was appointed as director of the Service Industries Division (2008–2011) and director of the Healthcare Industries Division (2011–2012) of its Commerce and Information Policy Bureau. He was appointed to serve in the Cabinet Secretariat in 2012, initially as counselor to the Office of Health and Medical Policy and then as deputy director-general of the Office of Health and Medical Policy from 2015.

**Shigemi Kitahara**  
**President, Kitahara Neurosurgical Institute (KNI), Japan**

Shigemi Kitahara graduated from the medical department of the University of Tokyo and was trained at the Tokyo University Medical School Hospital. In 1995, he created the Kitahara International Hospital in Hachioji, Tokyo. Currently, he manages five hospitals in Japan that offer comprehensive healthcare services from critical care to home care. Kitahara is also engaged in the Healthcare and Human Resource Development Project in Cambodia, which aims to construct Cambodia’s first international-standard critical care center and to train Cambodian medical staff. The hospital began operations in October 2016, and he is now expanding his work throughout the countries of Southeast Asia as well as in Japan.
Eduardo Klien (MODERATOR)
Regional Director, Asia Pacific Regional Office, HelpAge International

Eduardo Klien completed his undergraduate studies in political science and international economics in the Netherlands and the United States and obtained a MSc in economics at El Colegio de Mexico. He has 30 years of experience in social and economic development, working with academia, governments, and international organizations.

As an academic, Klien has been a lecturer in international economics at the University of Mexico and in 1997 was appointed as a research fellow in the International Development Center of the University of Oxford. In 2007, he was appointed research fellow at the Oxford Institute of Ageing of the University of Oxford.

Klien has served in senior positions in international organizations in Latin America and Africa. For the last 15 years, he has been in Asia, holding various directive positions in Laos, Viet Nam, and regionally. Currently, he serves as regional director for Asia/Pacific for HelpAge International, overseeing programs in collaboration with HelpAge network partners throughout the region. His work entails the promotion of social and economic adaptation to the changing demographic structures and to population aging, including policy development, knowledge and research on population aging, community-based programs, and supporting the voice of older people toward ensuring that current and future seniors can lead dignified, active, healthy, and secure lives.

Du Peng
Director, Institute of Gerontology, Renmin University of China

Vichai Chokevivat
Member, Quality Control Committee under the National Health Security Act; President, Senior Citizen Council of Thailand; former Expert in Health Promotion, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

Vichai Chokevivat is a general practitioner, a public health specialist, administrator, and policy advocate. He began his career as a director and a practitioner in two rural district hospitals in Thailand (1973–1984). Later, he served as provincial chief medical officer, director of the Epidemiology Division, deputy director general of the Department of Communicable Disease Control, inspector general of the Ministry of Public Health, secretary general of the Food and Drug Administration, and director general of the Department for Development of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine, and was promoted to the highest-ranking position of expert in health promotion in the Thai Ministry of Public Health, retiring in 2007. He is now a member of the Quality Control Committee under the National Health Security Act, councilor of the Chandrakasem Rajabhat University Council, and president of the Senior Citizen Council of Thailand. He previously served as a member of the National Reform Assembly Committee, president of the Government Pharmaceutical Organization, secretary general of the Thai General Medical Council, second deputy chairman of the Thai Health Promotion Foundation, councilor in the National Health Council, and member in the National Health Security Board, among other posts. He has been actively involved in the formation and governance of the Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and Western Pacific and of the Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review. He established and became director of the Institute for the Development of Human Research Protection in the Health System Research Institute (HSRI), Thailand. He has published more than 600 articles, mostly in Thai national newspapers, magazine, and journals, and over 20 books and booklets.

Peh Kim Choo
Chief Executive Officer, Tsao Foundation; Director, Hua Mei Centre for Successful Ageing, Singapore

Peh Kim Choo has more than 20 years of experience in the aged care sector. Trained as a social worker, counselling therapist, and clinical supervisor, she has worked in team-managed primary care, home-based health and psychosocial care as well as care management for elders living in the community. Currently, she is chief executive officer of the Tsao Foundation and the director of the Hua Mei Centre for Successful Ageing, the Foundation’s collective of seven pioneering aged care programs designed to enable good health and wellbeing over the life course and support aging in place.

