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日本医療政策機構

# ACTIVITY REPORT

CURRENT ACTIVITIES (JULY-SEPTEMBER 2025)

NOVEMBER 2025

# 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

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## ■ 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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### 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

## HGPI IN NUMBERS FY2024

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



Number of Events Held

82  
times



Policy Recommendations/  
Number of Surveys Conducted

26  
times

Number of Participants

more than 6,300 people

Number of File Download

more than 23,000 times

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

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Through working with global partners

### The World Health Organization (WHO) Civil Society Commission

HGPI is pleased to officially announce its participation in the World Health Organization (WHO) Civil Society Commission.

The WHO Civil Society Commission consists of a Steering Committee of maximum 25 members, an annual General Meeting of all the participants, and Working Groups to share information and collectively work on specific issues. HGPI has actively communicated its activities not only within Japanese society but also in the international community. HGPI aims to further strengthen its efforts and, in line with its mission, contribute, even if modestly, to providing options for global civil society.

### Endorsement of the Open Letter

#### “The UN at 80: Every Human Deserves a Longer, Healthier Future”

HGPI Chair Ryoji Noritake has endorsed the open letter “The UN at 80: Every Human Deserves a Longer, Healthier Future”, which calls for urgent global action to address the growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

This open letter, released on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the United Nations, has been co-signed by leaders and experts in health and policy from around the world. It highlights the escalating impact of NCDs—including cardiovascular disease, respiratory illness, cancer, diabetes, and chronic kidney disease.

# PROJECTS

## Present Engagement

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



## Civil Society Engagement

- Meaningful Involvement Promotion
- HGPI Seminar
- Special Breakfast Meeting
- Health Policy Academy
- Chair's Dialogue Session

## Future Engagement

- Planetary Health
- Global Health
- Future of the Health Care System





# PRESENT ENGAGEMENT

## AMR: Antimicrobial Resistance



Bringing People Together to Build Resistance against AMR

JUL 16, 2025 **Public Health Seminar for Local Public Health Professionals**

### AMR Measures to Protect Community Health – A Public Health Perspective

Going forward, it is anticipated that public health professionals working in local governments will deepen their understanding of the basics of AMR, identify the connection between their own role and AMR countermeasures, and promote regional AMR policies through public awareness and educational support for local residents. There is also an expectation for further collaboration between related organizations in various fields.

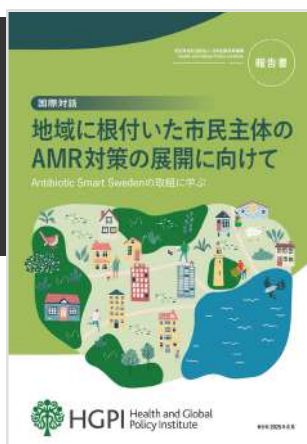


### Discussion Points

AUG 29, 2025

### International Dialogue “Fostering Community and Citizen-led Approaches to AMR: Lessons from Antibiotic Smart Sweden”

Based on discussions held during this international dialogue, the newly published report organizes perspectives on how community-based and citizen-led AMR countermeasures should be implemented and outlines key directions for future action. It also introduces concrete examples from municipalities in both countries, featuring initiatives from Tanum Municipality in Sweden and from Fukuoka Prefecture and Himeji City in Japan.



Declaration of Himeji City as a City Promoting Countermeasures against AMR



Fukuoka Prefecture Brochure on One Health Education



Tanum Municipality Sustainability Report



## 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.

## NCDs: Non-Communicable Diseases



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

### Kidney Disease Control Promotion Project

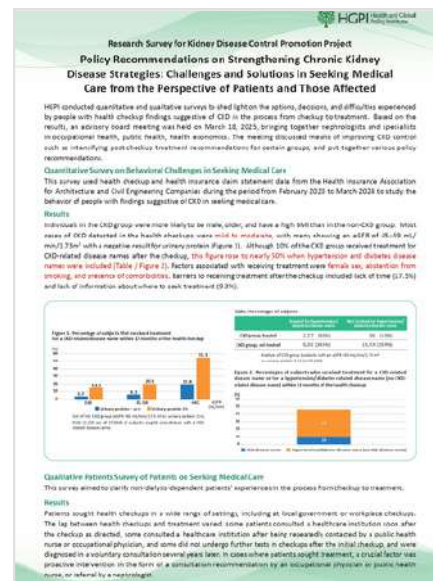


#### Recommendations

JUL 09, 2025

#### Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Chronic Kidney Disease Strategies: Challenges and Solutions in Seeking Medical Care from the Perspective of Patients and Those Affected

