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**Proposal of the Panel on Welfare Services
to nominate three Members to participate in
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**

Purpose

This paper seeks the approval of the House Committee ("HC") for the Panel on Welfare Services ("the Panel") to nominate Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT (non-Panel Member), Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu (Panel member) and Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (Panel member) to participate in the Multistakeholder Forum on "Investing in Healthy and Active Ageing for Sustainable Growth" ("the Forum") and attend the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development ("AFPPD") Standing Committee Meeting on Active Ageing ("the Meeting") as special observers. The Forum and the Meeting will be held from 15 to 16 August and 17 August 2017 respectively in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

The organizers

2. The invitation to the Forum and the Meeting is from AFPPD which co-organizes the Forum and convenes the Meeting. It is a regional non-governmental organization based in Bangkok, serving as a coordinating body of 29¹ National Committees of Parliamentarians on Population and Development. It engages with parliamentarians from Asia

¹ The 29 nations are Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, and Vietnam.

and the Pacific to champion policies on population and development, focusing on, inter alia, active ageing. Other co-organizers of the Forum are the Government of Japan, Government of Vietnam, Economic Research Institute for Association of Southeast Asian Nations and East Asia,² HelpAge International,³ Japan Center for International Exchange⁴ and Japan External Trade Organization.⁵

The Forum and the Meeting

3. The Forum will provide a platform for multistakeholders to discuss challenges and opportunities presented by rapid ageing in Asia-Pacific economies. The Meeting is exclusively for AFPPD members and invited legislators, and therefore all participants, including special observers, will have an opportunity to share their experiences on how to protect elderly persons' rights to health and well-being, including good practices. AFPPD has invited the Legislative Council ("LegCo") to nominate three Members to participate in the Forum and the Meeting. The invitation letter and relevant information on the Forum provided by AFPPD are in **Appendix I** (English version only). Detailed programme of the Forum and the Meeting will be issued to participating Members by AFPPD after it receives the Panel's nomination.

Recommendation of the Panel

4. As the themes of the Forum and the Meeting fall within the terms of reference of the Panel, the President referred the invitation from AFPPD to the Panel for consideration of whether to accept it. At its meeting on 8 May 2017, the Panel agreed to accept the invitation and open it to all LegCo Members.

5. All LegCo Members had been requested to indicate interest in participation. Members were also informed that participating Members would be requested to submit a report to HC after their return to

² It is an international organization which works closely with the Secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, researchers and research institutes from East Asia to provide intellectual and analytical research and policy recommendations.

³ It is a global network of organizations promoting the right of all elderly persons to lead dignified, healthy and secure lives.

⁴ It is a non-governmental organization in the field of international affairs in Japan, which operates a wide range of programmes to promote dialogue and cooperation among leaders from different sectors of society in Japan and around the world.

⁵ It is a government-related organization that works to promote mutual trade and investment between Japan and the rest of the world.

Hong Kong. The three Members⁶ mentioned in paragraph 1 indicated their interest in participation. Members were subsequently informed that the Panel would nominate these three Members to participate in the Forum and the Meeting.

Funding arrangement

6. As approved by The Legislative Council Commission, each Member is provided with an Overseas Duty Visit ("ODV") account of \$55,000 for duty visits outside Hong Kong for each LegCo term. Members may only use this ODV account for duty visits endorsed by HC. Any expenditure over the standard or the available balance in the ODV account has to be borne by the Members concerned.

7. A preliminary estimate of the expenditure (excluding airfare and hotel accommodation which will be provided by AFPPD) to be incurred by each participating Member for the Forum and the Meeting is about \$3,700. A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is in **Appendix II**.

Advice sought

8. Under rule 29A(d) of the House Rules, approval of HC is required for any visit conducted under the name of LegCo or its committees outside Hong Kong in response to an invitation, and the funding of which is to be charged to individual Members' ODV accounts.

9. HC's approval is therefore sought for Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu and Hon YUNG Hoi-yan to participate in the Forum and the Meeting in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from 15 to 17 August 2017, and the funding of which is to be charged to their ODV accounts.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
24 May 2017

⁶ The Panel on Welfare Services originally nominated Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Hon YUNG Hoi-yan to participate in the Forum and the Meeting as a result of the Panel's first invitation for participation. Arising from Dr CHEUNG's withdrawal from such participation, the Panel issued the second invitation to Members for the purpose of filling the vacancy arising from the withdrawal. Only Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu has indicated his interest to fill the vacancy.



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Hon. Mr. Andrew Leung Kwan-yuen,
President of the Legislative Council, Hong Kong

Subject:

**Invitation to Multistakeholder Forum on Ageing toward APEC
(August 15-16) & AFPPD Standing Committee Meeting on Active
Ageing as Observer (August 17)**

Dear Hon. Mr. Andrew Leung Kwan-yuen,

On behalf of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), I am pleased to announce that AFPPD will co-organize the **Multistakeholder Forum: Investing in Healthy and Active Ageing for Sustainable Growth** on 15-16 August 2017 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on the sideline of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) official meetings. On this occasion, AFPPD will also convene the **2nd meeting of the AFPPD Standing Committee on Active Ageing** on August 17, to which we request the honour of your presence and participation as a special observer.

