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ACTIVITY REPORT

CURRENT ACTIVITIES (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024)

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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 policies by bringing broad stakeholders together in its capacity as an independent think-tank to generate policy options for the public.” 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

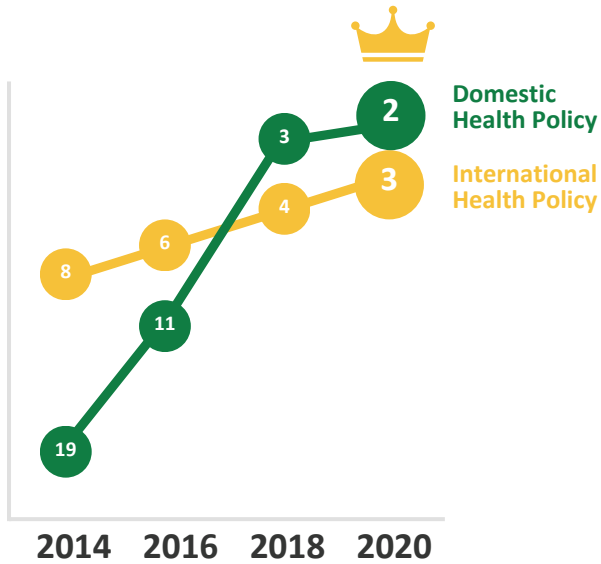
04 **RESEARCH and ANALYSIS**

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

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



Civil Society Engagement

- Meaningful Involvement Promotion
- HPA: Health Policy Academy
- HGPI Seminar

Future Engagement

- Global Health
- Planetary Health
- Women's Health



PRESENT ENGAGEMENT



AMR: Antimicrobial Resistance

Bringing People Together to Build Resistance against AMR

UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR Side Event

SEP 25, 2024

Global Action on AMR: Advancing Healthy Longevity and Sustainability under UHC



HGPI and AMR Alliance Japan hosted a side event on the 25th of September in conjunction with the 79th UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in New York City. The event brought together a panel of experts from government, industry, academia, and civil society including AMR survivors. In commemoration of this side event, Prime Minister of Japan, Fumio Kishida sent a pre-recorded video message and Dame Sally Davies UK Government Special Envoy on Antimicrobial Resistance sent a pre-written message.



Japanese Version Release

Call for Actionable Steps in Response to the Rising Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

JUL 03, 2024

HGPI and AMR Alliance Japan published Japanese translations of the “Call for Actionable Steps in Response to the Rising Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)”. The recommendations were developed by the AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform ahead of the United Nations High-Level Meeting on AMR set to be held in September 2024.



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



Chronic Pain Project

Policy Recommendations

JUL 31, 2024

Establishing a System That Makes Full Use of Primary Care Physicians and Can Respond to Complex Chronic Pain



HGPI Chronic Pain Project views primary care physicians as key players for timely and appropriate interventions to pain and offer policy recommendations to the current discussion at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare on system reforms for primary care physicians.

- 1 Primary care physician services should be strengthened so primary care physicians can stay close to patients' pain regardless of its mechanism or complexity and serve as the gateway to healthcare while providing appropriate treatment and referrals to specialists.
- 2 While taking into account the latest findings in pain science and how chronic pain is classified in the International Classification of Diseases, steps should be taken to develop reporting items related to primary care physician services as well as programs that provide primary care physicians with training and recurrent education.
- 3 A collaborative system that links primary care physicians and a wide range of community resources including pain centers should be established so people can receive a wide range of evidence-based interventions in their communities and, when necessary, have rapid access to multidisciplinary pain care.
- 4 Ample consideration should be given to the perspectives of pain science experts and healthcare beneficiaries during discussions on the functions of primary care physicians held at Regional Consultation Forums on Ambulatory Care.

Kidney Disease Control Promotion Project

AUG 28, 2024 **Public Symposium**

Establishing Kidney Disease Control Measures with Patient, Citizen, and Community Engagement and Collaboration

It brought together a wide range of stakeholders including governmental bodies (both central and local), legislators, academics, healthcare professionals, and patients/citizens involved in kidney disease management nationwide. The symposium aims to promote collaboration towards the realization of the next steps in patient- and citizen-led CKD strategies.



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.”