Kim Choo is also the project leader for the Community for Successful Ageing at Whampoa, coordinating the efforts for the Foundation’s latest ground-breaking project: a community-wide approach to forging an integrated system of comprehensive programs and services with the aim of promoting health and wellbeing over the life course and enabling aging in place.
Faridah Binti Abu Bakar  
Deputy Director (Family Health), Family Health Development Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia  

Having received her MBBS and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Malaya, Faridah Binti Abu Bakar has worked with Malaysia’s Ministry of Health at various levels for more than 25 years. She served as family health officer (formerly known as maternal and child health officer) of the Perak State Health Department for more than 18 years. In that capacity, she was responsible for the implementation of family health programs and policies at the state and district levels. She was also responsible for monitoring and evaluating the quality and the impact of implementation at the state level.

Currently, Abu Bakar is deputy director (family health) of the Family Health Development Division at the Ministry of Health Malaysia, specializing in the field of public health, and particularly in family health. Her division is responsible for the development of family health policies and programs for the country, as well as monitoring and evaluating the outcome and the impact of the implementation. Her areas of interest include maternal and child health, quality initiatives in family health, children with special needs, adolescent health, and elderly health.

Koji Miura  
Professor, Keio University Hospital Clinical and Translational Research Center; former Director-General, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan  

A graduate of Keio University School of Medicine, Koji Miura joined Japan’s Ministry of Health and Welfare in 1983. He received his Master of Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health and completed his PhD at Keio University. He has occupied many significant posts in the Health Ministry as well as other ministries including the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). During his career as a medical officer, he played an important role in introducing and managing long-term insurance for the elderly. After serving as director general of the Health and Welfare Bureau of the Health Ministry for two years, he is currently teaching at Keio University’s School of Medicine.
Sarah Louise Barber is a health economist and policy specialist, and holds doctorate and post-doctorate qualifications from the University of California, Berkeley (USA), focusing on economic evaluation. Before becoming director of the WHO Kobe Centre, she worked on strategic policy issues with the World Health Organization, including as senior health policy advisor in the Office of the Regional Director for Africa, WHO representative to South Africa, team leader for Health Systems Development in China, and health policy advisor in Indonesia and Cambodia. Prior to working with the WHO in China, she was managing evaluation research at the UC Berkeley Institute of Business and Economic Research, and at the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico.

In South Africa, China, Indonesia, and Mexico, she developed programs of technical cooperation and research to advance reforms to achieve universal health coverage. Over the past 25 years, she has published widely on diverse topics in health economics and policy analysis, including the role of the private healthcare sector, conditional cash transfers, human resources, insurance and provider payment reforms, quality of care assessments, policies for essential medicines, monitoring and evaluation, migration, and fiscal policies.

Reiko Hayashi is director of the Department of International Research and Cooperation at the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (Japan) since April 2012. Prior to this position, she served in Senegal as technical advisor to the Minister of Health (2008–2011), as an expert on the development of community health workers in the Project for Development of Human Resources in Health (2002–2003), and was engaged in other projects concerning population and health in various countries, notably the French-speaking African countries. She is a regular member of the Japanese delegation to the United Nations Commission on Population and Development and also a member of the Advisory Panel on Global Health of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan. Her research topics cover health and population development, and her current focus is on global aging and international migration of care personnel. She holds a PhD in policy studies from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan.
**Diono Susilo**  
Head, Division of Empowerment of Foreign Human Resources for Health, The Board of Development and Empowerment Human Resources for Health, Ministry of Health, Indonesia

Diono Susilo started his carrier in 1994 as a functional medical dentist in a center of public health of Cahaya Negeri at South Bengkulu District, Bengkulu Province, where he worked for three years. From 1998 to 2001, he joined the Directorate of General Hospital and Education in Directorate General of Medical Services. He continued his carrier in Jakarta in the Board of Development and Empowerment Human Resources for Health at the Ministry of Health as a sub-division head of capability enhancement profession and foreign health workforce in 2005-2010. He was promoted to head the Division of Continuing Education in the Center of Standardization of Certification and Continuing Education in 2011-2015. From 2016 to the present, Dr. Susilo serves as head of the Division of Empowerment of Foreign Human Resources for Health at The Board of Development and Empowerment Human Health Resources.

A 1992 graduate from the Faculty of Dentistry of the University of Indonesia in 1992, he completed his Master of Public Health at Mahidol University of Thailand in 2001 and received his Diploma on Health Administration and Policy at Seoul National University in 2013.

