

Paper for the House Committee
Report on Multistakeholder Forum on
"Investing in Healthy and Active Ageing for Sustainable Growth"
and Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development
Standing Committee Meeting on Active Ageing

1. Purpose

This report summarizes key observations at the Multistakeholder Forum on "Investing in Healthy and Active Ageing for Sustainable Growth" and Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Standing Committee Meeting on Active Ageing (the Forum) held at The New World Saigon Hotel in Ho Chi Ming City, Vietnam, from 15 to 17 August 2017.

2. Background

- a. The Forum was jointly organised by six unique parties¹ with the overarching goal of discussing the challenges and opportunities presented by rapid ageing Asia-Pacific economies and exploring ways to enhance cross-border and cross-sectoral cooperation between multiple jurisdictions. An approximate of 150 delegates were invited and expected to attend the Forum comprising of senior government officials, corporate leaders, researchers and international/non-government organisation representatives.
- b. The Legislative Council of the Hong Kong SAR of the People's Republic of China ("LegCo") received an invitation on 21 April 2017 to nominate up to three LegCo Members to attend the Forum. Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Hon YUNG Hoi-yan and I were nominated. Expenses incurred in attending the Forum were charged to the Overseas Duty Visit accounts of the attendees.

¹ The Government of Japan, the Government of Vietnam, Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), HelpAge International, Japan Centre for International Exchange (JCIE), and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO).

3. The Forum

The Forum lasted for three days and brought together 20 high-calibre speakers. Of the 20 speakers, there were 2 keynote addresses and 18 presentations.

In particular, below are the few speeches that were highly relevant to the themes in question:

1 Keynote Speeches

1.1 *Ageing Populations and Sustainable Growth, Pathway Toward a Vibrant Ageing Society*

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

1.2 *On the Responsibilities of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation to Ageing Populations*

Ermalena Muslim Husblah, Member, Parliament, Indonesia

2 Presentations

2.1 *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)

2.2 *Overcoming the Challenges—Lessons Learned from Japan's Experience (2 Parts)*

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

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

2.3 *The Community for Successful Ageing*

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

2.4 *Dispatching Vietnamese Nurses and Caregivers to Japan Under the VJEPA*

Pham Thi Quynh Huong, Division for Japan-Europe and Southeast Asia, Department of Overseas Labour (DOLAB), Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA), Viet Nam

2.5 *Who Cares? Challenges of Cross-Border Movement of Care Workers*

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

3 Luncheon Speech

3.1 Sarah Louise Barber

Director, WHO Kobe Centre, Japan

Additionally, there was a planned visit to Ben Tre city to observe the management and day to day operations of social/community centres around the area on 16 August.²

4. Observations

It was highlighted in the Forum that an ageing population comes with serious consequences. Six points were particularly relevant to the topic in question, and were executively summarised as follows:^{3, 4}

- i. Rapid population ageing is a common challenge that transcends national boundaries and requires a multisectoral approach. Rapid population ageing was identified in *Healthy Asia Pacific 2020* as an urgent issue that should be jointly addressed by both private and public sector - as it requires the involvement of parliamentarians, the various levels of national and local government, the business sector, the healthcare sector, civil society, and the elderly themselves. Population ageing and the resultant increase in the demand for healthcare services for the elderly began in industrialized economies and has begun spreading like a wave to affect middle-and low-income economies in the Asia-Pacific region – of which, Japan is a notable example.
- ii. Immediate action is needed to formulate appropriate policies to meet the needs of increasing numbers of elderly persons. The multifaceted nature of the issue calls for the strong commitment of parliamentarians, LegCo Members in the instance of Hong Kong, who can play a crucial role in cutting across the jurisdictions of various government branches to formulate comprehensive policies.
- iii. Ageing populations present a challenge, but healthy and active ageing can be turned into opportunities – expanding products, services and even the job market. Innovations in healthcare, internet technologies and management logistics can likewise promote healthy ageing and address the rising needs of elderly care. Active participation of elderly persons in the economy, moreover, can have a positive impact if

² See Appendix 1 for further information on the scheduling of said speeches and discussion that took part on the day of the event.

³ Japan Centre for International Exchange (2017). *Investing in Healthy and Active Ageing for Sustainable Growth*. MULTISTAKEHOLDER FORUM. Japan Centre for International Exchange, pp.3-5.

⁴ I paraphrase and add on to the existing thought as necessary.

appropriate social and economic structures are put in place. Therefore, enabling the ageing population to carry on a productive life for as long as they are willing and/or capable to do so.

