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ACTIVITY REPORT

CURRENT ACTIVITIES (JANUARY-MARCH 2026)

MAY 2026

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR

HGPI IS COMMITTED TO PURSUING THE CREATION OF A BETTER WORLD

Health and Global Policy Institute (HGPI) 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

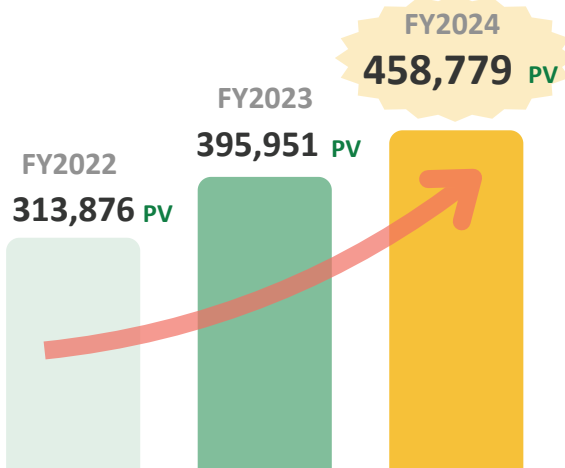
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We connect players and facilitate discussions
- 02 INDEPENDENT and GLOBAL**
We represent an independent voice and nurture a global perspective
- 03 FEASIBLE and RESPONSIBLE**
We provide feasible and responsible policy options
- 04 RESEARCH and ANALYSIS**
We provide quality research and analysis
- 05 OPEN and CREATIVE**
We are open to new ideas and foster creative solutions

DATA REPORT



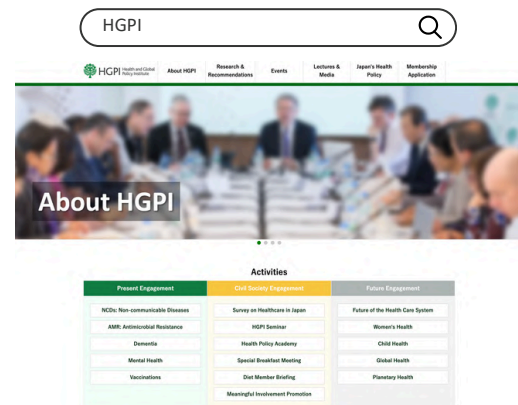
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20 YEARS

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



HGPI IN NUMBERS FY2024



Number of Events Held

82 times

Number of Participants

more than

6,300 people

Top 3 Participant Count



Policy Recommendations/ Number of Surveys Conducted

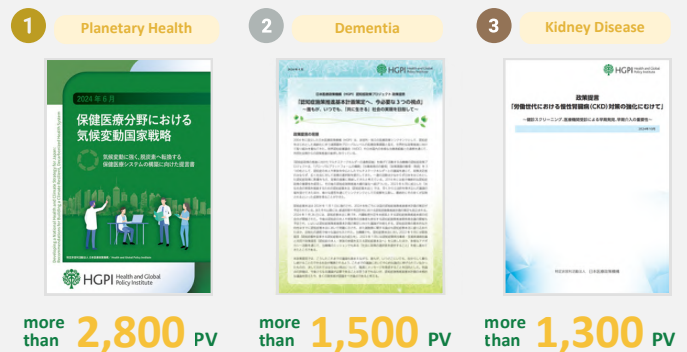
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PROJECTS

Present Engagement

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PRESENT ENGAGEMENT

NCDs: Non-Communicable Diseases



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

Blood Disorders



To encourage new developments in the field of blood disorders and the expansion of best practices from this area across other disease areas

JAN 09, 2026 **3rd Advisory Board Meeting**

Based on previous discussions and interviews with experts, multifaceted opinions were exchanged to enhance the effectiveness of policies in the field of blood disorders, covering themes such as “Building a Multi-Layered Medical Collaboration System”, “Patient-Centered Medical Communication and Support”, “Medical DX and Information Collaboration”, and “Institutional Support and R&D”.

