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ACTIVITY REPORT

CURRENT ACTIVITIES (JANUARY-MARCH 2025)

MAY 2025

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR

HGPI IS COMMITTED TO PURSUING THE CREATION OF A BETTER WORLD

Health and Global Policy Institute (HPGI) is proud to be independent, non-profit, and non-partisan, which is rare among think tanks in Japan.

When HGPI develops policy recommendations, we do not base them on the opinions of any single specific expert or sector, but develop them through true multistakeholder discussion that brings together people from industry, government, academia, and civil society. We gather diverse opinions and synthesize them in policy proposals.

It is now more important than ever that healthcare policy be created based on the collective knowledge of society. In order to achieve that, it is crucial that we approach policy development via a process of rigorous debate in which representatives of industry, government, academia, and civil society can participate as equals. Fair discussions that are open to people from all relevant sectors are especially important for policy topics in the fields of health and healthcare, as these fields impact the lives of every single member of the public. Unfortunately, opportunities to synthesize collective knowledge in this manner are still too few in Japan.

Multistakeholder-developed, broad-based policy proposals are more impactful and useful than policy proposals that represent the views of only one specific industry or stakeholder. We believe that it is our commitment to the development of such proposals that has allowed us to influence policy reforms up to this point.

Based on that belief, we have focused our activities in recent years around a singular policy:

“HGPI is dedicated to fostering multi-stakeholder health policy debate globally, with a commitment to the inclusion of civil society. Through conversations with stakeholders, HGPI is working to realize evidence-based health policies that are meaningful in a global context, and of real value to the people that need them the most.”

What is the best way to gather diverse opinions and synthesize collective knowledge? We want to create evidence-based policy proposals, but how should we define “evidence” in our recommendations, when health policy so often focuses on such broad topics as the way people live, their happiness, and their health? Policy creation and validation sometimes requires us to redefine existing values and methods. This requirement should not be taken lightly. We believe that we must approach the development of health policy seriously, with an understanding of the true impact that policy can have on people’s lives. I believe that our serious approach to these issues is what makes it possible for us to consistently gather diverse stakeholders from all sectors for open and free debate on various policies.

Every one of the core members of HGPI is committed to pursuing the creation of a better world.

We are dedicated to developing the policy options that society needs through careful and deliberate debate. We humbly request your continued support for these efforts.

Ryoji Noritake
Chair



About HGPI



■ Non-profit, Independent, and Global

Health and Global Policy Institute (HGPI) is a Tokyo-based independent and non-profit health policy think tank, established in 2004.

Since establishment, HGPI has pursued its mission of “Achieving citizen-centered health policy by bringing stakeholders together as an independent think-tank.” One of the Institute’s guiding principles in activities for this mission is to hold fast to its independence without adhering to the interests of any political party or organization. HGPI will continue to maintain political neutrality and independence from any organization in conducting its activities.

Guiding Principles

01 **CONNECT and FACILITATE**

We connect players and facilitate discussions

02 **INDEPENDENT and GLOBAL**

We represent an independent voice and nurture a global perspective

03 **FEASIBLE and RESPONSIBLE**

We provide feasible and responsible policy options

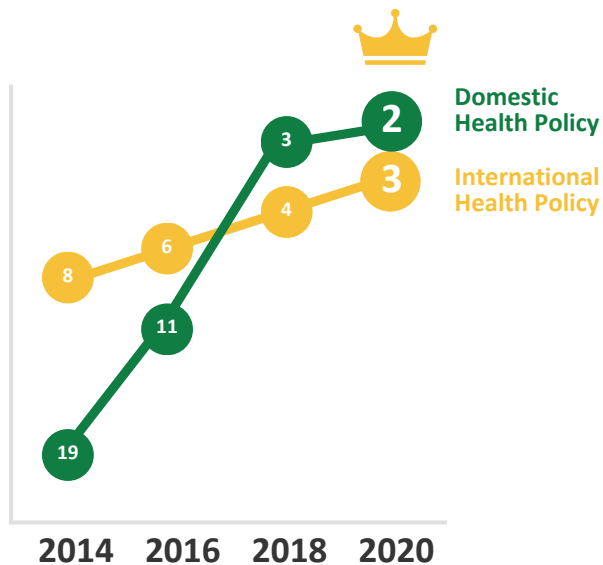
04 **RESEARCH and ANALYSIS**

We provide quality research and analysis

05 **OPEN and CREATIVE**

We are open to new ideas and foster creative solutions

DATA REPORT



20 YEARS

Established in 2004,
We celebrated our 20th anniversary
in 2024.

Ranked Third in the World
Among Global Health Policy
Think Tanks

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HGPI was ranked third among global health policy think tanks worldwide in University of Pennsylvania's 2020 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report.

HGPI IN NUMBERS FY2023



Number of Events Held

58

 times

Number of Participants

more than **4,600** people



Policy Recommendations /
Number of Surveys Conducted

19

 times

Number of Respondents

more than **3,600** people



Thank you to those who participated and cooperated in the research.