- iv. An ageing population is not only an economic challenge, but it is also inherently a health and security issue. As healthcare improves along with technological advancements, the burden of an ageing population will inevitably become more noticeable. Countermeasures such as that set out by in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is imperative to ensure that no one, regardless of age and gender—and especially no one among the more vulnerable groups—is left behind.
- v. Community-based care systems are the key to long-term care. The reason why this is the case is that not only is it more cost-effective, as it shifts the level of responsibility to the community instead of the government, but more importantly, community-based care systems respond to the desire of elderly persons better. That is to remain at home and age in place.⁵ Furthermore, this model/approach is also highly replicable in middle-to-low-income countries. The only limiting factor to this approach is the mindset/culture of citizens within a given area.
- vi. Regional cooperation is crucial for the development of care workers and the promotion of their effective circulation within the region. This is possible by signing of bilateral and multilateral agreements (e.g., MRAs). Caregiver training and qualifications need to be standardized and harmonized across different jurisdictions to enable and encourage circulation within and outside any given region in Asia. That is notwithstanding how essential it is to give adequate social recognition to care workers, protect their human and labour rights, and ensure opportunities for their career development.

Recommendation: Evidence-based policy is needed to successfully address the challenges of rapid population ageing. The appropriate metrics and indicators must be identified and utilized at the national and international levels to find holistic and pragmatic policy solutions. While each country must find its way of caring for the welfare of its elderly population in keeping with the local context, it is essential to build a solid foundation to facilitate local and international management of ageing populations by prioritizing global, regional and national policy discussions.

⁵ Note: This preference is based on the findings native to Japan.

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3 July 2020

[Appendix 1] Timeline/Schedule

15 August 2017 (Tue.)

Time	Event & Details	Venue
09:00 – 09:45	Opening Session	Ben Thanh Hall
09:00 – 09:05	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Akio Okawara, President and CEO, Japan Centre for International Exchange (JCIE) (moderator) 	
09:05 – 09:15	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Representative of Government of Vietnam 	
	Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keizo Takemi, Member, House of Councillors, Japan; Chair, Asian Forum on Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) - Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah, Member, Parliament, Indonesia; Chairperson of Indonesian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development 	
09:40 – 09:50	Session 1: Discovering Asia's Pathway toward a Vibrant Ageing Society	
	Overview on Global Demographic Change and its Economic Impact from a Macro Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 break	
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Session 2: The Essential Role of Community Systems for Long term Care</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eduardo Klien, Regional Director, Asia Pacific (APRO), HelpAge International <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Du Peng, Director, Institute of Gerontology, Renmin University of China - Koji Miura, Professor, Keio University Hospital Clinical and Translational Research Centre; Former Director-General, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan - Vichai Chokevivat, 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 	

12:10 – 13:30	<p>Luncheon</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Louise Barber, Director, WHO Kobe Centre, Japan <p>Luncheon Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S.B. Dissannayake, Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare, Sri Lanka 	Grand Mekong Ballroom
13:40 – 15:20	<p>Session 3: A Regional Approach to Capacity Development and the Cross Border Movement of Care Workers</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reiko Hayashi, Director, Department of International Research and Cooperation, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, Japan <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Juan Antonio A. Perez III, Executive Director, Commission on Population, the Philippines - Suvinda Samarakoon Singappuli, Director, National Secretariat for Elders, Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare , Sri Lanka - Usman Sumantri, Director General/Head of Board for Development and Empowerment Human Resources of Health, Ministry of Health, Indonesia - Wako Asato, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University, Japan - Representative of Government of Vietnam 	Ben Thanh Hall
15:20 – 15:50	Closing Session: Way Forward for Policy Discussions and Decision-making on Regional and	

	<p>Multisectoral Collaboration</p> <p>Keizo Takemi, Member, House of Councillors, Japan (moderator)</p> <p>Eduardo Klien, HelpAge International (moderator for Session 2)</p> <p>Reiko Hayashi, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (moderator for Session 3)</p> <p>Jetn Sirathranont, Member of Parliament, Thailand; Secretary General, AFPPD</p> <p>Tran Thi Giang Huong, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health of Vietnam; Vice Chair, APEC Health Working Group</p>	
15:50 – 16:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Lubna Baqi, Deputy Regional Director, Asia Pacific Regional Office, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</p> <p>Hidetoshi Nishimura, President, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)</p>	
16:00 – 17:30	Visit JETRO Exhibition & Performance	Indochina Ballroom
17:30 – 19:00	Buffet Reception	Grand Mekong Ballroom