AFPPD is a regional non-governmental organization based in Bangkok, serving as a coordinating body of 29 National Committees of Parliamentarians on Population and Development. AFPPD engages with parliamentarians from Asia and the Pacific to champion policies on population and development, focusing on active ageing, investing in youth, and gender equality and women's empowerment. (Please see our official website for further information: <https://www.afppd.org>)

In this regard, we would greatly appreciate it if you could save the date for you and/or your nominated parliamentarians (up to three representatives including parliamentary staff) to participate in the Multistakeholder Forum. This Forum will provide a valuable platform for multistakeholders to discuss challenges and opportunities presented by rapid ageing in Asia-Pacific economies. Expected participants will include the parliamentarians and government officials of APEC Member Economies as well as AFPPD National Committees, representatives from international and civil society organizations, experts specializing in geriatrics and gerontology, and participants from the private sector.



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Hong Kong is not only an APEC Member Economy, but also is among the most aged societies in the world. Hong Kong's social policies and good practices promoting older persons' health and wellbeing, as well as the community programmes contributing to active and healthy ageing will give us valuable insights into the role of legislatures, policymakers and communities in ageing societies.

AFPPD will provide the Hong Kong delegation with up to four-night accommodation at New World Saigon Hotel and economy-class air tickets. Please send the list of your nomination by filling in the attached conference registration form for each participant and return them to AFPPD Secretariat (afppd@afppd.org) preferably by **31 May 2017**, for your group registration with the Conference Organizing Committee.

Detailed programmes, official invitations, and visa support letters addressed to your nominated participants will be sent out after we receive your nomination. Please also indicate your preferred air travel arrangements, and refer to the *AFPPD Travel Policy* before booking your air tickets.

Should you have any questions about the Multistakeholder Forum, the Standing Committee meeting, or AFPPD in general, please feel free to contact AFPPD Executive Director Ms. Mika Marumoto at mika@afppd.org or myself at keizo57@takemi.net.

We look forward to seeing you in Ho Chi Minh City this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Keizo Takemi, MP Japan
Chairperson, AFPPD

Attachments:

1. Concept Note of the Multistakeholder Forum
2. Save-the-Date Flyer
3. AFPPD Conference Registration Form
4. AFPPD Travel Policy

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Multistakeholder Forum
Investing in Healthy and Active Aging for Sustainable Growth
A Regional Approach to Promoting a Healthy and Resilient Society

August 15-16, 2017

New World Saigon Hotel
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Co-Organized by: Government of Japan, Government of Vietnam, Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), HelpAge International, Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

Background

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 by APEC economies. Currently, the Asia-Pacific region has 547 million people aged 60 and older, which represents about 60 percent of the global population of this age group. Furthermore, the speed of aging in Asia Pacific is the fastest in the world. The number of elderly persons in the region is expected to grow to nearly 1.3 billion by 2050—at which point one in four people in the region would be over 60 years old—thus heightening the urgent need for effective policy responses to adapt to the changing demographics.

It is predicted that the change in demographic composition 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 medical and welfare costs and the resulting impact on economic growth and social stability. Specifically, family and institutional care alone cannot respond to the rising needs of the elderly, but the establishment of a long-term community-based care system will become essential in enabling the elderly to live and receive care and support within the community. At the same time, the expected shortage of appropriate care providers and other resources to meet the expanding caregiving needs is a serious problem. The 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 the communities more resilient.

Aging society is not only an economic challenge but it is inherently a health and human security issue. It is also a significant issue that will impact the achievement of universal health coverage (UHC), which is critical in ensuring the healthy and active lives for all through the life course as set under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In many economies where social and economic safety nets for the elderly are not universally available, the elderly population is often among the most vulnerable to health threats.

Furthermore, the aging of society adds a new layer of challenges to the achievement of not only the health objectives of the SDGs but of other goals as well, such as work, gender, housing, and infrastructure. A comprehensive approach that ensures the human security and healthy life expectancy of the elderly and promotes their economic independence is imperative to building resilient and sustainable economies in the region.

Given the complex and multifaceted challenges of promoting healthy aging, all stakeholders in society—parliamentarians, the various levels of national and local government, the business sector, the healthcare sector, and civil society—have to contribute their resources and expertise in a well-coordinated way. The building blocks and components that are necessary to promote healthy aging—hospitals and care facilities, industry expertise, and human resources, to name a few—should be organically linked to create a functioning infrastructure that is rooted in the community. Once that is in place, innovative technologies and new models of care can then be introduced and incorporated into that integrated system, and can be linked to other community-based services. To that end, cooperation between the public and private sectors, including civil society, is critical.

