Organization

Prof. Hiroki Nakatani continued to serve as the Director of the Hub. He was positioned internally within the Longevity Initiative — one of the three university-wide Global Initiatives at Keio University. The Longevity Initiative is headed by Prof. Hideyuki Okano who is the Dean of the Keio University Graduate School of Medicine. The Hub has a dedicated office with video conference facilities at the following address:

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Overview of Hub Activities

1. Goals for 2019
   - Facilitate collaboration among the APRU member universities
   - Organize and host the 10th APRU Population Aging Research Conference at Keio University as a platform for collaboration
   - Expand our contacts beyond academia and explore more opportunities for interaction with business and in the political arena
   - Enhance APRU’s visibility at major events

2. Planned Activities and Achievements in 2019
   - The 10th APRU Population Aging Research Conference, Keio, Tokyo, October 13–14, 2019
   - The Nikkei-Financial Times Super Active Ageing Society Conference, Tokyo, October 15, 2019

3. Steering Committee Members

Chair
Professor Hiroki Nakatani, Project Professor, Keio University Global Research Institute

Members
Associate Professor Angelique Chan, National University of Singapore
Professor Eileen Crimmins, University of Southern California
Professor Robert Cumming, The University of Sydney
Professor Chen Gong, Peking University
Associate Professor Lan Liu, Peking University
Associate Professor Xiaoting Liu, Zhejiang University
Professor Peter McDonald, The University of Melbourne
Professor Albert Park, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Professor John Piggott, UNSW Sydney
Professor Tri Budi Raharjo, Universitas Indonesia
(As of 31 March 2019)
Events and Activities

1. Hub activities

A teleconference for the Steering Committee was organized on April 26. An e-mail consultation was organized on August 8. In addition, a face-to-face meeting was organized on October 14, 2019, during the 10th Annual Conference in Tokyo. Meeting Notes are annexed.

2. The 10th Annual APRU Research Conference on Population Aging

The theme of the conference was A New Paradigm in the Era of the 100-Year Life Span: The Search for Social and Scientific Solutions, and it was attended by over 100 experts from across the region and from a variety of disciplines. The conference set the stage for keynote speeches and presentations in the fields of Healthcare and Technology, Economy and Society (Policy), Multi-sectoral Approach to Dementia, and many other topics. Finally, all participants, students, and young scholars actively engaged in a dialogue session with political leaders in the Western Pacific Region of WHO. Throughout the conference, each session was designed to offer an opportunity for governments, academics, and researchers to share research results, build partnerships, and work towards a common agenda as regions begin and continue to tackle the challenges of aging societies.

A Conference Report was published and is available online:

Due to Typhoon Hagibis, the program was shortened from two days to one day. The majority of slides prepared by the panelist experts are also accessible online.

3. Hub activities

The Nikkei-Financial Times Super Active Ageing Society Conference held in Tokyo on October 15, 2019, was supported by the APRU in collaboration with Japan’s Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; the
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare; the Financial Services Agency; and the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific. It followed the 10th APRU Population Aging Conference hosted by Keio University in Tokyo. The APRU experts joined leading figures in government, industry, and academia to discuss the challenge of super-aging populations and the role universities have to play in shaping these societies across the Asia-Pacific. Professor Atsushi Seike, former president of Keio University, delivered the keynote speech, Toward a Super Active Ageing Society. Professor John Piggott, University of New South Wales (UNSW), outlined the importance of welcoming immigrants for population and productivity and elderly people and women for participation in a lecture titled, The Impact of Demographic Change on Labor Supply and Economic Growth: Can APEC Meet the Challenges Ahead?

Professor Hiroki Nakatani, Program Director, and the Conference’s Secretary-General, initiated the link between APRU and the Nikkei Super Active Ageing Society Conference. APRU was mentioned in pieces by the Financial Times and Nikkei Asian Review (NAR) as a supporter of the conference.

The Nikkei event generated numerous proposals and recommendations for realizing a more active aging society.