HGPI conducted a quantitative and Qualitative surveys with the aim of clarifying the options, decisions, and difficulties experienced by individuals with health checkup findings suggestive of CKD throughout the process, from checkup to treatment. Based on the results of these surveys, an advisory board meeting was held bringing together nephrologists and specialists in occupational health, public health, and health economics. The meeting served to deepen discussions on how to improve future CKD countermeasures, such as examining the target groups for whom post-checkup treatment recommendations should be intensified, and the results were compiled as policy recommendations.



### Cancer Control Project



JUL 14, 2025 **Invitation-Only Policy Dialogue Event**

#### Cancer Gene Panel Testing from the Perspective of Patient Access: Desired Approaches for the Medical Fee System and Mixed Medical Services Program

This was an opportune and a pivotal moment to deepen and strengthen cross-sectoral dialogue that will accelerate the translation of cancer genomic medicine into tangible benefits for patients. In light of this, HGPI hosted a roundtable convening stakeholders from industry, government, academia, and civil society to exchange views on the current landscape, ongoing challenges, and future directions of cancer genomic medicine 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.

## Obesity Control Promotion Project



### Discussion Points

AUG 21, 2025

### Obesity Control as a Challenge for Society: Promoting Understanding of Obesity and Finding Solutions Through Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration

HGPI conducted a survey to clarify the current status of obesity and obesity related policies in Japan and to propose future directions. Through interviews with people living with obesity, healthcare providers, experts in social epidemiology and public health, and policymakers, HGPI analyzed the history and challenges of related policies and identified key issues. This resulted in a set of concrete discussion points covering topics from prevention to the development of a healthcare system for obesity.



## Mental Health



Because we live in an era when anyone can be affected, it is essential to create a society in which individuals can live with peace of mind while navigating mental health challenges.

### Policy Recommendations

JUL 04, 2025

### Recommendations on Three Issues in the Area of Mental Health

Drawing on our past activities and the formulation of recommendations and policy trends, we have established a forum for discussion on the following three issues in the field of mental health, compiling them into a set of recommendations.

- 1 Foster innovation in medical research towards the realization of personalized medicine.
- 2 Reform of the healthcare delivery system by incorporating mental health care into the new regional healthcare concept.
- 3 Promoting the employment of peer supporters to expand local consultation and support systems.



SEP 18, 2025 **Belgium Pavilion Special Seminar, World Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai**

EXPO 2025

### Rising to New Challenges in Health Sciences for Future Society: Novel Developments in the Field of Epilepsy in Japan and Globally

Focusing on epilepsy, a neurological disorder affecting about 50 million people worldwide, the seminar brought together people living with epilepsy, experts, and policymakers to discuss current developments and future challenges in treatment. Centered on the voices of those with lived experience and complemented by expert and policy insights, it created a dialogue-focused forum on the future of neurological disorder care. Through this, we aimed to deepen public understanding of epilepsy and other neurological disorders and support efforts to improve treatment environments.





## Fourth High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of NCDs and the Promotion of Mental Health and Wellbeing (HLM4)

In preparation for the HLM4, scheduled for September 2025, HGPI has released urgent recommendations.

### Urgent Recommendations

#### JUL 01, 2025 **Joint Input to the UN's Political Declaration on NCDs and Mental Health**

In preparation for HLM4, HGPI as a member of the WHO Civil Society Working Group (CSWG), the WHO's official civil society input aggregating body, made "Joint Recommendations to the Zero Draft Political Declaration on NCDs and Mental Health" in June 2025.

#### JUL 31, 2025 **The Japanese Government's Response to the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage (SSB) Tax Clause in the 4th United Nations High-Level Meeting's Political Declaration**

These recommendations were issued in response to the Japanese government's opposition to including a taxation clause on sugar-sweetened beverages in the political declaration. Concerns are expressed that such a stance may contradict Japan's longstanding contributions in the field of global health and calls on the government to demonstrate international leadership as a nation advanced in achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

#### SEP 26, 2025 **UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting Side Event**

##### **Promoting Person-Centered NCDs and Mental Health Policies in the Global Community: Japan's Leadership and Contribution in Asia and Globally**

HGPI hosted a side event in New York to highlight Japan's leadership and contribution regarding NCDs and mental health. The event gathered stakeholders from various sectors to discuss international collaboration, cooperation, funding, and best practices, emphasizing prevention, early detection, and the role of civil society in driving equitable, action-oriented health outcomes globally.