As APEC brings together many of the economies facing this common challenge of aging, it offers an ideal platform to promote dialogue and collective action on a regional policy framework. This forum, to be held on the sidelines of the 3rd SOM and related meetings, will provide intellectual input to the SOM and will facilitate policy debate among APEC officials.

Goals and Objectives

The overarching goal of the forum is to discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by rapid aging in the Asia-Pacific economies and to explore ways to enhance cross-border, cross-sectoral cooperation that will lead to building resilient and sustainable communities throughout the region. Specifically, the conference will aim to achieve the following objectives:

1. Identify current trends and future projections on population aging and its economic impact in the region with the goal of raising awareness about the urgency of the issue among parliamentarians, senior government officials, and other stakeholders.
2. Share the perspectives of various stakeholders (parliamentarians, government officials, business leaders, civil society leaders) on the challenges of aging and on the possibility of cross-sectoral collaboration.
3. Understand various models of prevention and care, explore concrete examples of innovative cases of elderly-care service delivery at the community level, and discuss ways to strengthen community systems for promoting elderly health and wellbeing.
4. Propose innovative measures for regional cooperation to develop the capacity of long-term care workers and to promote and manage the effective movement of care workers within the region.
5. Confirm that access to comprehensive long-term care is embedded in the goal of achieving UHC, which will significantly contribute to increased healthy life expectancy.

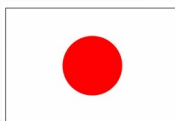
Proposed Agenda

- ✧ *Keynote Speeches*
- ✧ *Special Presentation: Overview on the Global Demographic Change and its Economic Impact from the Macro Perspective*
- ✧ *Panel 1: The Essential Role of Community Systems for Long-term Care*
- ✧ *Panel 2: A Regional Approach to Capacity Development and the Cross-Border Movement of Care Workers*
- ✧ *Closing Session*
- ✧ *Buffet Reception*

- Exhibition: Approximately 20 panel exhibitions and several short stage presentations and performances to be 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. Demonstrations will be offered on the use of equipment and technologies, and successful practices will be shared, with an opportunity for visitors to ask questions.
- Field Visit (August 16): A field visit will be organized to a local care center for the elderly, providing participants with firsthand exposure to grassroot services available at the community level and an opportunity to interact with the actual care providers and users (for AFPPD parliamentarians).
- A separate, half-day parliamentarians session with international and national experts will be organized on August 17 (Invitation only. Cooperating Organizations: National Assembly of Vietnam, Parliamentary Committee for Social Affairs/Vietnamese Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development).

Target Audience

Approximately 150 people on an invitation basis, including senior government officials and health working group members from APEC economies, parliamentarians of APEC economies and AFPPD member countries, researchers, representatives from international organizations and NGOs, and corporate leaders and service providers with an interest in elderly care.



SAVE THE DATE

Invitation to a Multistakeholder Forum

Investing in Healthy and Active Aging for Sustainable Growth *A Regional Approach to Promoting a Healthy and Resilient Society*

DATE: August 15–16, 2017

LOCATION: New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

To take place on the sidelines of the series of APEC meetings, this forum will offer a key opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by rapid aging in the Asia-Pacific region and to explore ways to enhance cross-border, cross-sectoral cooperation that will lead to building resilient and sustainable communities throughout the region. The forum will also set up a panel exhibition to showcase examples of latest innovations in elderly care and a field visit to see firsthand efforts on the ground.

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Preliminary estimate of expenditure

Duration of Forum and Meeting: 15 to 17 August 2017 ^(Note 1)

Breakdown of expenses

Items	Estimated expenses (per person) HK\$
1. Return air passage on economy class Hong Kong/ Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	To be provided by Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development ("AFPPD")
2. Hotel accommodation New World Saigon Hotel (4 nights)(14 August (check-in) to 18 August 2017 (check-out))	To be provided by AFPPD
3. Meals, in-town travelling and sundries (<i>40% of the subsistence allowance</i>) ^(Note 2) Ho Chi Minh City (4 nights) (14 to 17 August 2017) ^(Note 3) i.e. VND 2,743,638.8/ night x 4	3,292 ^(Note 4)
4. Travel insurance ^(Note 5)	134
5. Visa fee ^(Note 6)	195
TOTAL (Items 3 to 5):	3,621 (say: 3,700)

NOTE:

1. AFPPD has suggested that participants should arrive at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on 14 August and depart on 18 August 2017.
2. Subsistence allowance for Ho Chi Minh City: VND 6,859,097 a day. Exchange rate as at May 2017: VND 1=HK\$0.0003.
3. Subsistence allowance is payable from the night following arrival in Ho Chi Minh City up to and including the night before departure from the City.
4. Figures are rounded to the last digit before the decimal point.
5. Quotation obtained in May 2017.
6. The visa fee is US\$25 according to the Vietnam Consulate General in Hong Kong. Exchange rate as at May 2017: US\$1=HK\$7.784.