Policy Recommendations

AUG 13, 2024



Dementia Policy for an Inclusive Society 2024:
HGPI Recommendations on The Basic Plan on Dementia to Promote an Inclusive Society (Draft) and Basic Measures (Draft)

In August 2024, the division of Dementia Policy and Community-Based Long-Term Care Promotion, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare conducted a “Call for Public Comments on The Basic Plan on Dementia to Promote an Inclusive Society (Draft) and Basic Measures (Draft).” The HGPI Dementia Project has submitted its opinions in response to this call for public comments, and has prepared policy recommendations based on these opinions. The intent of these recommendations is to inform society of the content of the HGPI Dementia Project’s response to that call for public comments to provide society with policy options in the discussion on the Basic Plan for the Promotion of Policies on Dementia, which will soon come to a close, as well as in discussions on future versions of the Basic Plan.

JUL 01, 2024

Participation in an International Survey on Brain Health for Young People

The Next Generation (NextGen) Brain Health research program

HGPI Dementia Policy Project has joined as a collaborator in The Next Generation (NextGen) Brain Health Research Program. This program is led by researchers Francesca Farina and Laura Booi from the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI), with support from next-generation working groups comprising of members from Europe, North America, and Africa.



Research Paper

The Basic Act on Dementia and Citizen Autonomy

JUL 25, 2024

A paper authored by Senior Manager Mr. Shunichiro Kurita titled “The Basic Act on Dementia and Citizen Autonomy” was published in Policy and Legal Affairs Facilitator Vol. 83. This journal is published by Dai-ichi Hoki Co., Ltd. and provides information for personnel responsible for policy and legal affairs at central ministries and agencies or at local governments.

Column 46

The Current State of Dementia Policy in the International Community in 2024



In this column, we will examine the May 29, 2024 report presented by Alzheimer’s Disease International (ADI) titled, “From Plan to Impact VII – Dementia at a crossroads” (hereinafter, “the 2024 ADI report”).

This annual report from ADI summarizes progress on national strategies for dementia in each country and region and examines real examples of such plans, making it a valuable resource for understanding developments in dementia policy around the world.

CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT



Meaningful Involvement Promotion

Since its establishment in 2004, HGPI has upheld the mission to realize citizen-centered health policies. We have been engaged in policy advocacy activities based on discussions among multi-stakeholders, including healthcare providers, researchers, business representatives, administrative and legislative officials, and people with lived experience of health conditions. Additionally, we have supported the meaningful involvement of people with lived experience in policy-making process.


The Launch of the Website

AUG 21, 2024



J-PEP: Japan's Patient Expert Platform

Based on the insights gained from these previous activities, we have established a free membership website for people with lived experience, named "Japan's Patient Expert Platform (J-PEP)." This initial release precedes the full launch scheduled for autumn 2024, providing an overview of J-PEP and allowing for the pre-registration.



Online Information Session SEP 11, 2024

At this online seminar, we discussed the background that led up to the establishment of J-PEP, the functions that J-PEP offers users, and other aspects of the website.

SEP 11, 2024 Advisory Board Meeting

Promoting People with Lived Experience Participation in Policy-Making: Building a Social Foundation for Proactive Engagement

At this Advisory Board meeting, multi-stakeholders from industry, government, academia, and civil society participated as Advisory Board members to deepen discussions on the effective management strategies for the J-PEP, a membership website being developed by HGPI.



■ **Advisory Board Members** (Titles omitted; in Japanese alphabetical order by name, absent members included)

- Kyoko Ama (Representative, Children and Healthcare Project; Fellow, HGPI)
- Shinsuke Amano (Chair, The Japan Federation of Cancer Patient Groups; CEO, Group Nexus Japan)
- Etsuko Aruga (Professor, Department of Palliative Medicine, Teikyo University School of Medicine)
- Shino Ikeda (Public Affairs Manager, Public Affairs & Sustainability, Market Access & External Affairs Division, Novo Nordisk Pharma Ltd.)
- Naomi Sakurai (President, Cancer Solutions Co., Ltd)
- Takeshi Shukunobe (President and CEO, PPeCC)
- Kazuyuki Suzuki (Senior Lead, Patient Engagement Group, Strategy & Execution, Novartis Pharma K.K.)