PROJECTS

Present Engagement

- NCDs: Non-Communicable Diseases
- Dementia
- Mental Health
- AMR: Antimicrobial Resistance



Civil Society Engagement

- Survey on Healthcare in Japan
- HPA: Health Policy Academy
- Special Breakfast Meeting
- HGPI Seminar
- HGPI Salon

Future Engagement

- Planetary Health
- Child Health



20TH ANNIVERSARY

PRESENT ENGAGEMENT

NCDs: Non-Communicable Diseases



Towards building an inclusive society to prevent and control NCDs, together with people living with NCDs

Cancer Control Project

Policy Recommendations

JAN 31, 2025



Policy Recommendations on Addressing Regional Disparities in Breast Cancer Care

This report focuses on addressing regional disparities in breast cancer care by analyzing issues in Japan's current healthcare system and identifying the challenges unique to breast cancer. It proposes policy measures that not only address for breast cancer but that are generalizable to other types of cancer, and that address healthcare disparities.

- 1 Sustainable Healthcare Delivery Systems Adapted to Regional Needs
- 2 Visualization and Improvement of Medical Quality through Data Utilization (PDCA Cycle)
- 3 Patient Participation and Comprehensive Social and Economic Support

Cardiovascular Diseases Control Promotion Project

MAR 13, 2025 **Online Global Symposium**

Exploring the Future of CVD Control Through Policy Case Studies in the Asia-Pacific Region

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is a critical health issue in Japan and the Asia-Pacific region. With aging populations and changing lifestyles, the prevalence and impact of CVD are expected to rise. While healthcare structure, resources, services and financial conditions differ between countries, innovative approaches are being implemented to address this shared challenge. This symposium featured experts from Australia and Korea—both with national CVD control plans—to discuss their approaches and explore suitable and implementable solutions for Japan.



Opening Remarks
Krishna Reddy (CEO, ACCESS Health International)



Explanatory Introduction
Yukiko Kawata (Senior Associate, HGPI)



Discussion "Exploring Future Strategies for CVD Control in the Asia-Pacific Region"
Christian Verdicchio (CEO, Heart Support Australia)
Hyeon Chang Kim (Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine, Integrative Research Center for Cerebrovascular and Cardiovascular Diseases, Yonsei University College of Medicine)
Koji Maemura (Professor, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Nagasaki University)
Moderator: Ryoji Noritake (Chair, HGPI)



Closing Remarks
Norihisa Tamura (Member, House of Representatives / Chairperson, Parliamentary Association for Follow-up on Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Control Measures)

Kidney Disease Control Promotion Project

MAR 18, 2025 **Advisory Board Meeting**

Challenges and Solutions in Ensuring Continuity from Health Checkups to Medical Care from the Perspective of Patients and Those Affected by Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

In FY2024, HGPI conducted two surveys based on the patients' perspective and individuals affected by CKD to identify relevant issues: a quantitative survey on behavioral challenges in seeking medical care, and a qualitative survey involving interviews with patients regarding the transition from health checkups to medical care. Based on the findings from these surveys, HGPI organized this Advisory Board meeting on March 18, 2025, convening experts from industry, government, academia, and civil society to discuss challenges and potential solutions related to the continuity of care from checkups to treatment.



■Advisory board members (title omitted; in Japanese syllabary order)

Nobuki Ando (Former Chairman, Japan Health Insurance Association)
 Rei Goto (Professor, Graduate School of Business Administration, Keio University)
 Seitaro Dohi (CEO, MOANA-Dohi Industrial Physician Office, Inc./Professor of Industrial Hygiene, University of Occupational and Environmental Health/Visiting Professor, Tokyo University of Technology)
 Takeo Nakayama (Professor, Department of Health Informatics, School of Public Health, Kyoto University)
 Tsuguru Hatta (President, Hatta Medical Clinic)
 Akira Fukui (Lecturer, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, Department of Internal Medicine, Jikei University School of Medicine)
 Shingo Fukuma (Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Infectious Disease Control and Prevention, Hiroshima University Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences/ Professor, Human Health Sciences, Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine)
 Yuji Furui (Project Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo/ Visiting Professor, Jichi Medical University)

Column 54 The Promotion of Kidney Disease Measures Through Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration



HGPI has operated since its founding with the mission of “Achieving citizen-centered health policy by bringing stakeholders together as an independent think-tank”. In this column, we introduce the process of the Kidney Disease Policy Promotion Project, which was launched in 2022, in commemoration of World Kidney Day on March 13, 2025. Particularly, we will highlight how this project has progressed with the understanding, knowledge, and support of stakeholders across industry, government, academia, and civil society in Japan.



NCD Alliance Japan

NCD Alliance Japan is a collaborative platform for civil society organizations in the NCD community steered by the Health and Global Policy Institute. Its aim is to further promote comprehensive, cross-cutting NCD policies.

Since 2013, NCD Alliance Japan has served as Japan's point-of-contact for the NCD Alliance, which brings together over 2,000 civil society organizations and academic institutions in more than 170 countries. NCD Alliance Japan was officially recognized as a full member of the NCD Alliance in January 2019.

Dementia



In pursuit of our mission of “promoting multi-stakeholder collaboration to advance dementia policy.”

JAN 21, 2025 **Inclusive Community Dialogue on Building an Inclusive Society for People with Dementia**

Omuta City, Fukuoka Prefecture

HGPI held an “Inclusive Community Dialogue” in Omuta City, Fukuoka Prefecture, where local residents, including people with dementia, gathered to discuss the future of an inclusive society. This “Inclusive Community Dialogue” aimed to review past initiatives and their outcomes related to dementia in Omuta City, while envisioning the future of a society in which individuals with lived experience of dementia and residents can live happily and achieve their full potential. Through group work and graphic recording sessions, participants shared their experiences and thoughts about dementia, engaging in dynamic dialogue.