16 August 2017 (Wed.)

Time	Event & Details	Notable Remarks
07:00 – 09:00	Travel from Ho Chi Minh City to Ben Tre City	Ben Thanh Hall
09:00– 10:30	Visit Ben Tre Social Protection Centre in Ben Tre City - Brief introduction about the centre - Visit the centre	Organized by Ben Tre DoLISA At Social Protection Centre meeting room (the centre provides cares for both children and older people)
10:30– 11:30	Brief introduction about the community-based organization - Intergenerational Self-Help (ISHC) model	At Social Protection Centre meeting room
11:30– 12:45	Travel to Ben Tre city Lunch	6 km far from the Social Protection Centre Viet Uc Hotel
12:45– 14:00	Travel to Son Dinh commune, Cho Lach District	Organized by Ben Tre DoLISA in collaboration with Ben Tre Association of the Elderly (AE)
14:00– 14:30	-Observe ISHC physical exercise (outdoor if it is not rainy or not too much sunny) -Observe ISHC cultural performance (in door) -Visit ISHC photo display	Lead by Son Dinh ISHC, interpretation by HelpAge
14:30– 15:30	Meeting with ISHC leaders and members and local authority - Introduction (AFPPD and DOLISA) - ISHC activities and impacts - ISHC management system - ISHC impact and replication by the local authority - Q&A	Son Dinh ISHC, AE at all levels, local authorities, Ben Tre DoLISA
15:30–	Home visits	2 groups: each group will

16:30		visit 1 homecare case and 1 livelihood case, or at least one home care case
16:30– 19:00	Return to Ho Chi Minh city	Organized by HAIV

17 August 2017

Time	Event & Details
08:30 – 08:35	<p>Opening Remarks Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, Japan Chairperson, AFPPD; Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing Launching Ceremony of the Briefing Cards for Parliamentarians (in Vietnamese)</p>
08:35 – 08:50	<p>Welcoming Remarks Hon. Mme. Nguyen Anh Thuy, Vietnam Chairperson, PCSA of the National Assembly of Vietnam; Chairperson, VAPPD (TBD) Ministry of Health</p>
08:50 – 09:00	<p>Report from AFPPD Secretariat Ms. Mika Marumoto, Executive Director, AFPPD *Agenda Overview and Objectives of the 2nd Meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing & Expected Results</p>
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Expert Presentations: Topic 1: Evidence-based Policymaking towards Community-based Long-Term Care (1) Dr. Giang Thanh Long, Professor of the Institute of Public Policy and Management (IPPM), Research Fellow of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing “Vietnam Pilot Ageing Survey – Outcomes and Evidence-based Policymaking” (15 min) Topic 2: Regional Challenges, Commitments and Frameworks on Ageing (with focus on Community-based Long-Term Care Services) (2) Ms. Thelma Key, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore; Former Director of Social Development Division, UNESCAP * Progress and Challenges in Implementing MIPAA – Commitments related to community-based integrated long-term care and human resources: Comparative Analysis of LTC Worker Certification Pathways” (15 min) Topic 3: Global Campaign toward a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons</p>

	<p>(3) Ms. Bridget Sleaf, Senior Rights Policy Advisor, HelpAge International * Global movement toward a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons – Is there “normative gaps” in effective design and implementation of community-based integrated long-term care?” (15 min) Reflections from academia and CSOs (20 min)</p> <p>(4) Mr. Eduardo Klien, Regional Director of East Asia Pacific, HelpAge International “Updates of New Global Age Index toward developing holistic policymaking for community-based integrated services for older persons” (5~7 min)</p> <p>(5) Prof. Asato Wako, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University (5~7 min) (6) Dr. Aabha Chaudhary, Chairperson, Anugraha India (5~7 min) Q & A (25 min)</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:45	<p>Open Discussion on AFPPD’s Recommended Actions & Inputs from Legislators of APEC Member Economies Standing Committee Members’ Statements regarding their respective national committees’ activities on ageing, recommended actions for AFPPD. Legislators of APEC Member Economies’ Inputs Other Stakeholders’ Comments – CSOs; Experts Recommendations will be made to:</p> <p>(1) APEC Senior Officials and the Health Working Group on August Week 4</p> <p>(2) MIPAA Regional Review Meeting on 14-15 September 2017.</p> <p>(3) AFPPD 83rd Executive Committee and the 12th General Assembly on 7-8 October 2017. Chair’s Wrap-up</p>
12:45 – 12:55	<p>Closing Remarks Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, Japan, Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing</p>

12:55 – 13:00	Evaluation
13:00 – 14:00	Luncheon

[Appendix 2] About the Speakers⁶

Abu Bakar, Faridah⁷

Faridah Abu Bakar is a medical doctor with Master's in Public Health, currently working as Deputy Director of Family Health in the Family Health Development Division of the Ministry of Health Malaysia for the past four years.