**Suvinda Samarakoon Singappuli**  
Director, National Secretariat for Elders, Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare, Sri Lanka

Suvinda Samarakoon Singapulli is the director of the National Secretariat of Elders under the Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare, which also serves as the Secretariat of the SLPPD. In this role, Singappuli leads the activities in implementation of elder care in Sri Lanka. Since joining government service in 1999, Singappuli has held positions at several government institutions in roles including commissioner of the Cooperative of Southern Province, divisional secretary in Kamburupitiya, and senior assistant secretary in the Ministry of Health, among others.

**Juan Antonio A. Perez III**  
Executive Director, Commission on Population, Philippines

Juan Antonio A. Perez III has had over 27 years of experience in public- and private-sector health programs in the Philippines. He has managed substantial programs for the Philippines Department of Health, USAID, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Since September 2013, he assumed the position of executive director of the Commission on Population of the Philippines. His previous assignment was OIC director IV of the Bureau of Local Health Development (2011–2012), and in the first half of 2011, he was head executive assistant to the Secretary of Health. In 2010, he was team leader for the Environmental Health Impact Assessment of the Tampakan Copper Gold project. From 2007 to 2010, he was one of the key experts (Reform
Implementation Coordination) for the European Commission’s Technical Assistance to Health Sector Policy Support Program in the Philippines. He was chief of party for the Philippine TIPS project funded by USAID (2002–2006). Perez was also a member of the senior management team at the Friendly Care Foundation, which supports 10 private, community-based family planning/family health clinics. There, he played a central role in developing Friendly Care’s new DOTS treatment protocol and service package for TB. From 1992 to 1999 he was the senior manager in the Department of Health, managing issues related to the devolution of health services under the Local Government Code and the modification of the health information system used by all local health units under the decentralized health system. He is former director of the Philippine Population Association and helped found the Reproductive Health Action Network in 2001–2002.

Pham Thi Quynh Huong
Officer, Japan-Europe and Southeast Asia Division, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA)

Pham Thi Quynh Huong studied at the Hanoi National University, obtaining a business degree in 2000. She attended the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management in Viet Nam from 2007 to 2010 and completed her Master of Business Management through the Viet Nam Belgium Business Master Program. She was first employed as an import-export expert at the Hanoi General Production and Import-Export Company (Haprosimex) from 2000 to 2011. In 2011, she moved to MOLISA and was assigned to the Department of Overseas Labour, where she currently serves as officer at the Japan-Europe and Southeast Asia Division.

Wako Asato
Associate Professor, Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University, Japan

Wako Asato is associate professor of the Graduate School of Letters at Kyoto University, Japan. He is a sociologist specializing in social welfare and migration in East and Southeast Asia. Since 2000, he has been conducting extensive fieldwork, particularly in the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Japan on migration and social integration. He has also conducted research on elderly care and migration in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and some European countries. Currently, he is also interested in establishing an education/social integration program for migrant children in collaboration with the Commission on Filipinos Overseas of the government of the Philippines and a local government in Japan. He was awarded the Presidential Award of the Philippines in 2014. Since there is a strong demand for methodology on elderly care in rapidly aging Asian countries, he often brings vocational professors or representatives from care worker associations to China, Taiwan, Thailand, and Indonesia to assist the establishment of long-term care in the region.
CLOSING SESSION

Keizo Takemi (MODERATOR)
Member, House of Councillors, Japan
See above.

Eduardo Klien
HelpAge International (MODERATOR FOR PANEL 2)
See above.

Reiko Hayashi
National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (Moderator for Panel 3)
See above.

Jetn Sirathranont
Member of Parliament, Thailand; Secretary General, AFPPD
Jetn Sirathranont has served as secretary-general of AFPPD since 2014. Sirathranont is a medical doctor and has been working on health issues as a legislator. In his capacity as the current chairperson of the Public Health Committee of Thailand’s National Legislative Assembly as well as AFPPD’s secretary-general, Sirathranont is leading advocacy efforts to address teenage pregnancy issues through a Reproductive Health Protection Bill in Thailand. He served two terms as a member of the Senate of Thailand, from 2008 to 2011 and from 2011 to 2014. From 2013 to 2014, he chaired the Standing Committee on Public Health of the Senate.