■ Advisory Board Members (in Japanese alphabetical order, titles omitted)

Ayako Arai (Professor and Chair, Department of Hematology and Oncology, St. Marianna University School of Medicine)

Kota Ohashi (Director, Totus Homecare Clinic; Representative, NPO Hemato-Homecare Network)

Ryutaro Kobayashi (Representative, The Association of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia Patients and Families “Izumi”)

Akifumi Takaori-Kondo (Director, Kyoto University Hospital; President, the Japanese Society of Hematology)

Tomoiku Takaku (Professor, Department of Hematology, Saitama Medical University Hospital)

Akiko Hashimoto (President, NPO Tsubasa Information Platform for Patients with Blood Disorders)

Mei Haruya (Executive Officer and Head of Hematology Oncology Business Unit, Novartis Pharma K.K.)

Shinsuke Muto (President, Tetsuyu Institute Medical Corporation)

Masakazu Yamaguchi (Department Director of Pharmacy, the Cancer Institute Hospital of JFCR)

Ken Watanabe (Director, Hare no Terrace Sukoyaka Clinic)

Lisa Machado (Founder, Canadian CML Network)

Kidney Disease



Promoting kidney disease countermeasures from the perspective of patients and those directly affected, and strengthening cross-sector collaboration domestically and internationally

JAN 27, 2026 **Advisory Board Meeting**

Toward Reliable Policy Implementation for Early Detection and Early Intervention of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in the Occupational Health Sector

This second meeting focused on CKD countermeasures in the occupational health sector (including employers and insurers for employees). It was held to deepen discussions while sharing the current challenges with experts from various fields, aiming to identify concrete solutions in the occupational health sector.



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

Akemi Ando (Representative, Occupational Physician, Industrial Health and Safety Consultant, Ando Occupational Health Consulting Office/ Visiting Researcher, Department of International Cooperation for Medical Education, International Research Center for Medical Education, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo)

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Hirokazu Yoshii (Associate Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University/ Former Special Advisor to the President, Health Insurance Claims Review & Reimbursement Services)

Akio Yonekura (Vice President, Executive, Cancerscan Inc./ Executive Officer, Public Policy and Industry-University Collaboration Bureau, JMDC Inc.)

Aya Watanabe (Public Health Nurse, Data Health Division, Health Business Department, Health Insurance Association for Architecture and Civil Engineering companies)

Obesity

Raising the interest of society as a whole in obesity and obesity-related issues



FEB 25, 2026 **Korea-Japan Obesity Experts Meeting**

Towards Policy Advancement Based on the Voices of Those with Lived Experience and Healthcare Professionals

HGPI, together with the Healthy Together Social Cooperative, a South Korean social enterprise centered on people with lived experience of obesity, co-hosted the Korea-Japan Obesity Experts Meeting.

During the session, the experiences of those with obesity, including barriers to medical care, and the perspectives of frontline healthcare professionals who face practical challenges in clinical settings were shared. The importance of incorporating the voices of those with lived experience in advancing patient-centered policies was also emphasized.



Cardiovascular Diseases

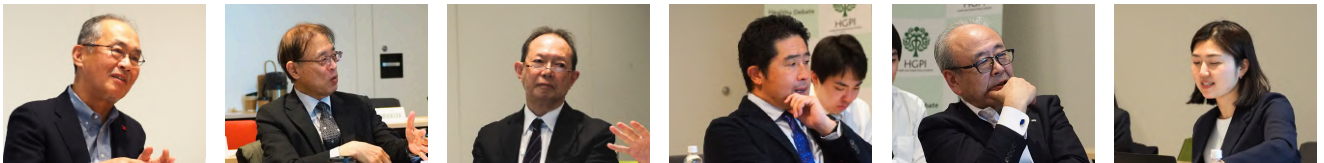
Deepening discussions on specific actions to promote measures by the national government and each prefecture



MAR 23, 2026 **Advisory Board Meeting**

Examining Quality and Continuity of Care in Health Checkups Ahead of the Third Phase of the National CVD Plan: Recommendations for More Effective CVD Prevention

This Advisory Board Meeting was held as a multi-stakeholder forum to share and discuss the findings identified from this research, including barriers to improving checkup quality and linking non-attenders to appropriate medical services, and to compile policy recommendations aimed at reinforcing the effectiveness of CVD prevention.