- Yasuhiro Sensho (CEO, SENSHO-GUMI, Co., Ltd.; Former Director-General, MHLW)
- Teppei Maeda (Lawyer, Maeda & Unosawa Law Offices; Representative, Medical Basic Act Community)
- Kaori Muto (Professor, Department of Public Policy Studies, Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo)
- Akira Morita (Representative Director, Next Generation Fundamental Policy Research Institute (NFI))
- Ikuko Yamaguchi (Chief Director, Consumer Organization for Medicine and Law (COML))
- Yuhei Yamada (Representative Director, Porque, the Organization of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities)

Column 48 The Resolution on Social Participation at the 77th World Health Assembly



Resolution WHA77.2 "Social participation for universal health coverage, health and well-being" was endorsed by the 77th World Health Assembly in May 2024. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), "social participation" is defined as, "Empowering people, communities, and civil society through inclusive participation in decision-making processes that affect health across the policy cycle and at all levels of the system." As this resolution is likely to result in social participation becoming an increasingly important factor in the health policy formulation process, this column will examine the history of events that led to the resolution as well as its content.

HPA: Health Policy Academy



The 13th Session “Citizenship and Health Policy”

At the 13th HPA, participants will spend approximately six months exploring how to engage with health policy as citizens. The curriculum is structured in stages, from the basics of policy, through theory and analysis, to practical application. Each lecture will feature instructors who are currently active in their respective fields, and participants from diverse backgrounds will engage in discussion. Through group work aimed at creating policy proposals that serve as the final assignment, the program aims to equip participants with the mindset necessary for the actual policy-making process.

AUG 08, 2024 **Lecture 1**

Introduction and View of Approaches to Public Policy

In the first half of the lecture, Mr. Shunichiro Kurita, Senior Manager, gave a lecture on the theme of “Approaches to Public Policy.” The lecture covered the basics for studying health policy in the future, such as the formation of public issues and models of the policy process. In the second half of the lecture, Mr. Kohei Onozaki, Board Member, provided a comprehensive overview of the framework for health policy and public health by introducing recent topics in health policy as an introduction to the academy.



SEP 12, 2024 **Lecture 2**

Health Policy and Ethics

In the second half of the lecture, 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.



HGPI Seminar



JUL 18, 2024 **The 127th HGPI Seminar**

Current Issues and Future Prospects in Establishing a Health System and Protecting Public Health Through Policy

Yoshiteru Yano
Health and Medical Technology Officer,
General Affairs Division, Health Policy Bureau, MHLW



AUG 23, 2024 **HGPI Special Seminar**

The Emerging Threat of Antifungal Resistance — Considering Infectious Diseases Caused by Mold and Measures to Combat Drug Resistance

Koichi Makimura

Deputy Director, Institute of Medical Mycology Professor;
Vice-Director, Teikyo University



Yoshitsugu Miyazaki

Director-General, Department of Fungal Infection,
National Institute of Infectious Diseases; Director,
Leprosy Research Center, National Institute of
Infectious Diseases



Yuka Yamagishi

Professor, Department of Clinical Infectious Diseases,
Kochi Medical School



SEP 19, 2024 **HGPI Special Seminar**

Commemorating Dementia Month and World Alzheimer’s Month Examining the Role of Industry in Creating a Dementia-Inclusive Society

Nobuyuki Kii
General Manager and Principal, Research and
Consulting Division, The Japan Research
Institute, Limited



Takeyuki Murata

General Manager, Operations Division,
Program Section, Nippon Cultural Broadcasting Inc.



FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

Global Health



Global Health Education Program (G-HEP)

The “Global Health Education Program (G-HEP)” vision is to establish a global community of young leaders that can work together to push global health agendas forward and to conduct human resources training and development for the future. The partnership with the Mahidol University Faculty of Public Health which began in 2018 extended the program’s boundaries through interactions among young generations not only from Japan but from the ASEAN region as well. This year’s program welcomes Emory University Rollins School of Public Health bringing a U.S. perspective to the program along with participants of diverse professions and backgrounds. Participants in G-HEP can work together to deepen mutual understanding and cooperation for solving complex global public health issues.



JUL 04, 2024 **Lecture 3**

Addressing Planetary Health Issues via Multidisciplinary Approach

In this lecture, participants were tasked with an assignment to work within groups to pitch innovative solutions to address four planetary health topics. Each group had one week to research and prepare a 12-minute pitch to propose their idea for funding of up to 100 million USD to address the provided planetary health problem in a country/region of their choice.