FEB 04, 2025 **Roundtable Discussion to Promote the Participation of People with Dementia, Their Families and Caregivers in Medical Research on Dementia**

Promoting the participation of people with dementia, their families and caregivers in research requires a continuous forum for multi-stakeholder discussions to highlight issues and challenges and build consensus. This time, a roundtable discussion was held with multiple stakeholders including people with dementia, families, academia, and industry representatives, with the aim of exchanging opinions for the purpose of establishing an ongoing conferential discourse for the advancement of dementia research.



■ **Speakers** (title omitted; in no particular order)

Takeshi Ikeuchi (Professor, Department of Molecular Genetics, Brain Research Institute Niigata University)

Mamoru Ichikawa (Visiting Scholar, Stanford University (2016) / Representative, Association of Medical Journalism; Visiting Associate Professor, School of Medicine, Hiroshima University / Manager of Fund Development and Public Policy, READYFOR, Inc.)

Takeshi Iwatsubo (Professor, Department of Neuropathology, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo)

Tomoo Ogawa (Executive Director, Japan and Asia Clinical Development Department, Neurology, CEG Fulfillment, Eisai Co., Ltd)

Matsuyo Kamada (President, Alzheimer's Association Japan)

Yumi Shindo (Deputy Director, Center for Cultivating and Enlightenment for Healthy Longevity, Tokyo Metropolitan Institute for Geriatrics and Gerontology)

Yoshiki Niimi (Project Associate Professor, University of Tokyo hospital)

Naohisa Hatakeyama (Japan Drug Development and Medical Affairs, Eli Lilly Japan K.K.)

Masaaki Hirai (Representative, Mahoroba Club)

MAR 17, 2025 **Promoting Patient and Public Involvement in Dementia Research “Roundtable Dialogue”**

Let's Talk About Research

HGPI hosted a “Round Table Dialogue” as one of the initiatives to promote the involvement of people with dementia and their families in research, as specified in The Basic Act on Dementia to Promote an Inclusive Society. We hosted and collaborated with Dr. Yoshiki Niimi (Project Associate Professor, University of Tokyo Hospital), a notable researcher in the Alzheimer's disease field, and the members of the “Orange Door Mitaka” dementia support group. During the event, Dr. Niimi provided an overview of what research is and the role of medical research in dementia using simple and accessible language based on his personal experiences and research.



Information Packet for Local Government Officials

MAR 17, 2025

Dementia Policies for Our City: Taking the First Step in Promoting Future Measures for Dementia

HGPI prepared these recommendations to provide local government officials with the information they need to develop local plans for the promotion of policies on dementia and to promote dementia measures after those plans are implemented. The recommendations are based on research conducted by HGPI in FY2024 through efforts that included conducting surveys and interviews, and hosting discussions in model regions. For our initial release, we are publishing our first set of recommendations as a preliminary online version. The second set will be presented in summer 2025 and we also plan to distribute a printed version of our recommendations to local governments across Japan.

*Please note that this document is in Japanese only.



Column 53

The Future of Dementia Research Co-created with Affected Parties, Vol. 1: Three Key Points for Achieving Meaningful Involvement



In the field of dementia, there are high expectations for innovative developments that reflect the needs of people with dementia, their families, and their caregivers, and there is a need to foster a research environment that facilitates the involvement of these parties. Many opinions from people with dementia were reflected during the formulation process of the Basic Act on Dementia to Promote an Inclusive Society enacted in 2023, which makes clear mention of the importance of involvement for people with dementia and other affected parties. In this regard, it differs greatly from past measures. As its title suggests, the objective of the Basic Act on Dementia is to create an inclusive society. Article 1 describes the significance of an inclusive society and aims to surpass healthcare and welfare policies to provide a framework for all of society to be inclusive for people with dementia.

Mental Health



It is because anyone can be affected by mental health issues in the modern era that we must create a society in which people can live with peace of mind even if they develop a mental health disorder or similar issue.

JAN 22, 2025 **Expert Meeting**

Innovations Required to Achieve Precision Psychiatry

At this meeting, speakers introduced case studies of past and current initiatives to achieve personalized psychiatry in Japan and abroad, as well as their past and current challenges and future prospects. Based on speakers' presentations, representatives from industry, government and academia, as well as patients, engaged in lively discussions on the innovations and initiatives regarding mental healthcare that need to be established in Japan in the near future.



Opening Remarks
Hanako Jimi (Member, House of Councillors)



Keynote Lecture 1 'Global Trends in Precision Psychiatry and its Application in Clinical Practice'
Akira Sawa (The Johns Hopkins University & Hospital)



Keynote Lecture 2 'Establishment of a Mental Illness Registry for the realization of Precision Psychiatry'
Kazuyuki Nakagome (President, National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry)



Closing Remarks
Ryoji Noritake (Chair, HGPI)



Panel Discussion 'Multi-stakeholder collaboration for Precision Psychiatry'

Panelists:

Yasuhiro Obata (Secretary-general, The National Federation of Associations of Families with The Mental Illness in Japan (Common name: Minna-net))
Shigenobu Kanba (Honorary Professor, Kyushu University; Honorary Chairman, Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology)
Toshiaki Kikuchi (Associate Professor, Keio University School of Medicine)
Keigo Kobayashi (Person Living With a Mental Disorder)