##### **Speakers** (Titles omitted, no particular order, affiliation and title at the time of participation)

**Shigeru Ishiba** (Prime Minister) \*HGPI had the message read on his behalf.

**Yukari Hosogoe** (Person Living with Kidney Diseases) \*

**Hitoshi Fukuhara** (Person Living with Cardiovascular Disease / Representative Director, Heart Valve Voice) \*

**Kazuo Hasegawa** (Person Living with Lung Cancer / Representative, NPO Lung Cancer Patient Network One Step) \*

**Satoshi Ezoe** (Senior Assistant Minister for Global Health, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Government of Japan)

**Saia Ma'u Piukala** (Regional Director for the Western Pacific, World Health Organization)

**Kim Yoohyun** (Person Living with Obesity / Chair, Healthy Together Social Cooperative)

**Seth Ginsberg** (Person Living with Spondylarthritis / President, Global Healthy Living Foundation)

**Clélia-Elsa Froguel** (Senior Director, Global Policy, AstraZeneca PLC)

**Mandeep Dhaliwal** (Director, HIV and Health Group, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme)

**Abdul Malik** (Person Living with Mental Illness and Mental Health Advocate / Former Minister, State for Gender, Family and Social Services, Under Secretary for Health and Social Policy, President's Office in the Maldives / President, Maldives NCD Alliance, Our Views, Our Voices Global Advisory Committee Member)

**Saunthari Somasundaram** (President Elect, NCD Alliance / Co-Chairperson, NCD Malaysia / President and Medical Director, National Cancer Society Malaysia)

\*Video



## Dementia



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

AUG 04, 2025 **First Advisory Board Meeting**

### The Future of Dementia Policies Surrounding Families and Others Caring for People Living with Dementia

This meeting included people with firsthand experience in caregiving and experts from various fields including healthcare, long-term care, welfare, research, and media. Taking the “new perception of dementia” into account, participants held a multifaceted discussion on how to best structure support for family caregivers and others providing care for people living with dementia.



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

**Mieko Inoue** (Chairperson, Machida City Dementia Friendship Association)  
**Syouzo Ohkouchi** (Chief Long-Term Care Support Specialist and Care Creator, Social Welfare Corporation Yotsubakai)  
**Ryo Kato** (Executive Assistant, Health Policy and External Affairs Division and Manager, Public Affairs Department, Novo Nordisk Pharma Ltd.)  
**Hajime Takachi** (Professor, Department of Dementia and Geriatric Medicine, School of Medicine, Fujita Health University)  
**Kiyoyuki Tomita** (Global AD Value & Access and Patient Advocacy Lead, Eisai Co., Ltd.)  
**Yosuke Nakayama** (Director, Planning and Health Policy Department, Corporate Affairs Division, Eli Lilly Japan K.K.)

**Yuko Matsuura** (Journalist, Digital News Planning and Reporting Section, Editorial Department, The Asahi Shimbun; Former Editor-in-Chief, the Nakamaaru Site for Dementia, The Asahi Shimbun Company)  
**Yoshihiro Mitsuhashi** (Board Member, Alzheimer's Association Japan (AAJ); Deputy Representative, AAJ Kanagawa Prefecture Branch)  
**Naoki Mori** (Medical Affairs Department, Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.)  
**Miyae Yamakawa** (Associate Professor, Department of Geriatric Nursing, University of Osaka Graduate School of Medicine)  
**Tomoko Wakui** (Researcher, Welfare and Lifestyle Care Research Team, Tokyo Metropolitan Institute for Geriatrics and Gerontology)

## Column 62

### The Current State of Dementia Policy in the International Community in 2025



This column will introduce, “From Plan to Impact VIII – Time to deliver,” the annual report presented by Alzheimer’s Disease International (ADI) on May 22, 2025. (Hereinafter, it will be referred to as “the 2025 ADI report.”)