Asato, Wako⁸

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 ageing 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.

Baqi, Lubna⁹

Lubna Baqi is the acting Regional Director of the UNFPAAPRO, 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–

⁶ In alphabetical order according to last/family names.

⁷ Safemothersandnewborns.org. (2019). *Faridah Abu Bakar - Participant - SAFE MOTHERS & NEWBORNS*. [online] Available at: http://www.safemothersandnewborns.org/participant//asset_publisher/pCNeMaUEIrqI/content/faridah-abu-bakar [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

⁸ Investing in Healthy and Active Ageing for Sustainable Growth - A Regional Approach to Promoting Innovative Long-Term Care. (2017). 1st ed. [ebook] Tokyo: Japan Center for International Exchange, p.13. Available at: http://www.jcie.or.jp/japan/programbook_final.pdf [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

⁹ Supra note 6, p. 15.

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.

Barber, Sarah Louise¹⁰

Dr 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 WHO in China, she was managing evaluation research at the University of California Berkeley's Institute of Business and Economic Research, and the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico.

Chokevivat, Vichai¹¹

Dr Vichai Chokevivat is currently the chair of the Board of the Government Pharmaceutical Organisation of Thailand. He used to be the Chair of the Committee to Support the Implementation of the Government Use of Patents, established under the Ministry of Public Health. Dr Chokevivat used to be the Chair of the Rural Doctors Society in 1982 and received the Outstanding Rural Doctor Award from Siriraj Hospital and Medical School in 1986. He had also held the posts of Secretary-General of the Food and Drug Administration and Director-General of the Department for Development of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicines, before retiring from his final post as Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Public Health in 2007.

¹⁰ WHO Kobe. (2019). *Dr Sarah Louise Barber*. [online] Available at: https://extranet.who.int/kobe_centre/en/director [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

¹¹ Bio Medical Central. (2011). *Government use licenses in Thailand: The power of evidence, civil movement and political leadership*. [online] Available at: <https://globalizationandhealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1744-8603-7-32> [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

Choo, Peh Kim¹²

Trained as a social worker and counselling therapist and clinical supervisor, Kim Choo has more than 20 years of experience in the sector of aged care. She is especially interested in advancing psychological intervention for health and self-actualisation among older persons.

Du, Peng¹³

Prof. Du Peng was born in Beijing on April 1963. He received his post-doctoral degree at the Duke University Population Research Institute, and was a visiting scholar at the Centre for Ageing Studies at Flinders University, Australia, and Fulbright Fellow at the Davis School of Gerontology and Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work at University of Southern California in the U.S. Prof. Du served as Chair of Asia and Oceania Region, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics from 2009 to 2013, Vice President of China Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, member of the Expert Committee of Ministry of Civil Affairs, and President of Beijing Society of Gerontology.

Fujimoto, Koji

Mr Fujimoto is the Deputy Director General, Office of Healthcare Policy, and Cabinet Secretariat of Government of Japan.

Hasbullah, Ermalena Muslim¹⁴

Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah serves as Deputy Chairperson of Commission IX (Population and Health) of the Indonesian Parliament. She has also been the Chairperson of the Indonesian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IFPPD) since 2015. Before joining the Parliament, she has served as Senior Adviser to the Minister of Cooperative and Small Business, and Senior Adviser to the Minister of Religious Affairs. Hon. Ms. Hasbullah has also held various roles with international organizations such as UNICEF, Save the Children, and Helen Keller International, as well as with several institutions under the Nahdatul Ulama (the biggest Muslim organization in Indonesia).