JUL 10, 2024 **Lecture 4**

Insights from Collaborative Efforts: Practical Steps for Advancing Planetary

In this lecture, Mr. Joji Sugawara, Vice President, provided a lecture. Mr. Sugawara touched on some of the issues in the field of planetary health, discussing the global ecological footprint and its connection with the environmental problems we are facing worldwide.



JUL 17, 2024 **Lecture 5**

Case Study Fieldwork Proposals

AUG 05 - 09, 2024

Fieldwork in Bang Krachao, Thailand

G-HEP conducted a week-long fieldwork activity in Bang Kachao, Thailand from August 5th to August 9th. Twelve participants of the G-HEP coming from the United States, Thailand, and Japan all met up in Thailand for a week of fieldwork activities.



We visited a plastics recycling center located on the grounds of the Wat Chak Daeng temple.



We visited the 80th Anniversary Celebration Garden, a protected park concentrating on conservation activities.



The participants met with local community workers who, through interpreters, were able to ask questions and learn more about their target population for the case studies.



The participants continued to collect data in groups around the community on their bicycles during the day and in the evening, working together to reflect and analyze their findings.



The final day, each group presented what they experienced during the week. In their presentations, which were attended by government officials from the municipality office and community workers.



Planetary Health

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

Research Report (Preliminary Version)

SEP 11, 2024

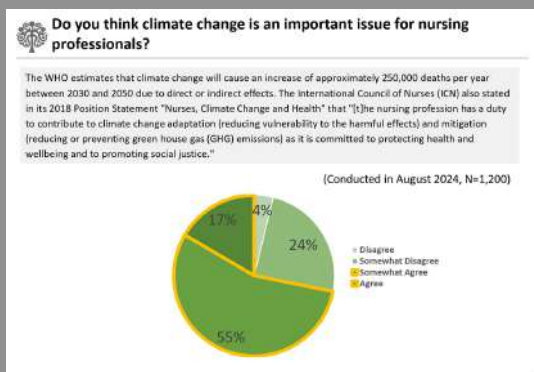
Survey of Japanese Nursing Professionals Regarding Climate Change and Health



HGPI and the Graduate School of Health Sciences, Niigata University conducted an online self-administered questionnaire survey of nursing professionals in Japan to gather opinions on climate change and health, sustainable health systems, and climate change policies. This preliminary report provides a summary of key opinions and findings on the challenges, feasibility, and educational needs for integrating climate change into nursing education and practice in Japan. In addition, this preliminary report aims to propose in response to public comment on the Model Core Curriculum for Nursing Education (Draft Revised Version for FY2024) by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

Four Key Findings

1. 72% of the responses indicated that climate change is an important issue for nursing professionals

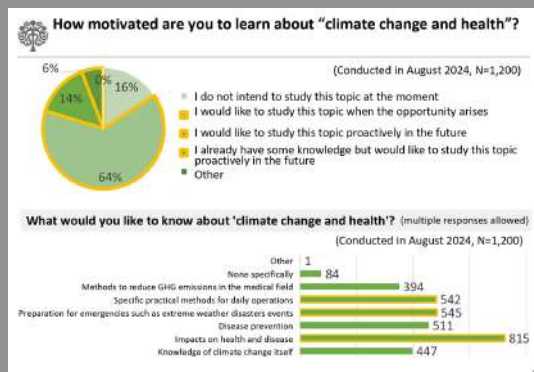


The top reasons for why climate change is an important issue included opinions such as "it is related to life and has a strong connection to the field of healthcare," "it is necessary to address it for the sake of future generations," and "the field of healthcare also has a negative impact on the environment."

2. 80% of the responses indicated that they believe it is necessary for nursing professionals to learn about "climate change and health"

The main reasons for the need to learn included opinions such as "it is a life issue that nurses need to be aware of," "we need to better understand the negative impact of healthcare on the environment," and "we believe it is necessary to take action in the future for the sake of the patients we care for and future generations."

3. 84% of the responses by the nursing professionals indicated a willingness to learn about "climate change and health."



The top topics they would like to learn about included topics such as "the impact on health and related diseases," "preparedness for emergencies such as extreme weather events," and "practical methods for applying this knowledge in daily work."