ADI’s annual report summarizes progress on national dementia plans (NDPs) and strategies in each country and region and shares notable examples from among those plans, making it a valuable resource for tracking progress in dementia policy worldwide. HGPI’s Policy Column discussed each of the previous reports, from 2020 to 2024, making this column our sixth installment in this series.

## Blood Disorders

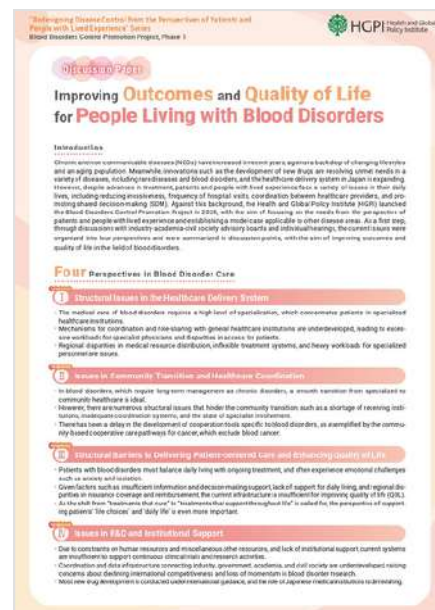
To encourage new developments in the field of blood disorders and the expansion of best practices from this area across other disease areas

#### Discussion Points

JUL 23, 2025

### Current Issues and Prospects for Advancing Blood Disorders Measures Promotion

We hosted multi-stakeholder discussions and individual hearings with representatives of industry, academia, and civil society, which was an unprecedented effort in the area of blood disorders.



# CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

## Meaningful Involvement Promotion

Promoting Patient and Public Involvement in Health Policy



### Discussion Points

JUL 22, 2025



National Local Government Conference “Reflecting on Involvement of People with Lived Experience in Prefectural Healthcare Planning Processes to Promote Meaningful Involvement in Prefectures and Municipalities”

These discussion points summarize the challenges surrounding the involvement of people with lived experience, such as patients and other stakeholders, in local government policymaking processes, based on discussions held by experts, specialists, and local governments who participated in the conference. They also outline the necessary actions required to address these challenges. In addition, the document compiles numerous concrete initiatives and best practices from prefectures and municipalities across Japan.

- 1 Ensuring fair selection of patient advocate committee members for involvement in government committees
- 2 Methods of operating government committees that facilitate discussion participation for patient advocate committee members
- 3 Utilizing various methods to collect and aggregate opinions from a vast range of people with lived experience of health concerns
- 4 Building cooperative and collaborative relationships with a wide range of people with lived experience of health concerns

### AUG 08, 2025 Release of the J-PEP Introductory Video and Flyer

HGPI has released an introductory video and flyer explaining the purpose and use of the Japan's Patient Expert Platform (J-PEP).

We hope these materials will help broaden awareness of J-PEP among everyone working to advance meaningful patient and lived-experience involvement, and we invite you to make use of them freely.

#### 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.

The platform offers centralized access to information such as open recruitment opportunities, training programs, events, and member profiles. It provides tools tailored to the needs of people with lived experience, government officials, training providers, and other related stakeholders.



J-PEP  
Website

Available only  
in Japanese.





## HGPI Seminar



JUL 01, 2025 The 135th HGPI Seminar

Planetary Health

**A Warning from the Heat That Threatens Lives  
— Rethinking Heatstroke Prevention in the Era of  
Climate Change**

Shoji Yokobori

Professor, Director and Chair of Department of  
Emergency and Critical Care Medicine, Nippon Medical  
School and Graduate School of Nippon Medical School



JUL 28, 2025 The 136th HGPI Seminar

Mental Health

**Where We Are Now and Where We Are Going Regarding  
PPI in Mental Health Research: Learning from the  
TOGETHER Project in the Form of Co-Creation**

Takuma Shiozawa

Project Assistant Professor, Department of Mental  
Health and Psychiatric Nursing, Graduate School  
of Health Care Sciences, Institute of Science Tokyo



AUG 27, 2025 The 137th HGPI Seminar

AMR

**Protecting Food, Health, and the Environment from  
Infectious Diseases – Challenges and Prospects in  
Veterinary Epidemiology**

Kohei Makita

Professor, Veterinary Epidemiology, School of Veterinary  
Medicine, Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine,  
Rakuno Gakuen University