Akira Sawa (The Johns Hopkins University & Hospital)
Hidetaka Tamune (Associate Professor, The Department of Psychiatry at Juntendo University)
Kazuyuki Nakagome (President, National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry)
Moderator:
Shu Suzuki (Senior Associate, HGPI)

AMR: Antimicrobial Resistance



Bringing People Together to Build Resistance against AMR



AMR Alliance Japan

Established in November 2018 by academic societies working in infectious disease medicine, pharmaceutical companies, and medical device manufacturers, AMR Alliance Japan is an independent platform for the promotion of multisector discussion on AMR countermeasures. The Alliance develops and disseminates policy recommendations to: (1) ensure that AMR countermeasures are in line with the current situation of patients and healthcare settings; (2) promote the national and international AMR agenda; and (3) advance Japan's AMR policy.

CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

Survey on Healthcare in Japan



To grasp what healthcare the public truly wants and to gauge public awareness and opinions on health policy issues, HGPI has been conducting public opinion polls since 2006. HGPI has been independently selecting the topics and has been conducting surveys on a wide range of domestic and international agendas, including healthcare satisfaction, global health, and vaccine policies.

Research Report

MAR 17, 2025



The 2025 Public Opinion Survey on Healthcare in Japan

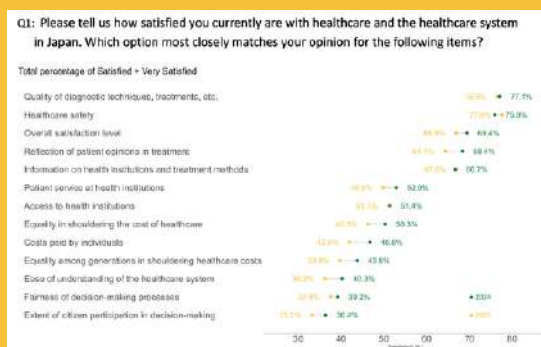
In December 2024, HGPI conducted a nationwide public opinion survey of 1,000 men and women age 20 years and over.

In addition to examining satisfaction in healthcare like past surveys, this year's survey also asked about access to healthcare institutions and medicines in light of recent developments like work-style reform for physicians and the launch of the system for patient-selected extra medical services. This year's survey also examined public awareness of the use of medical information.

Key survey findings

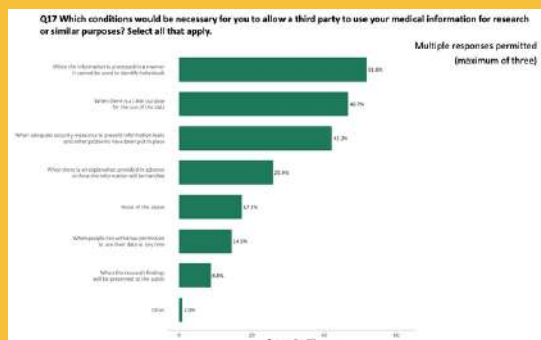
Satisfaction in healthcare increased slightly, but was generally the same as previous years

- Almost 70% of respondents expressed satisfaction toward Japan's healthcare and health system overall
- Satisfaction with "access to healthcare institutions" was almost the same as in our 2023 survey, which found that satisfaction decreased after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic



While 60% of respondents supported the secondary use of medical information, many expressed the need to protect private information and to have careful security measures and clear terms of use

- When asked about their use of My Number cards as insurance cards, under 50% responded, "I have already started"
- Regarding secondary use of medical information including for research, 60% responded, "I would wholeheartedly support its use" or "Depending on the purpose, I'd be willing to allow its use." When asked about conditions for secondary use, responses included, "When the information is processed in a manner it cannot be used to identify individuals," "When there is a clear purpose for the use of the data," and "When adequate security measures have been put in place"
- Sixty percent of respondents supported the use of medical information (such as from medical records or test results) for research. As for the purposes of such use, respondents had the highest expectations for "the development of new treatments or therapeutics"



HPA: Health Policy Academy



The 13th Session “Citizenship and Health Policy”

Since its inception in 2015, the program has now reached its 13th term. This year’s theme, “Citizenship and Health Policy,” was tackled through a comprehensive curriculum, including seven lectures, a special study session, and an interim presentation. Through these activities, participants gained a solid foundation in health policy, covering theoretical, analytical, and practical aspects.

JAN 09, 2025 **Lecture 8** Civil Society and Advocacy

Ms. Kyoko Ama, Fellow of HGPI, delivered a lecture on the theme “Civil Society and Advocacy.” Drawing from her work focused on the “effective use of pediatric healthcare,” a central aspect of her activities, she shared insights into how citizens can engage in policy-making, the processes of building consensus, and essential mindsets for advocacy.



FEB 13, 2025 **Lecture 9** Final Presentation Session

participants presented the policy proposals and implementation processes they had developed through approximately six months of group work. Following these presentations, feedback was provided by Mr. Kohei Onozaki, HGPI Board Member, and Ms. Kyoko Ama, HGPI Fellow. The proposals were the culmination of health policy issues identified through extensive research and group discussions, as well as insights gained from the course lectures. Furthermore, by considering the review process of stakeholders, participants gained a deeper understanding of the processes involved in policy implementation.



