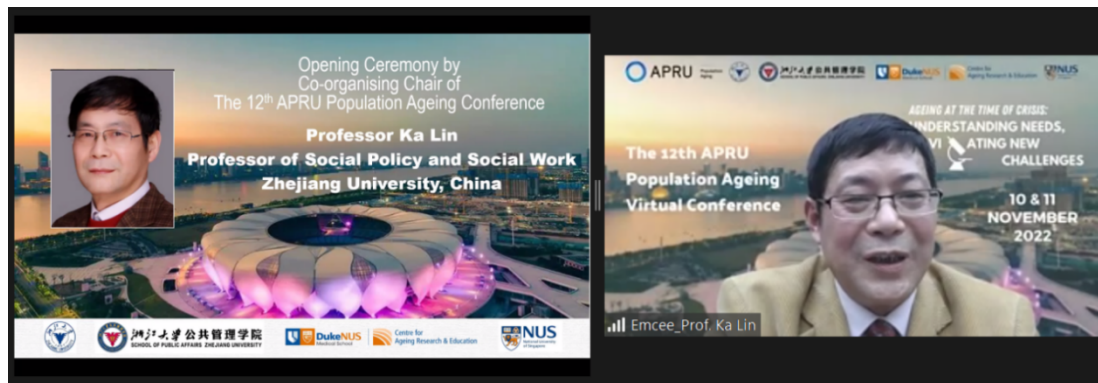


## The 12th APRU Population Ageing International Conference Completed Successfully

The 12th APRU Population Ageing International Conference was successfully held on November 10-11, 2022, on the theme “Ageing at a Time of Crisis: Understanding Needs, Navigating New Challenges”. Over 300 participants from Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, UK and the US, UK engaged in this online conference. More than 50 international experts and academics made their presentations. The goals of this conference are set to examine the relations between macro-social changes and the aging process in modern societies, and to exchange the views of Asian scholars in this region. Zhejiang University and National University of Singapore jointly organized this conference.



Two days were dedicated to the conference. Professor Ka Lin of Zhejiang University chaired the opening ceremony, and Professor Zhirong Zhao, the dean of the School of Public Administration at Zhejiang University, delivered opening remarks. In the welcoming address, he highlighted the significance of this conference in the sense of bringing many people together from the Association Pacific Rim Universities (APRU, of which Zhejiang University is a member). Professor Angelique Chan from National University of Singapore, the program chair and director of the APRU Population Ageing, outlined the ongoing challenges in aging research and explored potential policy solutions. On the second day of the event, Professor Ka Lin also stressed the impact of the diverse sociocultural contexts on the models of elderly care, and therefore, mutual learning and experience-sharing among researchers should be crucial for aging studies.



***Professor Ka Lin, the conference's co-chair, opened the conference***

This two-day conference provided an effective platform for researchers to discuss a number of policy issues through working seminars. The issues under discussion cover a wide range of thematic subjects, including the macro-economic and policy-related challenges, technology use and digital divide, work and income security, translating research into practice, care ecosystems and caregiving responsibilities, physical and mental well-being including cognitive function and dementia, social engagement and social isolation/exclusion, intergenerational relationships. These issues refer to the respect of economic operation, social construction, social and cultural dimensions, as well as the national strength and global competitiveness of these societies.



***Opening remark by Professor Zhao Zhirong, Dean of the School of Public Administration at Zhejiang University***

As an outcome, the conference enables researchers to dialogue and communication through institutional cooperation among academics in the Asia-Pacific region, it boosts the research partnerships between specialists and researchers, and offered a useful

network for creating global social policies in support of aging societies. At the event, the Chinese scholars introduced their research on elderly services to the international audience, and the conference served as a forum for Zhejiang University to develop its aging-related disciplines through cross-institutional collaboration.

In the organization of the conference, Professor Xiaoting Liu and Ms. Ting Zhao from the School of Public Administration of Zhejiang University made a significant contribution to the procedure of preparation and event operation. Professors Tao Liu, Xiaoting Liu, and Hong Mi, as well as doctoral students Zhan Liu and Jiaming Shi, all engaged in the organization and gave presentations at this conference.