AUG 28, 2025 The 138th HGPI Seminar

Child Health

**Stress Management Education that Protects Children's Futures  
– The Importance of Preventive Mental Health Support**

Shunsuke Koseki

Associate Professor, School of Liberal  
Arts, J.F. Oberlin University



SEP 03, 2025 HGPI Special Seminar



**Global Health Security:  
Building Next-Generation Biological Surveillance  
– Challenges and Opportunities in Bridging Science and Society**

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SEP 09, 2025 HGPI Special Seminar

Commemorating Dementia Month and World Alzheimer's Month

**Patient and Public Involvement Experience in Dementia Research  
by a Person Living with Dementia**

スペシャルコメンテーター  
Special Commentatorサラ・ジェイ氏  
Ms. Sarah Jayボビー・レッドマン氏  
Ms. Bobby Redman山中しのぶ氏  
Ms. Shinobu Yamana



## Special Breakfast Meeting

JUL 15, 2025 **The 58th Special Breakfast Meeting****Challenges and Prospects for the 3rd Phase of AMED**

The 58th Special Breakfast Meeting featured the President of the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED), Professor Hitoshi Nakagama. Professor Nakagama, who assumed his position in April 2025, discussed AMED's past achievements and the direction for its initiatives during its 3rd Phase.

AUG 21, 2025 **The 59th Special Breakfast Meeting****Connecting Technology, Opening the Future: Japan's Potential in Global Health**

We were honored to welcome Mr. Philippe Duneton, Executive Director of Unitaid, and Dr. Thomas Burke, Founder of Vayu Global Health Innovations, as our guest speakers at the 59th Special Breakfast Meeting. This special breakfast meeting was held, in celebration of a partnership with Unitaid that has continued for nearly a decade. The event served as a valuable opportunity for active discussions on Japan's potential role and perspective in the field of global health, through efforts to promote equitable access to healthcare and examples of collaboration with Japan.

**Collaboration with the International House of Japan (IHJ)**AUG 22, 2025 **Idea Exchange Session**

Mr. Ryoji Noritake, Chair of HGPI, and Dr. Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Board Member and Lifetime Honorary Chairman, visited the IHJ and held an idea exchange session with the IHJ leadership team. Representing the IHJ were Mr. James Kondo (Chairman of the Board), Professor Ken Jimbo (Managing Director (Representative Director)), and Mr. Atsushi Horikawa (Director/Chief Operating Officer). Also present was Dr. Shinsuke Muto, Vice Chair of HGPI, who also serves as Trustee at the IHJ.

SEP 05, 2025 **Expert Roundtable with Brown University School of Public Health**

HGPI, in collaboration with IHJ, hosted an HGPI- IHJ expert roundtable with Dr. Ashish Jha (Dean of Brown University School of Public Health) and other members of Brown University School of Public Health. The roundtable focused on topics including biosecurity, the BioRadar early warning system, and pandemic preparedness. Dr. Jha is a global leader in pandemic response and has played a central role in managing infectious disease crises both in the United States and internationally, including as White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator.



## 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** — We will reflect deeply on the values and ideals (norms) underlying healthcare systems and policies.
- 2 Listening to diverse perspectives** — We will respect opinions from different positions, including healthcare professionals, government officials, patients, and stakeholders, while maintaining an attitude of seeking better policies.
- 3 Envisioning and shaping the future** — We aim to foster the ability to envision and to conceptualize the future of healthcare and health policy, and to turn ideas into proposals and practical implementation.

JUL 11, 2025

**Lecture 1****Introduction**

Mr. Shunichiro Kurita, Senior Manager of HGPI, provided an overview of the Academy and delivered a lecture themed “Opening the Policy Window: Fundamentals of Public Policy.”



AUG 08, 2025

**Lecture 2****Looking at Healthcare Policy (1) “Health Policy and Ethics”**

Prof. Shintaro Tamate from the Faculty of Law Department of Political Studies, Gakushuin University delivered a lecture on ethical examination methods of health policy. Through group work, participants engaged in the ethical examination of actual policies.



SEP 12, 2025

**Lecture 3****Looking at Healthcare Policy (2) “Policy Making and Evidence”**

Prof. Kazuya Sugitani (Associate Professor, Faculty of Policy Studies, Iwate Prefectural University) gave a lecture on the theme of “Policy Making and Evidence.” The session covered the history and challenges of Evidence-Based Policy Making (EBPM), which has gained significant attention in recent public policy making, and various points of debate related to policy evaluation.