¹² FBN Asia Family Retreat | By Families, For Families. (2019). *Speakers, Moderators & Facilitators*. [online] Available at: <https://fbnasia.org/retreat/asia2015/people/speakers-moderators-facilitators/> [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

¹³ Ruc.edu.cn. (2019). *RENMIN UNIVERSITY of CHINA* | 中国人民大学. [online] Available at: <https://www.ruc.edu.cn/du-peng> [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

¹⁴ Biographies of Participants. (2016). 1st ed. [ebook] AFPPD, p.5. Available at: <https://www.afppd.org/events/event-docs/20-6--biobook-as-of-nov-2-part.pdf> [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

Hayashi, Reiko¹⁵

Reiko Hayashi is the Director of Department of International Research and Cooperation at National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (Japan) since April 2012. Her prior positions include Technical Advisor to the Minister of Health, Republic of Senegal (JICA expert) and Project Assistant Professor of Center for Sustainable Urban Regeneration, the University of Tokyo. Her research interests are on demography including internal and international migration, health and global ageing. She holds a PhD in Policy Studies from National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan.

Huong, Pham Thi Quynh¹⁶

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.

Kitahara, Shigemi

Mr Kitahara is the president of Kitahara Neurosurgical Institute. The Kitahara Neurological Institute provides a wide range of medical services ranging from, but not limited to, emergency services, neurosurgery, cardiovascular medicine and neurology.

Kwon, Soonman¹⁷

Professor Soonman Kwon is the Chief of Health Sector Group (Technical Advisor on Health) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He is in charge of overall health sector operational support and knowledge work in ADB. Until recently, he was the Dean of the School of Public Health, Seoul National University, South Korea and held visiting positions at the Harvard School of Public Health, London School of Economics, the University of Toronto, and Peking University.

¹⁵ Un.org. (2019). [online] Available at:

https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/events/pdf/expert/22/2015-EGM_Expert_Biographies.pdf
[Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

¹⁶ Supra note 6, p. 13.

¹⁷ HSR2016. (2019). *Soonman Kwon*. [online] Available at:

<http://healthsystemsresearch.org/hsr2016/programme/speakers/soonman-kwon/> [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

Miura, Koji¹⁸

Koji Miura graduated from the Keio University School of Medicine in March 1983 and entered the Ministry of Health and Welfare (now the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, MHLW) in April of the same year. Afterward, he worked for Kawasaki City, as well as the Health Policy Bureau, Pharmaceutical Affairs Bureau, Health Service Bureau, and other sections of the Ministry of Health and Welfare. He completed a master's degree program in public health at Harvard University in 1988, and later obtained a PhD from Keio University.

Nguyen, Thi Kim Tien

Mrs Nguyen is a Vietnamese politician. She is currently a member of the Central Committee of the 11th Party Committee, member of the Party Central Committee's Executive Committee, Deputy to the 12th National Assembly, XIII, MARD, and the Minister of Health of Vietnam since 2011. She is also a Doctor of Medicine, a Professor, and was awarded the title of People's Doctor by the State of Vietnam.

Nishimura, Hidetoshi¹⁹

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 JapanChina 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, Dharma Persada University, and as a fellow at the Meiji Institute for Global Affairs, Meiji University.

Okawara, Akio²⁰

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

¹⁸ Keio.ac.jp. (2019). [online] Available at: https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/about/global/prof_miura.pdf [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

¹⁹ Supra note 6, p. 15.

²⁰ Jcie.or.jp. (2019). *Japan Center for International Exchange / Staff*. [online] Available at: <http://www.jcie.or.jp/jcie/bios/okawara.html> [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

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.

Perez III, Juan Antonio A.²¹

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 13 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.

Singappuli, Suvinda Samarakoon²²

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.

²¹ Supra note 6, p. 12.

²² Supra note 6, p. 12.

Susilo, Diono²³

Diono Susilo started his career 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 career 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.

Takemi, Keizō²⁴

Mr Takemi is a Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) member of the house of councillors of the national diet of Japan. 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 research and development financing, and the international organizing committee of the Prince Mahidol award conference. He also serves as chair of the parliamentary caucus on the Stop TB partnership and the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development.

²³ Supra note 6, p. 12.

²⁴ IntraHealth. (2019). *Keizo Takemi*. [online] Available at: <https://www.intrahealth.org/people/keizo-takemi> [Accessed 2 Oct. 2019].