Advisory Board Members (titles omitted, in no particular order)

Nobuki Ando (Former Chairman, Japan Health Insurance Association/ Outside Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Members, Towa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.)
Shusho Okada (Professor, Department of Health Policy, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, Institute of Science, Tokyo)

Tomonori Okamura (Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, School of Medicine, Keio University)
Rei Goto (Professor, Graduate School of Business Administration, Keio University)
Akihiro Saigusa (Director, Shinjuku Medical Examination Plaza / Director, Japan Society of Ningen Dock and Preventive Medical Care / Council Member, The Japan Society of Health Evaluation and Promotion)
Hitoshi Fukuhara (Representative Director, Heart Valve Voice)



NCD Alliance Japan

NCD Alliance Japan is a collaborative platform for civil society organizations in the NCD community steered by 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”

FEB 03, 2026 FEB 10, 2026

FY2025 Long-term Care Business Project Workshop

Research on the Research Needs of People with Dementia and Their Families

HGPI was commissioned to conduct part of the FY2025 Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Health Promotion Project for the Elderly, titled "Research on the Research Needs of People with Dementia and Their Families," funded by the Alzheimer's Association Japan. As part of this project, HGPI organized workshops held online on February 3 and in person in Kyoto on February 11, 2026, bringing together more than 45 participants, including 10 people living with dementia, 20 family members, and 15 researchers, who engaged in small-group discussions.



MAR 09, 2026 **Dementia Project FY2025 Initiative Concluding Symposium**

The Future of Dementia Policy Surrounding Families and Others Who Care for People with Dementia

Since April 2025, the Dementia Project of HGPI has undertaken a policy initiative entitled "The Future of Dementia Policy Surrounding Families and Others Who Care for People with Dementia," re-examining key challenges through multi-stakeholder advisory board meetings and expert hearings to develop policy recommendations. This symposium was held as the culmination of approximately one year of project activities, presenting the recommendations and providing a forum for in-depth discussion with people with lived experience, academic experts, and policymakers.



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Column 69

Urban Design Protects Our Health: The Potential of ‘Healthy by Default’ Cities to Harmonize Coexistence and Prevention



Our health is not determined solely by biological factors such as medical care and genetics. It is now an internationally established finding that Socio-Economic Status (SES), such as income and education, is a major factor influencing our health (Marmot et al., 2008). These factors are known as Social Determinants of Health (SDH), and their importance is being reaffirmed globally.

In recent years, in addition to SES, the perspective that “the type of city one lives in”, that is, the neighborhood environment itself, is a factor linked to people’s health behaviors and the risk of dementia onset has become widespread.

Hearing Loss



Currently, an estimated 430 million people globally — approximately 5% of the world's population, including 34 million children — require intervention for hearing loss.

JAN 22, 2026 **First Advisory Board Meeting**

Examining Solutions to Japan’s Hearing Loss Challenges through Industry, Government, Academia, and Civil Society Collaboration

Approximately 10% of Japan’s population (about 14.3 million people) is estimated to have hearing loss, highlighting it as an urgent public health issue. In response, HGPI launched the “Hearing Loss Project” in fiscal year 2025 to address this challenge and advance the development of policies in related areas. An Advisory Board was established in order to organize diverse perspectives on these challenges and to develop potential solutions centered on the needs of those directly affected.



■ Participants (titles omitted, in no particular order)

Koichiro Wasano (Professor, Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, School of Medicine, Tokai University)
Takashi Nakagawa (Professor, Otorhinolaryngology, Clinical Medicine Division, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University)
Yoshiaki Kawasaki (Chairman, Japan Otorhinolaryngologists Association)
Yumiko Minami (Vice Director, International Department, Zennancho All Japan Association of Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened People)

Yasuhiro Suzuki (President, International University of Health and Welfare/ Former Chief Medical and Global Health Officer, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)
Martin Armstrong (President, GN Hearing Japan K.K.)
Tomoyoshi Hiramatsu (CEO, Makichie Co., Ltd)
Tohru Saitoh (President, Demant Japan K.K.)
Daisuke Tojo (Chairman, Japan Hearing Aid Dispensers Association)
Rie Inoue (Speech-Language-Hearing Therapist, Japanese Association of Speech-Language-Hearing Therapists)
Koji Miura (Chairman, The Association for Technical Aids (ATA))

AMR: Antimicrobial Resistance



Bringing People Together to Build Resistance against AMR

AMR Policy Update #4, 5

Cancer Care and AMR (Part 1, 2)



Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) remains one of the most pressing and complex challenges facing modern societies worldwide. Since 2016, HGPI has recognized AMR as a key social issue. In 2018, HGPI established the AMR Alliance Japan, the first global, independent, multi-stakeholder platform focused on overall AMR policy, bringing together governments, academia, industry, civil society, and patients to drive open dialogue and evidence-informed policy. We are pleased to announce the launch of a new initiative, "AMR Policy Update." The fourth and fifth editions of “AMR Policy Update,” titled “Cancer Care and AMR” explores how advances in cancer treatment have heightened the importance of infection prevention and control and how AMR is reshaping clinical practice across this two-part series.



