

## WHO International Meeting on Research for Policy Innovations for UHC and Ageing Populations (2015/12/14)

Topics: Transforming Health Systems to Meet the Holistic Needs of Older Persons  
Venue: Portopia Hotel and Conference Center (Kobe, Japan)

On Dec. 14 (Mon), Prof. Shinichi Egawa attended the International Meeting on Research for Policy Innovations for UHC and Ageing Populations in Kobe organized by WHO Kobe Center (WKC), Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) of Japan and Hyogo Prefecture.

Aging is rapidly progressing all over the world and Japan is one of the leading member states. The dependency ratio (ratio of population 15 or less and 65 and over) becomes least at the year of 2015 and gets higher according to the aging.

WKC is the only one research center and promoting a) Management of Health Emergencies, b) Technical Innovation, c) Social and System Innovation, and d) Universal Health Coverage supported by MHLW. WKC is promoting the collaboration between member states and academia.

Mr. Keizo Takemi, a member of House of Councilors, made the Key Note lecture about the world-wide situation of aging and the Japanese health care politics as the leading model of the universal health coverage in the aging society.

This congress was supported by WHO, MHLW, Cabinet of Japan, Hyogo Prefecture and the representatives from member states, economic organizations, UN agencies, NGO and academia actively participates in the panel discussions as follows:

1. Research for Sustainable Planning and Coherent Policies for UHC and ageing
2. Evidence for Unified health system for ageing populations
3. Learning from large scale system reforms: maintaining momentum while managing new hurdles
4. Promoting Integrated/coordinated Community & Home Based Programmes: Priority Issues
5. Evidence for Enhancing the Ecosystem for Technological Innovations for UHC and Ageing

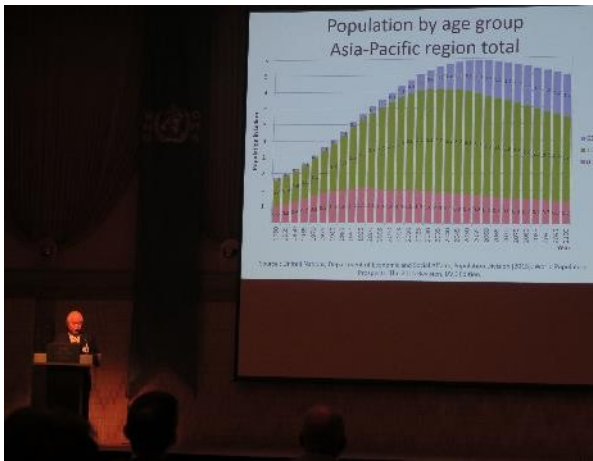
Aging is the unavoidable issue in the future disaster risk reduction and closely related to the sustainable healthy community. WKC and IRIDeS are collaborating to prioritize the people's mental and physical health and promotes the establishment of the Global Center for Disaster Statistics to include the health information as the primary indicator of resilience.



Conference venue



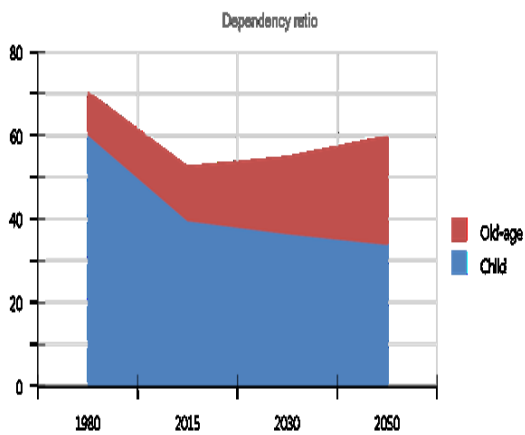
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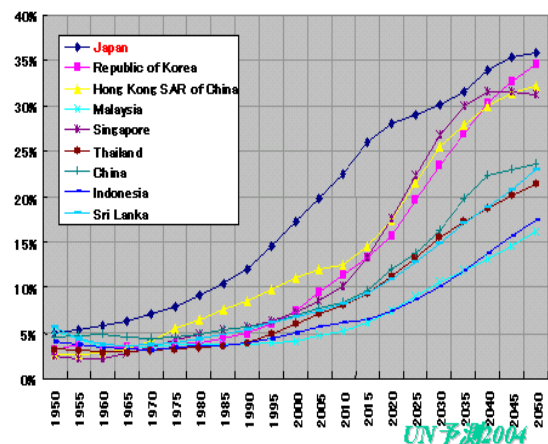
Mr. Keizo Takemi, a member of House of Councilor of Japan presents the demographic projection in Asia Pacific Region.



Panel Discussion by the delegates



Trend of dependency ratio ( $\leq 15$  and  $\geq 65$ ) in Asia by UN Department of Population



Aging trend in Asian countries (MHLW 2004)

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