[Appendix 3] Backgrounds of Co-Organisers (Except Governments)²⁵

AFPPD²⁶

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) is a network of 29 national committees of parliamentarians from Asia-Pacific countries. AFPPD promotes advocacy and parliamentary actions on population and development issues at the global, regional and national levels. For the past 35 years, AFPPD has been playing a crucial role in engaging parliamentarians across the region in a wide variety of issues related to population and development. AFPPD's current model for change is aimed at educating and motivating parliamentarians to take up the challenge of bringing about legislative reforms and drive change on population and development issues outlined in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD PoA), the ICPD Beyond 2014, as well as the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

AFPPD is governed by the General Assembly; managed by the Executive Committee; advised by three Standing Committees on its strategic priorities, namely, active ageing, investing in youth and gender equality and women's empowerment; and supported by the Secretariat located in Bangkok, Thailand.

ERIA²⁷

On 23 August 2006, during the 13th Consultation held between the ASEAN Economic Ministers and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (AEM-METI) in Kuala Lumpur, the name 'Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)' appeared for the first time.

In this meeting, Mr Toshihiro Nikai, Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, proposed to establish a think tank called ERIA that would approximate an East Asia version of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and committed to contribute more than 10 billion yen in 10 years. A joint media statement of said consultation later stated that the ASEAN Ministers welcomed Japan's proposal and requested Japan to discuss it further with the ASEAN Secretariat.

²⁵ Background information was provided by the respective organisation's web page with some amendments.

²⁶ Concept Note - AFPPD 2nd Meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing. (2017). AFPPD, p.4.

²⁷ Eria.org. (2019). History - About Us : ERIA. [online] Available at: <http://www.eria.org/about-us/history/> [Accessed 26 Sep. 2019].

In response to this, then ASEAN Secretary General, Mr Ong Keng Yong, initiated the creation of an ERIA Expert Group chaired by Dr Hadi Soesastro, Senior Fellow at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia, and composed of experts from 16 East Asia Summit (EAS) countries and the ASEAN Secretariat. The Expert Group had intensive discussions on the overall idea of ERIA, in particular, its objectives, activities, structure, research themes, and capacity building program.

At the Second East Asia Summit held on 15 January 2007 in Cebu, Philippines, Mr Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, formally proposed to establish ERIA and the EAS Leaders welcomed said proposal. Thereupon, on 1 April 2007, the Expert Group agreed on the Points of Convergence on the Institutional Set-Up of ERIA, which defined the objectives, activities and policy interface of ERIA. In addition, two test-run research projects were started through a collaboration among 16 regional research institutes. One was titled 'Developing a Roadmap toward East Asian Economic Integration', which was reported to the ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting in August 2007, and the other was the 'Energy Security in East Asia', which was reported to the East Asia Energy Ministers' Meeting also in August 2007. Based on the results of these projects and thorough discussions of the Expert Group, the formal establishment of ERIA was agreed upon by all the leaders of the East Asia Summit at the Third East Asia Summit in Singapore on 21 November 2007.

Help Age International²⁸

HelpAge International is an international NGO that helps older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination, and overcome poverty, so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives.

Five organisations from Canada, Colombia, Kenya, India and the United Kingdom set up HelpAge International in 1983 to provide a network to support older people worldwide.

HelpAge International now has well over 100 affiliates and works with more than 200 other partners in more than 70 countries.

²⁸ Helpage.org. (2019). *Helping older people live full and secure lives* / *HelpAge International*. [online] Available at: <https://www.helpage.org/> [Accessed 26 Sep. 2019].

JCIE²⁹

The Japan Centre for International Exchange (JCIE/USA) was founded in 1975 as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. JCIE/USA is the North American affiliate of JCIE/Japan, one of the few truly independent think tanks in the field of international affairs in Japan. Located in New York City, JCIE/USA conducts political exchange programs for leading American and Japanese policymakers, carries out policy research and dialogue projects on pressing international issues, and works to promote a greater understanding of civil society and philanthropy in Japan and the Asia Pacific region.

In 2004, JCIE/USA was awarded the Foreign Minister's Commendation by the Government of Japan in recognition of its longstanding work to strengthen U.S.-Japan relations.

Support for the programs comes from the generous contributions and grants of individuals, foundations, and corporations.

JETRO³⁰

The Japan External Trade Organization, 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 size Japanese firms maximize their global export potential.

²⁹ Jcie.org. (2019). *Japan Centre for International Exchange (JCIE/USA)* - (米国法人) 日本国際交流センター. [online] Available at: <http://www.jcie.org/about.html> [Accessed 26 Sep. 2019].

³⁰ Jetro.go.jp. (2019). *About Us | Japan External Trade Organization - JETRO*. [online] Available at: <https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/jetro/> [Accessed 26 Sep. 2019].