Pham Le Tuan
Vice Minister of Health, Viet Nam
Pham Le Tuan, MD, PhD, is currently vice minister of health of Viet Nam. He worked for many years at the Ha Noi Health Department as health planning official before being promoted to vice director of Ha Noi Health Department in 2002. He moved to the Ministry of Health as vice director of planning and finance in 2008 and director in 2009. He was appointed vice minister of health in May 2013, responsible for issues related to health planning and budgeting, social health insurance, health systems and grassroots health. He is chair of the National Consulting Committee on Health Insurance since 2016. He is also head of the Family Medicine Faculty at Ha Noi Medical University since 2012. He received his medical doctor degree from Ha Noi Medical University in 1982, Master in Primary Health Care Management from Mahidol University, Thailand in 1995 and PhD from the Military Medical University, Viet Nam in 2000. He has intensive and extensive knowledge and experience in health planning, health financing and primary health care. He is one of the key persons at the Ministry of Health to strongly support and advocate for Universal Health Coverage in Viet Nam. He plays a leading role in reforming health system and health financing, such as restructuring primary care,
developing basic health benefit packages, health technology assessment, and payment mechanism.

CLOSING REMARKS

Lubna Baqi
Deputy Regional Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO)

Lubna Baqi is the acting Regional Director of the UNFPA APRO, based in Bangkok. She has over 25 years of experience working in the development field, many of them at UNFPA.

Since 2011, Baqi has served as deputy regional director of UNFPA APRO, providing oversight and support to the 23 UNFPA country offices in the region and managing the work of the program and technical and communications teams in the regional office, including regional interventions and strategic partnerships. Prior to this, she was associate director of the UN Development Operations Coordination Office in New York (2007–2010), where she led the Programme Support and Global Quality Standards Team, responsible for promoting program coherence and innovation under the UN development system.

Prior to that, she was UNFPA representative in Sri Lanka and country director in the Maldives (2003–2007), supporting the development and implementation of program operations as well as the humanitarian response to the devastating 2004 Asian tsunami. She also served in Egypt as the acting UNFPA representative and deputy representative (2001–2003).

Baqi holds a Master of Science degree in economics from the Development Planning Unit of University College London, London University, and a Bachelor of Arts in social sciences and diploma in business administration from the University of Westminster, UK.

Hidetoshi Nishimura
President, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

Hidetoshi Nishimura graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Tokyo and joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry in 1976. He has assumed numerous positions, including representative of the Asia-Pacific Region of the Japan Overseas Development Corporation, director of the Southeast Asia and Pacific Division of the Trade Policy Bureau, vice governor for international affairs of Ehime Prefecture, director-general of the Business Support Department of the Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, executive managing director of the Japan-China Economic Association, and president of the Japan-China Northeast Development Association. He was appointed executive director of ERIA in June 2008, then president in June 2015. Nishimura also serves as visiting professor at Waseda University, Darma Persada University, and as a fellow at the Meiji Institute for Global Affairs, Meiji University.
About the Organizers

Government of Japan

The government of Japan is a strong advocate for UHC. Through the global health policies implemented as part of Japan’s development cooperation (as set out in the Basic Design for Peace and Health, announced in September 2015), the government of Japan is helping countries achieve UHC in a way that ensures affordable access to basic health services while accommodating the growing needs created by rapidly aging populations—a trend that is particularly acute in Asia. In 2016, the government of Japan launched a new initiative called the “Asia Health and Wellbeing Initiative (AHWIN)” that aims to promote bilateral and regional cooperation on aging-related challenges in the Asian region. In July 2017, the government of Japan hosted the ASEAN-Japan Health Ministers Meeting in Tokyo, where the importance of UHC and addressing the emerging needs of ageing populations were emphasized.

Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

As the APEC Chair for 2017, the government of Viet Nam has shown its firm commitment to addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by population aging, recognizing that Viet Nam is projected to be one of the most rapid population aging countries in the Asia Pacific region in the future. In July 2017, the government of Viet Nam hosted the “APEC International Workshop on Adaptation to Population Aging Issue” in Ha Noi. In August, the Vietnamese government is jointly organizing the Multistakeholder Forum on the sidelines of APEC SOM3 and related meetings in Ho Chi Minh City. The outcomes and recommendations derived from these two events will be shared with the APEC Health Working Group and the Policy Dialogue on promoting healthy aging and non-communicable diseases control toward healthy Asia Pacific, which are to be held in Ho Chi Minh City the week after the Forum.