Health Policy Academy the 14th Session Has Been Officially Scheduled (Starts July 2025)

The 14th term will offer an upgraded curriculum that includes perspectives on more diverse healthcare systems. In addition to the theoretical aspects such as ethics, norms, and the use of evidence that form the basis of policy, we will cover content that looks to the future of health policy, as well as advocacy activities to engage seriously with society from the perspective of individual citizens. Through discussions and group work with students from a variety of backgrounds, you will have the opportunity to experience the mindset required for actual policymaking, such as reconciling different perspectives and reaching consensus.

*Please note that this program is available in Japanese only



Special Breakfast Meeting



MAR 10, 2025 **The 57th**

Functional Differentiation and Collaboration in Regional Healthcare: Achieving a Reliable Medical Delivery System

We were honored to welcome Dr. Keiko Morimitsu, Director-General of the Health Policy Bureau at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), as our guest speaker at the 57th Special Breakfast Meeting.

In July 2024, Dr. Morimitsu became the first woman to be appointed Director-General of the MHLW, Health Policy Bureau. In this lecture, she discussed efforts to create a healthcare provision system that ensures peace of mind for citizens through categorization and collaboration in regional health services.





HGPI Seminar

JAN 28, 2025 **The 130th HGPI Seminar**

Intractable Diseases

**Marking a Decade of the Act on Medical Care for Patients With Intractable Diseases:
Connecting Intractable Diseases and Society From the
Perspective of a Media Professional and Family Member**

Nana Ando

Journalist, Medical Desk, Editorial Bureau,
Tokyo Headquarters, The Yomiuri Shimbun



MAR 19, 2025 **The 131st HGPI Seminar**

Dementia

**The Policy Process of the Kyoto City Caregiver
Support Ordinance**

Masatoshi Tsudome

Professor Emeritus, Ritsumeikan University



MAR 22, 2025 **HGPI Special Seminar**

Other Activities

Insights from Harvard Students on Fukushima's Recover

Archived videos
are now available
on YouTube



Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Fukushima Field Program Participant



HGPI Salon

HGPI Salon 2025 "Looking Ahead to the Future of Japan's Social Security System"

A series of four meetings will be held throughout 2025 to share issues in healthcare and social security and to provide a forum for discussion toward the future.

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Individual
Supporting
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Free

FEB 12, 2025 **Session 1**

Improving Productivity through the Streamlining of Healthcare and Long-Term Care Services and the Utilization of ICT

The conversation centered on the critical state of Japan's healthcare system as it confronts aging population and rural depopulation challenges. Participants discussed specific issues including hospitals operating at a deficit, physician shortages in rural areas, and the closure of medical clinics. A range of multifaceted solutions were proposed, such as management reforms for healthcare institutions, task shifting initiatives, technological innovation, and reconsideration of patient financial responsibilities. The discussion also addressed broader challenges, including the difficulty of building national consensus for systemic reforms, the need for mindset changes among healthcare professionals, and questions about the sustainability of Japan's "anyone, anytime, anywhere" free access healthcare principle.



Shinsuke Muto
Board Member, HGPI

SESSION 2
JUN 27



Yusuke Tsugawa

SESSION 4
NOV 11



Satoko Hotta

SESSION 3
OCT 07



Kohei Onozaki

Under the Chatham House Rule*, these Salons will function as a platform for participants to engage in an open and candid dialogue to generate insights and ideas for policy development. Individual supporting members can attend free of charge.

*The Chatham House Rule refers to a meeting format in which discussions are held off-the-record and speakers remain unidentified. This rule aims to facilitate an honest and vigorous debate by ensuring anonymity.

FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

Planetary Health

The healthcare sector can take to address global challenges to achieve health, well-being, and equity.



JAN 30, 2025 **The Fourth Advisory Board Meeting in FY2024**

Planetary Health: Necessary Steps for a Sustainable Environment

Planetary Health Project and its advisory board was formed in FY2022 to advance the discussions on planetary health and to contribute to better health for the Earth and its people. Together with our newest advisory board members who joined in FY2024, we plan to advance various initiatives based on advisory board's discussions.



■ Advisory Board Members (titles omitted; in Japanese syllabary order)

Industry

Satoru Arima (Sustainability Planning & Management Group, Sustainability Department, Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.)
Yosuke Nishiba (Public Affairs and Sustainability department, Market Access & External Affairs Division, Novo Nordisk Pharma Ltd.)
Yutaka Mitsutake (Director, Japan Sustainability, AstraZeneca K.K.)

Government

Hajime Inoue (Assistant Minister for Global Health and Welfare, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)
Mitsuya Maeda (Director General, Environmental Health Department, Ministry of the Environment Japan)
Sho Nagata (Director, Heat Illness Policy Office, Policy Planning Division, Environmental Health Department, Ministry of the Environment)

Civil Society

Taiko Kudo (Research Collaborator, Kyoto Climate Change Adaptation Center)
So Sugawara (Representative Director, Green innovation)
Yukari Nakano (Executive Officer, Japanese Nursing Association)
Makoto Haraguchi (Fellow, MS&AD InterRisk Research & Consulting, Inc. / TNFD dedicated SVP, MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Inc.)
Hidekazu Hosokawa (Executive Director, Japan Medical Association)
Yusuke Matsuo (Director, Business Task Force, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies)
Akihito Watabe (Health Specialist, Human and Social Development Office, Sectors Group, Asian Development Bank)
Green Practice Japan

Special Advisor (Youth)