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.

Vaccinations



The value that immunization and vaccination provide to each individual and society

MAR 11, 2026 **Global Symposium**

Redesigning Adult Vaccine Policies for Super-Aging Societies: What Role Should Vaccines Play to Encourage Healthy Aging and Support Economic Growth in Japan, Asia-Pacific and Beyond?

HGPI, in collaboration with the Global Coalition on Aging (GCOA) and the Asia-Pacific Coalition for Healthy Aging and Adult Immunization (AP-CHAAI), hosted a symposium on the future of immunization and vaccine policy in super-aging societies. The symposium focused on adult vaccination, bringing together experts from Japan and abroad to examine these issues from health, ethical, economic, and healthcare system sustainability perspectives.



Intractable and Rare Diseases



Column 67

Making Intractable and Rare Diseases a Priority Issue for the International Community: The WHA Resolution's Vision for a Global Action Plan and Japan's Role



February 28, the final day of February each year, marks Rare Disease Day (RDD). Health and Global Policy Institute (HGPI) is pleased to present a two-part column series exploring global trends in intractable and rare diseases policy.

A resolution on intractable and rare diseases titled, "Rare diseases: a global health priority for equity and inclusion" was formally adopted on May 24, 2025 at the 78th World Health Assembly (WHA). For the 300 million people around the world who live with intractable and rare diseases, this resolution was a long-awaited, historic step demonstrating broad international acknowledgment of their existence and the challenges they face.

CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

Meaningful Involvement Promotion



Promoting Patient and Public Involvement in Health Policy

JAN 07, 2026 **An Open Dialogue Between People With Lived Experience and Policymakers**

This event was held to support meaningful involvement among patients and people with lived experience in the healthcare policy-making process. By providing a platform for open dialogue and mutual understanding, the event allowed participants to transcend their respective roles and share diverse perspectives. Participants included registrants of Japan's Patient Expert Platform (J-PEP), who engaged in active discussions and networking.



JAN 22, 2026 **Urgent Symposium**

The New Takaichi Administration and Central Social Insurance Medical Council Reform – Ensuring Patients' Voices are Heard

Ahead of full-scale discussions on reform of the Central Social Insurance Medical Council (CSIMC), HGPI hosted an urgent symposium to examine the significance, specific methods, and positioning of meaningful involvement of people with lived experience at CSIMC and other deliberation bodies. The symposium opened with a brief expert lecture, followed by a panel discussion that included two panelists selected from Japan's Patient Expert Platform (J-PEP) through an open application process — the first time HGPI selected discussion participants in this way.



What is J-PEP?



Japan's Patient Expert Platform (J-PEP) is an information and exchange platform that aims to promote and encourage the sustainable and appropriate involvement of a diverse range of people with lived experience (including patients, people living with health conditions, their families and caregivers, service users, and other members of the public) in health policymaking.

J-PEP
Website
Available only in
Japanese.



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

FEB 13, 2026

The 2026 Public Opinion Survey on Healthcare in Japan

From December 2025 to January 2026, HGPI conducted a nationwide public opinion survey of 1,000 men and women age 20 years and over.

In addition to gauging public satisfaction in healthcare as in previous years, this year's survey included new questions on items such as health management, the use of healthcare services, attitudes toward self-medication, and the future that citizens envision for the healthcare system.



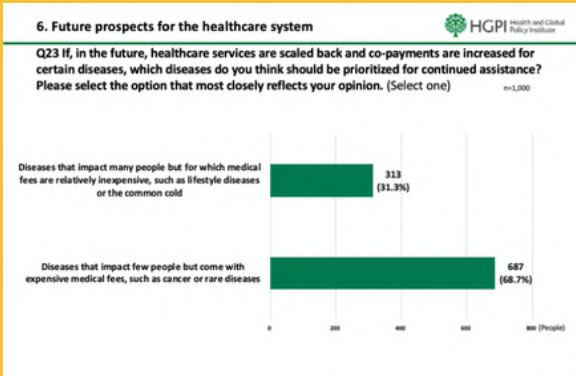
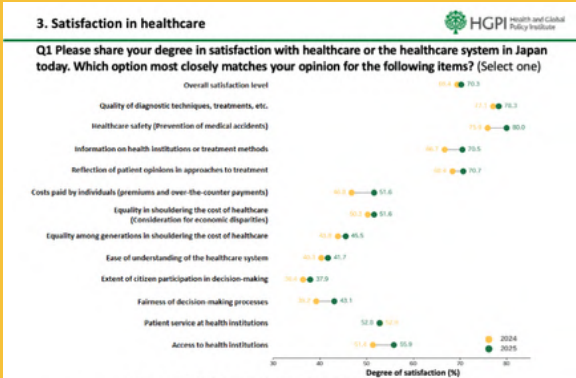
Key Survey Findings