## Chair's Dialogue Session

Each session features a lecture by a global leader in healthcare either from Japan or abroad, followed by a dialogue with the Chair of HGPI.

JUL 16, 2025

**2nd HGPI Chair's Dialogue Session**

**Exploring the Potential of Participatory Policy-Making through Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs):  
Introducing Patient Indicators in Dermatology**

We welcomed Ms. Allison FitzGerald, Director of Operations at GlobalSkin, who delivered a keynote presentation titled “Transforming Global Understanding and Evaluation of Dermatological Diseases.” Following her lecture, she engaged in a dialogue with Mr. Ryoji Noritake, Chair of HGPI, where they exchanged diverse perspectives on the importance of reflecting and integrating patient voices in health policy decision-making.



Archived  
videos are  
now available  
on YouTube



# FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

## Planetary Health



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

### Planetary Health Academy: First Half

#### AUG 27, 2025 **Session 1** Introducing Planetary Health

Professor Chiho Watanabe (School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health, Nagasaki University) delivered the opening lecture, outlining the core concept of planetary health.

#### SEP 10, 2025 **Session 2** Climate Change and Health

Professor Masahiro Hashizume (Department of Global Health Policy, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo) delivered a lecture on the health impacts of climate change.

#### SEP 24, 2025 **Session 3** Environmental Factors and Their Impact on Children's Health

Professor Yu Ait Bamai (Hokkaido University Center for Environmental and Health Sciences; WHO Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health and Prevention of Chemical Hazards) delivered a lecture on children's health and environmental factors.



### SEP 13, 2025 **From Vision to Action: Greening Japan's Healthcare Online Seminar**

#### Climate and Health 101

HGPI, in collaboration with Health Care Without Harm Southeast Asia (HCWH) and Green Practice Japan, held an online seminar. During the seminar, the official release of the Japanese version of the Climate Impact Checkup (CIC) Tool was announced.



#### Sustainable Japan Award 2025 (ESG Category)

SEP 18, 2025

HGPI was honored with the Sustainable Japan Special Award in the ESG category of the "Sustainable Japan Award 2025," hosted by The Japan Times. Our Planetary Health Project – focusing on the interrelationship between environmental sustainability and human health – was recognized with this prestigious honor.

### Column 61

#### Part 15: WHO's Response to the Climate and Health Crisis: The Global Action Plan on Climate Change and Health



It is widely known that climate change threatens to undermine decades of progress in global health. The WHO has long acknowledged this link, with resolutions dating back to 2008. This year, the 78th World Health Assembly (WHA78) approved a historic decision: the adoption of the Global Action Plan (GPOA) on Climate Change and Health. This plan marks a significant shift from WHO's traditionally adaptive responses to climate impacts towards a comprehensive strategy that embraces mitigation efforts with health co-benefits. This evolution reflects growing scientific consensus that climate action and health protection are inextricably linked and mutually reinforcing.

## Global Health



Contributing to Engagement Between Japan and the International Community

AUG 20, 2025 **TICAD9 Thematic Event**

### Strengthening Health Systems and advancing UHC: Japan's Leadership in Improving Access to Medical Oxygen

HGPI co-hosted a thematic event with Unitaid titled "Strengthening Health Systems and Advancing UHC: Japan's Leadership in Improving Access to Medical Oxygen" during the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD9), held in Yokohama, Kanagawa, from August 20 to 22.



## 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

SEP 09, 2025 **1st Advisory Meeting**

### Reimagining Public Engagement for Sustainable Health Systems

The meeting convened a diverse group of stakeholders including healthcare professionals, policymakers, industry representatives, and patient leaders to engage in broad discussions. Topics included appropriate cost-sharing mechanisms, insurance coverage for high-cost and innovative treatments, and the utilization of the system for Medical Expenses Combined with Treatment Outside Insurance Coverage as part of efforts to ensure a sustainable healthcare system.



## Column 63 Repositioning Housing Policy as Health Policy and Housing as a Right



The HGPI Policy Column was launched in July 2019 as part of the Dementia Project and now includes over 60 installments. The column has since expanded beyond the Dementia Project to become a forum for dissemination for various HGPI projects, and there is no particular limitation that restricts these themes to existing HGPI initiatives. As such, this installment will focus on housing policy, which is a theme that HGPI has not yet handled in the past.