Asian Medical Students' Association Japan (AMSA Japan)
Japan Association for Global Health, Students Section (jagh-s)

Academia

Saori Kashima (Director of the Center for the Planetary Health and Innovation Science (PHIS), Associate Professor of Environmental Health Sciences Laboratory, Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering, Hiroshima University)
Naoki Kondo (Professor and Chair, Department of Social Epidemiology, Graduate School of Medicine and School of Public Health, Kyoto University)
Yasuhiko Suzuki (Distinguished Professor, Hokkaido University, Chair and Professor; Division of Bioresources, International Institute for Zoonosis Control; Chair and Professor, Department of Research Support, Institute for Vaccine Research and Development, Professor Department of Advanced Pharmaceutics, Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine)
Keiko Nakamura (Professor, Department of Global Health Entrepreneurship, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences (Medicine), Science Tokyo)
Keisuke Nansai (Director, Material Cycles Division, National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES))
Masahiro Hashizume (Professor, Department of Global Health Policy, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo)
Kenji Fuma (Specially Appointed Professor, Co-Creative Organization for Green Society, Shinshu University / CEO, Neural, Inc.)
Hiroya Yamano (Senior Principal Researcher, Biodiversity Division, National Institute for Environmental Studies; Professor, Department of Earth and Planetary Environmental Science (UG); Department of Earth and Planetary Physics (UG); Department of Earth and Planetary Science (GR); Graduate School of Science, The University of Tokyo)
Naoko Yamamoto (Professor, International University of Health and Welfare / Director, Global Medical Cooperation Center)
Chiho Watanabe (Professor and Executive Advisor to the President (Planetary Health), School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health, Nagasaki University)

FEB 04, 2025 **HGPI-GHP Joint Lecture**

Planetary Health: Redesigning Our Future, Restoring the World

HGPI, together with the Department of Global Health Policy (GHP) at The University of Tokyo, hosted a public lecture with Dr. Renzo Guinto, Associate Professor at Duke-NUS Medical School, National University of Singapore. The event was further supported by student organizations, including the Asian Medical Students' Association Japan (AMSA Japan) and the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations Japan (IFMSA-Japan).





Joins

MAR 17, 2025

Call to Action from Health Community

“Stop Polluting the Air We Breathe: Prevent Diseases and Save Lives”

The Call to Action urges governments, leaders, decision-makers, donors, and the private sector to commit to accelerated investments, strengthened policies, and cross-sector collaboration to ensure clean air for all.

Column 56

Part 12: Health is the Argument for Climate Action



—WHO Special Report Highlights a ‘Health’ Approach

The 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in November 2024. On November 7, 2024, just before the COP29, the World Health Organization (WHO) released the COP29 Special Report on Climate Change and Health titled “Health is the Argument for Climate Action.” WHO’s previous pre-COP special report was published prior to COP26, titled “Climate change and health: the health argument for climate action.”

Child Health

Family Mental Health Booklet

FEB 03, 2025



Learning and Practicing at Home – Stress Management for Children with Intellectual Disabilities

The Child Health Project will develop a skill development program for promoting mental health among students of high school age and with intellectual disabilities as well as verify the program’s effectiveness through its implementation. Our objective will be to establish a mental health support system for children with intellectual disabilities and to create even more opportunities for early detection and intervention for mental health conditions. Furthermore, based on the findings of our effectiveness verification, we will compile policy recommendations with essential perspectives on providing mental health support for children with intellectual disabilities and share these recommendations with policymakers to contribute to promoting children’s health.

*Please note that this booklet is available in Japanese only



e-learning program *Only in Japanese

As part of this initiative, we have created an e-learning program for families, along with a booklet, to support children with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Now available
for a limited
viewing on
YouTube



Other Activities

JAN 27, 2025 **Young Professionals Roundtable for Public-Private Opinion Exchange on Social Security and Healthcare Policy**

The 4th Meeting “Discussion on Enhancing Drug Discovery Capabilities Through Public and Private Collaboration”

The Public and Private Sector Co Creation Hub, HGPI and SENSHO-GUMI co-hosted the fourth Young Professionals’ Roundtable for Public-Private Opinion Exchange on Social Security and Healthcare Policy, titled “Discussion on enhancing drug discovery capabilities through public and private collaboration.” Ms. Yui Kohno from Manager of HGPI opened the discussion by providing background information, sharing the progress of discussions and key points to note regarding drug pricing, drug discovery, and stable supply projects, focusing on opinions from patients and stakeholders. Mr. Daichi Mitani, Deputy Director at the Policy Planning Division for Pharmaceutical Industry Promotion and Medical Information Management of the Health Policy Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) also spoke on the theme “Discussion on enhancing drug discovery capabilities through public and private collaboration.” He shared insights on the mid-to-long-term drug discovery framework, challenges, and the ideal form of collaboration necessary to implement better policies.



MAR 19, 2025 **U.S. – Japan Joint Roundtable**

Navigating Biopharma Innovation with Patient Engagement Towards a Healthy Aging Society

The U.S.-based Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), in cooperation with HGPI, hosted a U.S.-Japan joint roundtable. This roundtable convened representatives from biopharmaceutical companies in the United States, Japanese patient advocacy groups, and additional relevant stakeholders to discuss these challenges. Topics included disparities and challenges related to research and development (R&D), access to biopharmaceuticals across both countries, and future opportunities for U.S.-Japan collaboration to realize a healthy and long-lived society.