Seventy percent of respondents were satisfied with healthcare and the healthcare system overall

- Seventy percent of respondents selected “satisfied” or “very satisfied” for “quality of diagnostic techniques, treatments, etc.,” “healthcare safety (prevention of medical accidents),” “information on health institutions or treatment methods,” and “reflection of patient opinions in approaches to treatment.”
- Meanwhile, the only item for which less than 40% of respondents selected “satisfied” or “very satisfied” was “extent of citizen participation in decision-making.”

When asked which items should be prioritized when distributing assistance in the future, 70% of respondents said, “Diseases that impact few people but come with expensive medical fees.”

- While 70% of respondents said that “diseases that impact few people but come with expensive medical fees, such as cancer or rare diseases” should be prioritized when deciding where to retain assistance in the event of cutbacks, only 30% said that priority should be given to “diseases that impact many people but for which medical fees are relatively inexpensive, such as lifestyle diseases or the common cold.”
- These options were selected in similar ratios regardless of whether respondents made regular visits to medical facilities or not.



HPA: Health Policy Academy

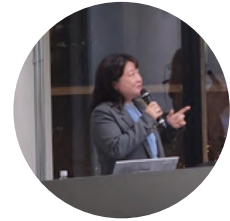


The 14th session of HPA aims to approach health policy as “practical learning” and provide knowledge and perspectives that are applicable to real-world settings and society, emphasizing the following three pillars: 1) Examining the “ideal state” of healthcare, 2) Listening to diverse perspectives, and 3) Envisioning and shaping the future.

JAN 09, 2026 **Lecture 7**

Future of Healthcare Policy (3) “Civil Society and Advocacy”

Ms. Kyoko Ama (Fellow, HGPI) delivered a lecture on the theme “Civil Society and Advocacy.” Drawing from her past activities, particularly her core work on “how to access pediatric care,” she explained how citizens can participate in policy formation, as well as the process of building consensus and the key principles to keep in mind when doing so.



FEB 13, 2026 **Final Presentation**

Participants presented policy proposals for “the year 2050” developed through approximately half a year of group work, followed by commentary from Mr. Kohei Onozaki, Board Member of HGPI, and Ms. Kyoko Ama, Fellow of HGPI. Drawing on insights gained through lectures and group discussions, participants developed policy proposals addressing healthcare policy challenges, and deepened their understanding of the consensus-building process necessary to bring policies to fruition by considering future projections for 2050 and the anticipated views of various stakeholders.



Health Policy Academy 15th Session — Starting July 2026

The 15th session builds upon the content of the 12th through 14th sessions following the program's renewal. With the theme “Opening Policy Windows,” the course is structured around three core pillars: agenda setting, development of policy proposals, and advocacy for social change, with a curriculum designed to address the increasingly complex nature of society and health policy.



HGPI Seminar



JAN 27, 2026 **The 140th HGPI Seminar** **Future of the Health Care System**

**Early Detection to Reduce COPD Disease Burden:
Connecting Clinical Frontiers with Health Policy**

Shigeo Muro
Professor, Department of Respiratory Medicine,
Nara Medical University



MAR 03, 2026 **The 141st HGPI Seminar** **Obesity**

**Current Status and Future Prospects of Korea’s
Obesity Policy: Voices of People with Lived
Experience in Policy Promotion**

Kim Yoohyun
Healthy Together Social Cooperative (Obesity Patient
Advocacy Group) Chair / Family Physician / Board
Member, Korean Society for The Study of Obesity



MAR 10, 2026 **The 142nd HGPI Seminar** **Planetary Health**

**“World Kidney Day 2026” Theme in Focus: The Current
State of Green Nephrology and Green Dialysis—
Balancing Kidney Health and Planetary Health**

Kei Nagai
Associate Professor, Institute of Medicine,
University of Tsukuba



Special Breakfast Meeting

MAR 26, 2026 **61st**

The Outlook and Challenges of Japanese Healthcare as Proposed by the Chairman of All Japan Hospital Association

HGPI was honored to host Dr. Masahiro Kanno, Chairman of All Japan Hospital Association, who delivered a lecture on the reconstruction of the healthcare delivery system in a rapidly depopulating society, productivity improvement through DX, and the transformation from "Byo-in" (hospitals for the sick) to "Ken-in" (institutes for health).