Only discussing housing policy within the frameworks of industry promotion or asset creation leaves me with a sense of discomfort. This is because in addition to a private asset, housing is a public infrastructure with deep links to health, employment, and social involvement.

## Public Comment Submission

AMR

### The Multi-Stakeholder Consultations on the Establishment of Independent Panel on AMR

JUL 25, SEP 19, 2025

The the WHO, the FAO, the WOA and the UNEP

Cancer

Intractable & Rare Diseases

### Basic Plan for Genomic Medicine Policies (Draft)

AUG 01, 2025

Research and Development Policy Division, Medical Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare





### Promoting Infectious Disease Drug Discovery through Policy – A Think Tank Perspective

40th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Infection Prevention and Control Symposium  
“New Trends in Drug Discovery Promotion”

HGPI Manager Ms. Yui Kohno shared policy recommendations that can accelerate the discovery and development of new antimicrobials.



Kanagawa, Japan

### A Supplementary Document Related to the Draft of Belém Health Action Plan

2025 Global Conference on Climate and Health

HGPI Adjunct Fellow Mr. Akira Shimabukuro and Associate Ms. Eri Cahill participated in the 2025 Global Conference on Climate and Health.



Brasília, Brazil

### Symposium “Exploring Contemporary Issues in Public Health”

Cross Talk Part 2 “Planetary Health”

The Keio University X Dignity Center

Roundtable Discussion “What Can England’s Upcoming 10-year Health Plan Learn from Japan About Responding to an Ageing Society?”

The International Longevity Centre (ILC)

## Lectures

Diversity in Healthcare and Science: Advancing Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) to Tackle Global Health Challenges

Science Summit at UNGA80

Understanding the Policy Formulation Process

Practical Training in Social Medicine at Akita University Faculty of Medicine

### Japan’s Policy Trends and the Social and Political Significance of the Basic Act

The 2025 Taiwan Dementia Conference, “Dementia Policy Trends and Caregiving Support Forum”

HGPI Senior Manager Mr. Shunichiro Kurita gave a presentation at the 2025 Taiwan Dementia Conference hosted by Taiwan Alzheimer’s Disease Association (TADA).



Taipei, Taiwan

The 48th Keio Symposium on Bridging Humanities, Social Sciences and Medicine: Mental Health, Aging, and Cultural Psychiatry with Arthur Kleinman and Laurence Kirmayer

Keio University

HGPI Chair Mr. Ryoji Noritake, delivered a presentation at the symposium organized by the Medical Anthropology Research Group at the Graduate School of Human Relations, Keio University.



Tokyo, Japan

### Practical Training in Integrated Nursing

Tokyo Women’s Medical University School of Nursing

### Panel Discussion “Global Health and Well-being”

The Democracy Youth Summit “Open Day”

### The Basic Act on Dementia and Dementia Policies from Local Governments

Japanese Association of Medical Technologists – Technologist Seminar

### “Social Innovation Theory” and Other Courses

The Tokyo University of Information Sciences Faculty of Nursing

## Media Coverage

Long-Distance Childbirth Accelerates in Rural Areas as Maternity Facilities Decline by 20% Over Nine Years

The Nikkei

An Overview of Current Circumstances and Policies for Dementia

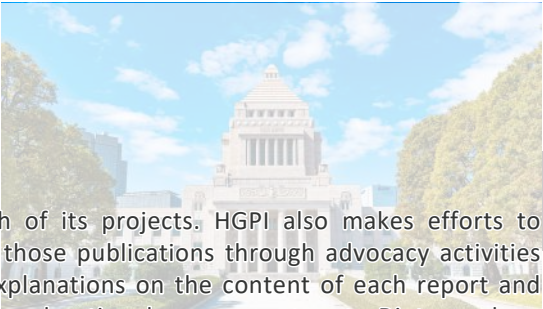
Upholding the Rights of Elderly People (Dai-chi Hoki Co., Ltd. (Chapter 8))

Reading the Future of Dementia Policies through the Basic Act on Dementia: Expectations for Dementia Ordinances

Case Journal of Dementia Care

# 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.



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- 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

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JHPN WEBSITE



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