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development is the oldest regional network of parliamentarians across Asia and the Pacific. Since its inception in 1981, AFPPD has committed to engaging with parliamentarians to champion policies on population and development. AFPPD’s mission is to encourage and promote parliamentary work to obtain government and public support in facilitating population and development policies and legislation on ensuring healthy lives and human wellbeing, eradicating poverty, and contributing to sustainable development. AFPPD envisions a world where demographic changes and population issues are taken into account in planning for sustainable development. AFPPD aims to realize its vision through parliamentary work by (1) advocating for, formulating, and amending policies and legislation that promote active aging, investing in youth, gender equality and women’s empowerment, and other population issues; (2) holding governments accountable for their related commitments and implementation; and (3) advocating for increased financial resources in these areas. Since 2016, the AFPPD Strategic Plan (2016–2019) has aimed at national capacity building and political influence in accelerating the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development’s Programme of Action and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda 2030.
Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia is an international organization based in Jakarta. Since its founding in 2008, ERIA, through its research, supports the regional economic integration process among ASEAN member countries. As the leading economic think tank in the region and the Sherpa institution for the East Asia and ASEAN Summit process, ERIA’s research and policy recommendations have influenced the policymaking process in the region. ERIA conducts research under three pillars: (1) deepening economic integration; (2) narrowing development gaps; and (3) sustainable economic development. ERIA’s studies cover a wide range of areas such as trade and investment, human resource and infrastructure development, globalization, and energy issues. ERIA publishes books, reports, discussion papers, and policy briefs that present the key recommendations of its studies. In partnership with regional research institutes, ERIA regularly conducts capacity-building seminars and workshops for policymakers, administrators, researchers, and business managers of the CLMV countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Viet Nam) and other developing areas in East Asia to strengthen the link between research and policymaking.

HelpAge International

HelpAge International is the secretariat of a global network of organizations with a mission to work with and for disadvantaged older people worldwide to achieve a lasting improvement in the quality of their lives. The HelpAge Asia Pacific Regional Office is based in Chiang Mai, Thailand. It engages with national network partners across Asia, supported in some countries by HelpAge country offices.

Since 1988, HelpAge has worked together with this network on a wide range of issues such as social protection, community-based organizations, livelihoods, health and care, and rights promotion. It also responds to emergencies and promotes resilience through disaster risk reduction. HelpAge in Asia promotes the social and economic adaptations needed in policies and national systems to help governments prepare for rapid population aging. HelpAge works closely with governments and policymakers, academic institutions, UN/NGOs, and older people’s groups by bringing people together, sharing knowledge, piloting innovation, conducting research, and skills transfer.

Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE)

Founded in 1970, JCIE is one of the leading independent, nongovernmental organizations in the field of international affairs in Japan. It organizes policy-oriented studies, dialogues, and exchange programs that bring together key figures from diverse sectors of society, both in Japan and overseas. JCIE is headquartered in Tokyo, and it operates with an American affiliate, JCIE/USA, in New York. For more than a decade, JCIE has been a leader in policy research and dialogue in the health sector through its Global Health and Human Security Program, which seeks to develop a better understanding of the critical value of human security to global health and aims to explore ways for Japan to enhance its leadership role in global health over the long term and to build domestic and international support for such a role. As an extension of that work, in 2017 it began looking at the critical impact of aging on Japanese and other societies. Partnering with ERIA, it has launched a program on Healthy and Active Aging in Asia, which will work in close consultation with the government of Japan’s AHWIN initiative and will contribute to the promotion of bilateral and regional cooperation on aging-related challenges in Asia.
Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

JETRO is a government-related organization that works to promote mutual trade and investment between Japan and the rest of the world. Originally established in 1958 to promote Japanese exports abroad, JETRO's core focus in the 21st century has shifted toward promoting foreign direct investment into Japan and helping small- to medium-sized Japanese firms maximize their global export potential. JETRO was designated as a core organization tasked with facilitating overseas business expansion by Japanese companies active in the nursing-care industry in the "Growth Strategy 2017" and the "Asia Health and Human Wellbeing Initiative" set forth by the Japanese government. It has been introducing Japanese products and services related to nursing care to the rest of the world through numerous business matching events both overseas and within Japan.