Diet Member Briefing

Non-partisan Diet Member Briefing – 30-minute Health Policy Update

Working more closely with the legislature than ever before and with support from our non-partisan promoters, our objective was to deepen learning for non-partisan Diet members using concrete and verifiable data in themes with a high degree of public interest including cancer, preventive medicine, internal and surgical diseases, pediatrics, and perinatal care and, with a future-oriented vision, engage in an open exchange of opinions on next steps.

MAR 27, 2026

The Standardization of Treatment Plans for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease Progression and Optimization of Healthcare Expenditure

Lecture

Yoshio Kobayashi (Professor, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Chiba University Graduate School of Medicine/ Director, The Japanese Circulation Society)

Kunihiro Nishimura (Director, Department of Preventive Medicine and Epidemiologic Informatics/ Professor, Kobe University School of Medicine)



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

HGPI 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 the Diet. Those efforts include providing explanations on the content of each report and proposal to representatives from relevant departments within 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 connects 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.



FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

Planetary Health



How can the healthcare sector respond to global challenges to achieve health, well-being, and equity?

FEB 19, 2026 **Fourth Advisory Board Meeting**

Planetary Health—Establishing a Sustainable Earth’s Environment

Significant achievements were reported in both contributions to international policy frameworks and domestic implementation. Discussions on strategic directions for FY2026 focused on developing a logic for the "synergy between health promotion and environmental protection" and plans for in-person carbon footprint (CFP) calculation training, with participants sharing their outlook for the coming year.



FEB 27, 2026 **Planetary Health Academy In-Person Event**

Planetary Health: From Planetary Boundaries to the Next Actions

The event provided an opportunity for students of the Planetary Health Academy, which was held online by HGPI and Planetary Health Alliance Japan Hub (PHA-J) in 2025, to meet in person.



Research Report

MAR 16, 2026

Energy Conservation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction in Healthcare Facilities: Case Studies from New Construction and Facility Renewal



This report draws on practical knowledge from three medical institutions to provide a replicable framework for facility renewal, simultaneously addressing GHG emissions reduction, operational management improvement, and disaster resilience. Analyzing three hospitals that differ in governance structure but share a common role as regional core hospitals with approximately 400 beds, the report examines how they overcame the "triple constraints" and summarizes the process into "six key recommendations."

Key Points from the “Case Studies of GHG Reduction Initiatives in Healthcare Institutions”

■ Strategy: Mobilizing Resources to Address Operational Challenges

- Recommendation 1: Position environmental impact reduction as strategic investments
- Recommendation 2: Collaboration with external partners
- Recommendation 3: Strategic framework for utilizing subsidies

■ Design: Integrating Architectural Approaches with On-site Knowledge

- Recommendation 4: Prioritize demand reduction through passive design
- Recommendation 5: Extensive interviews with all departments

■ Operation: Institutionalizing Continuous Improvement

- Recommendation 6: Establish operational PDCA cycles

Future of the Health Care System

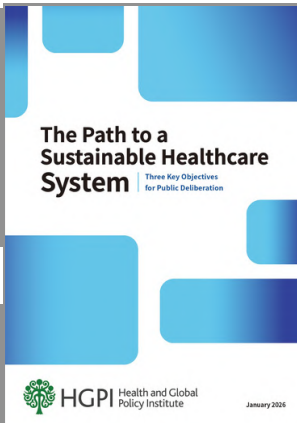


Collaborating with stakeholders from industry, government, academia, and civil society to propose the healthcare policies needed in the Japan of tomorrow

Policy Recommendations

JAN 22, 2026

The Path to a Sustainable Healthcare System: Three Key Objectives for Public Deliberation



As medical technologies advance and the population continues to age, balancing the appropriate evaluation of innovation with healthcare system sustainability is an urgent issue for many countries with public health insurance systems. Japan is no exception. Based on multiple sessions of multi-stakeholder discussions involving industry, government, academia, and civil society, HGPI has compiled key directions for securing a sustainable healthcare system for the next generation, highlighting three perspectives: "benefits," "burdens," and the "societal implementation process."