Planetary Health × AMR × Global Health × Vaccinations



Endorse

MAR 17, 2025

Civil Society’s Expectations for the Continuation and Development of Japan’s Global Health Initiatives

It is imperative to recognize global health as a critical issue that encompasses economic, social, and security risks. From the perspective of human security, the statement urges Japan to further strengthen the foundation it has built in global health policy and to continue demonstrating leadership within the international community.



Lectures

Patient Consensus Summit for Chronic and Rare Kidney Diseases

Brussels, Belgium

CompCure

HGPI Senior Manager Ms. Eri Yoshimura participated as a speaker and panelist at the Patient Consensus Summit for Chronic and Rare Kidney Diseases (organized by CompCure) held in Brussels, Belgium, on January 26 and 27, 2025. The participants discussed the three perspectives of screening, diagnosis, and policy promotion in kidney disease control with medical experts, patient groups, private companies, and media experts from several European countries, the U.S., and China over the course of two days. Following the summit, we presented their recommendations to the European Parliament (at the European Kidney Forum 2025).



WDC Summit 2025

London, England

The World Dementia Council

World Dementia Council (WDC) hosted WDC Summit 2025 on March 25, 2025. From HGPI, Mr. Ryoji Noritake, Chair of HGPI and WDC Council Member, participated the meeting. Mr. Noritake brought the discussion perspectives including how to harmonize further promotion of R&D and the rapid transformation of the health system to deliver innovation with the dementia-friendly society and involvement of people with dementia that have been long promoted.



Let’s think about Disaster Preparedness for Emergency Situation

Online

NPO National Network for Supporting Children with Intractable Diseases

On January 19, 2025, Mr. Kai Shigeno, Senior Associate of HGPI, gave a lecture for FY2024 titled “Project for Supporting Independence of Children with Chronic Specified Diseases” Holding exchange meetings Series 4.

The Future of Antibiotics – New Partnerships for Antibiotic Discovery

Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

The National Centre for Global Health, Medicine (NCGM), UKHSA and other partners

On February 14, 2025, HGPI Manager Ms. Yui Kohno presented at the workshop.

Media

Commencement of the International Dialogue, “Fostering Community and Citizen-led Approaches to AMR: Lessons from Antibiotic Smart Sweden”

The January issue (No. 222), Journal of Modern Veterinary Medicine (mVm)

Circular Economy and Planetary Health: Featured in “No Time to Waste – Circular Economy”

INDUST Issue No. 447

E-learning program on stress management for children with intellectual disabilities and their guardians

Child Lab

Recommendations for Correcting Regional Disparities in Breast Cancer Care

Hokkaido Medical Newspaper

HGPI 20TH ANNIVERSARY



In FY2024, HGPI marked its 20th anniversary, made possible by the unwavering support and endorsement of many stakeholders. On February 1, 2025, HGPI held a special 20th Anniversary Reception Party in conjunction with its flagship event, the Health Policy Summit, which has been held annually since 2006, to express our gratitude to those who have supported our mission.

Health Policy Summit Uniting Global Leaders Across Sectors

Two panel discussion sessions were held to address pressing healthcare policy issues that lie at the core of Japan's health system. These sessions brought together leading experts from both Japan and abroad to engage in in-depth discussions on the following themes.

Demographic Transformation and the Future Structure of the Acute Care Provision System

In-depth discussion was held on the challenges related to the imbalance between healthcare supply and demand, regional disparities in the distribution of physicians and other healthcare professionals, and disparities among medical specialties—all issues related to demographic shifts. The session also explored potential solutions and future outlooks, based primarily on the 2024 findings of the Committee on the New Community Medical Care Vision.

The Past and Future of Policymaking: Examining the Feasibility of Evidence-Based, Citizen-Centered Health Policy

Based on a review of the history and evolution of Evidence-Based Policymaking (EBPM), this session held a comprehensive discussion on whether the pursuit of “rational policy decisions” grounded in evidence represents the limits of the representative democracy. Participants explored what the policy making process should be in today's rapidly changing society, both domestically and internationally, and what the future of healthcare policy should look like. The discussion incorporated perspectives from policymaking theory, political philosophy, anthropology, and real-world politics.



Commemorating the 20th Anniversary Reception Party



The 1st Kiyoshi Kurokawa Award Honoring Innovative Leaders in Health Policy



HGPI is proud to announce the recipient of the 1st Kiyoshi Kurokawa Award. The announcement took place during HGPI's flagship event, the Health Policy Summit 2025.

The 1st Recipient



Renzo R. Guinto

Associate Professor, SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute (SDGHI), Duke-NUS Medical School, National University of Singapore

Background

The Kiyoshi Kurokawa Award was established as part of HGPI's 20th-anniversary initiatives in 2024. Since its founding in 2004, HGPI has worked as an independent think tank with the mission of achieving citizen-centered health policy. This award reflects the vision and legacy of HGPI's Honorary Chairman for Life, Kiyoshi Kurokawa, who played a central role in launching and guiding the organization.

Kiyoshi Kurokawa has been instrumental in bringing together diverse stakeholders and providing policy options with a global perspective. His dedication to principles such as "independence," "neutrality," and "feasibility" has earned HGPI recognition both in Japan and abroad. The Kiyoshi Kurokawa Award embodies his commitment to supporting the next generation of leaders while creating a platform for global innovation in health policy.