Three Key Objectives for Public Deliberation

- 1 Reexamine the scope of insurance benefits in light of the growing sophistication of healthcare technology and the transition to a super-aging society**
 - 1-1: Exclude low-value healthcare and similar services from insurance coverage and concentrate resources on necessary healthcare
 - 1-2: Optimize benefits for pharmaceuticals and strike a balance between innovation and sustainability
- 2 Distribute burden in a more equitable manner in anticipation of longer healthy life expectancy and population decline**
 - 2-1: Redefine "senior citizen" in relative terms that reflect the increase in healthy life expectancy
 - 2-2: Achieve a more equitable distribution of burden based on the ability-to-pay principle while taking income and assets into account
 - 2-3: Restructure burden around the premise that Japan has entered an era of population decline
- 3 Leave the next generation a healthcare system that is based on scientific evidence and the formation of societal consensus**
 - 3-1: Strengthen the social infrastructure for generating evidence through collaboration among parties like insurers or examination and payment agencies
 - 3-2: Visualize a multi-tracked system and consolidate shared operations for greater efficiency and transparency
 - 3-3: Establish opportunities for national conversations and encourage involvement from young people and members of the working-age generation

Global Health



Contributing to Engagement Between Japan and the International Community

Signs Health Policy Recommendations to the G7 by the C7 Global Health Working Group

MAR 30, 2026

HGPI has signed the health policy recommendations for the G7 compiled by the Civil 7 (C7) Global Health Working Group, titled "Achieving Global Health Equity: A C7 Call to Solidarity, Resilience and Inclusion."





Navigating Global Demographic Transition through Innovative Policy: An Equity-Centered Approach

Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2026 (PMAC 2026)

The Global Health Strategy Team of HGPI participated in the Conference.



Bangkok, Thailand

SMB212: Unboxing Healthy Ageing in Thailand

PMAC 2026 Side Event

Dr. Haruka Sakamoto, Senior Manager at HGPI, participated as a speaker in the PMAC 2026 side event.



Bangkok, Thailand

Partnership and Citizen Participation

International University of Health and Welfare, Graduate School of Public Health
"Public Health Policy"

Considering Health Insurance System Sustainability Ahead of 2040

Insurance Union of Societies Related to Nursing, 21st Information Exchange Meeting

Lectures

Maternal Continuum of Care and UHC

Lecture Delivered at the JOICEF Training Program

Dementia Policy in Japan Following the Enactment of the Basic Act on Dementia and Perspectives on Brain Health

The 6th Academic Conference of the Tokyo Branch of the Japan Society for Dementia Prevention

Asia Pacific Cardiovascular Roundtable

Hosted by Global Heart Hub

Mr. Shotaro Tsukamoto, Senior Associate at HGPI, took part in the meeting.



Bangkok, Thailand

Media Coverage

Global Collaboration and Co-Creation Towards the Future of Rare Disease Policy and Beyond

Journal of Clinical and Experimental Medicine

Ms. Yui Kohno, Manager at HGPI, contributed an article examining global policy trends on intractable and rare diseases and discussing the significance of patient and public involvement, as well as key challenges ahead.



Interview Article on HGPI's Planetary Health Project

The Japan Times

An interview article featuring Mr. Ryoji Noritake, Chair of HGPI, was published in Sustainable Japan by The Japan Times.



Time for Action Against Climate Change and Health Crises

"My Perspective" Asahi Shimbun

Policy Recommendations Titled "The Path to a Sustainable Healthcare System: Three Key Objectives for Public Deliberation" was released

Elderly Press Newspaper Online and others

Release of the Research Report

"The 2026 Public Opinion Survey on Healthcare in Japan"

CB News and others

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
- Shinsuke Muto** Information Policy Advisor, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
- 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

Public Comment Submission

Planetary Health

The 7th Science, Technology and Innovation Basic Plan

The Cabinet Office

FEB 02, 2026

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R&D and Social Implementation Plan for “Achieving Carbon Neutrality in the Waste and Resource Circulation” under the Green Innovation Fund Projects

The Ministry of the Environment

MAR 25, 2026

Japan Health Policy NOW (JHPN)



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JHPN WEBSITE



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