About the Kiyoshi Kurokawa Award

The Kiyoshi Kurokawa Award was created to honor young leaders who are driving transformative changes in health policy. It seeks to amplify their impact, spreading their influence from the Asia-Pacific region to the global stage. The award celebrates individuals and organizations that demonstrate:

- Innovation: Developing novel approaches and solutions that challenge existing frameworks.
- Impact: Delivering measurable, positive outcomes for both local and global communities.
- Future Vision: Envisioning and working toward sustainable changes that address long-term challenges.



I may be the first laureate of this award, but certainly not the last. Together, let us find the emerging voices, movers and shakers of the Asia-Pacific region that will heal our society and transform the world.

Renzo R. Guinto

Future Prospects

The Kiyoshi Kurokawa Award aims to spotlight and amplify innovative initiatives from the Asia-Pacific region, sharing these efforts with the global community. By providing a platform for young leaders, HGPI hopes to advance sustainable health policy solutions worldwide while fostering international dialogue. This initiative also seeks to bridge the gap between Japan and the international community, enabling the exchange of best practices, lessons learned, and new ideas to inform both global and domestic healthcare policy.

Advocacy Activities to Encourage the Adoption of the Recommendations in Our Policy Proposals



HGPI composes and publishes reports and policy proposals for each of its projects. HGPI also makes efforts to encourage the implementation of the recommendations contained in those publications through advocacy activities targeting the government and Diet. Those efforts include providing explanations on the content of each report and proposal to representatives from relevant departments with the local and national government or to Diet members and local assembly members on an individual basis. In addition to cooperating closely with parties relevant to each project from the local and national government, HGPI also functions as a hub that creates links within the community of experts in each field when creating content for Diet member study sessions or when drafting bills. We engage in these cooperative efforts with a shared intent of encouraging the implementation of concrete policies based on our recommendations. In the past, recommendations included in HGPI's reports and policy proposals have been reflected in policies after having been cited in presentations made by various groups within the government, including nonpartisan Diet member groups and project teams, or in proposals composed by those groups.

Public Comment Submission

Planetary Health

Plan for Global Warming Countermeasures (Draft)

JAN 26, 2025

The Low-carbon Society Promotion Office, Policy Planning Division, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment

Planetary Health

GX2040 Vision (Draft)

JAN 26, 2025

The Investment Promotion Division for Transition to a Decarbonized, Growth-Oriented Economic Structure, GX (Green Transformation) Policy Group, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Planetary Health

Third Phase of The Healthcare Policy (Draft)

FEB 03, 2025

The Headquarters for Healthcare Policy, Cabinet Office

Planetary Health

Seventh Strategic Energy Plan (Draft)

JAN 26, 2025

The General Policy Division, Commissioner's Secretariat of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy

Planetary Health

Basic Policy on the Promotion of Food Loss and Waste Reduction (Draft)

JAN 26, 2025

The Office for Recycling Promotion, General Affairs Division, Environmental Regeneration and Material Cycles Bureau, Ministry of the Environment

Planetary Health

2050 Tokyo Strategy: Making Tokyo Even Better (Draft)

MAR 03, 2025

The Policy Planning Bureau of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government

Providing Professional Expertise

Serving on Government Committees and Global Organizations

Senior members of HGPI have held various titles on government committees and in global health societies. Some of those titles are listed below.



Kiyoshi Kurokawa	Healthcare Policy Advisor, Cabinet Secretariat; Chairman, Council on the Future of Tokyo in a Super-Aged Society; Chairman, Cabinet Office's AI Advisory Board, Special Advisors to the Cabinet, Chairperson, Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize Committee
Ryoji Noritake	Member, World Dementia Council; Member, Dementia Innovation Alliance Public and Private Sector Working Group, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Kohei Onozaki	Health Policy Advisor, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare; Social Security Team, Administrative Reform Conference, Cabinet Secretariat
Yusuke Tsugawa	Council Member, Advisory Council on Large-scale Demonstration Projects for Prevention and Health Promotion, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare; Member, Study Group on the Review of Guidelines for the Appropriate Implementation of Online Medical Care, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Ryozo Nagai	Member, Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare Social Security Council; Provisional Member, Council for Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; Member, Cabinet Office's AI Advisory Board
Satoko Hotta	Member, Caregiver Fee Subcommittee and Welfare Division, Social Security Council, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare; Expert Committee Member, Policy Evaluation Council, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
Shinsuke Muto	Information Policy Advisor, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

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Health and Global Policy Institute: Guidelines on Grants and Contributions

As an independent, non-profit, non-partisan private think tank, HGPI complies with the following guidelines relating to the receipt of grants and contributions.

1. Approval of Mission

The mission of HGPI is to improve the civic mind and individuals’ well-being, and to foster a sustainable healthy community by shaping ideas and values, reaching out to global needs, and catalyzing society for impact. The activities of HGPI are supported by organizations and individuals who are in agreement with this mission.

2. Political Neutrality

HGPI is a private, non-profit corporation independent of the government. Moreover, HGPI receives no support from any political party or other organization whose primary purpose is political activity of any nature.

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4. Diverse Sources of Funding


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HGPI will not partake in any activity of which the primary objective is to promote or raise the image or awareness of the products, services or other such like of its benefactors.

6. Written Agreement

Submission of this document will be taken to represent the benefactor’s written agreement with HGPI’s compliance with the above guidelines.



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