4. 69% of the respondents reported that outside of work, they provide health or medical information, advice, or support to those close to them, such as family, friends, and neighbors.

AUG 29, 2024 **The Second Advisory Board Meeting in FY2024**

Planetary Health: Necessary Steps for a Sustainable Environment

HGPI formed an advisory board and launched its Planetary Health Project 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.)

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)
 Keiko Nakamura (Professor, Department of Global Health Entrepreneurship, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences (Medicine), Tokyo Medical and Dental University)
 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)
 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)

Government

Hajime Inoue (Assistant Minister for Global Health and Welfare, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)
 Masahiro Kaminota (Director-General, Environmental Health Department, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of the Environment)
 Sho Nagata (Director, Heat Illness Policy Office, Policy Planning Division, Environmental Health Department, Ministry of the Environment)

Civil Society

Taiko Kudo (Visiting Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature)
 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)



Research Paper

Research on the Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of Japanese Physicians Relating to Climate Change and Health JUL 15, 2024

The article titled, “Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of Japanese physicians relating to climate change impacts on health, delivery of climate-specific advice, and advocacy for climate change policies” has been published in the Springer Nature Journal of Public Health.

This study is based on the efforts of the Planetary Health Project of HGPI. Niaya Harper Igarashi, Program Specialist; Shu Suzuki, Senior Associate; Eri Cahill, Program Specialist; Akira Shimabukuro, Adjunct Fellow; Joji Sugawara, Vice President; and Masahiro Hashizume, Planetary Health Advisory Board Member and Professor, Department of Global Health Policy, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo.

Column 44

Connecting Climate Minds: the Intersection of Climate Change and Mental Health



Connecting Climate Minds is a global initiative funded by Wellcome, that brings together expertise across research, policy, design, and lived experience from across the globe. The aim of the project is to develop a research and action agenda of global and regional community convenors dedicated to connecting climate change and mental health. HGPI was invited to participate as a Regional Co-Convenor (RCC) for the Eastern and South-Eastern region in the Connecting Climate Minds project. In this year-long project, 900 participants across diverse disciplines from more than 90 countries, representing 7 regional communities, came together to connect, learn, and understand ways in which to better accelerate global efforts to address the current challenges at the intersection of climate change and mental health.

Women's Health



Policy Recommendations

JUL 31, 2024



Policy proposal for Promotion of Menopausal Women's Health as a Social Issue to be Considered by Industry, Government, Academia and the Private Sector

In recent years, policies aimed at promoting women's health across the life course have been advancing. However, societal awareness and understanding of menopausal health issues remain insufficient, posing significant challenges for working women. In 2023, HGPI launched the "Policy proposal for Promotion of Menopausal Women's Health as a Social Issue to be Considered by Industry, Government, Academia and the Private Sector" project. This project involved qualitative surveys, company surveys, advisory board meetings, and an international symposium. Based on these efforts, HGPI formulated policy recommendations to aid policymakers and stakeholders in advancing menopausal health measures in Japan.

9 Policy Recommendations

- 1 National and local administrative bodies should clarify measures for menopause, and establish the necessary systems and budgetary measures for their implementation.
- 2 Establish command centers for menopause measures in each region to serve as focal points for promoting menopause measures that are suited to local conditions and the needs of affected community members.
- 3 Improve access to menopause care so people living with menopausal symptoms or disorder can access the right care at the right times. Furthermore, engage related parties in considering how to facilitate and improve collaboration among medical departments that are related to menopause care.
- 4 While expanding the counseling system, which is the key to menopause care, national and local authorities should provide suitable financial support to implement counseling resources.
- 5 Hot flashes, dizziness, irregular heartbeat, headache, anxiety, depression, and general malaise are the main symptoms of menopause and should be included in the Model Core Curriculum for Medical Education as items for the differential diagnosis of menopausal disorder.
- 6 Create various opportunities for physicians that are involved in menopause care to learn about menopause, such as during the processes for acquiring or maintaining specialist certifications.
- 7 Promote awareness among young people in communities and during school education to improve access to appropriate care for menopausal symptoms and disorder and to elevate well-being from menopause to old age.
- 8 Businesses should engage in organization-wide initiatives to ascertain circumstances within their organizations and to create workplace environments in which affected parties can speak up.
- 9 While collaborating with industrial physicians, occupational health nurses, and outside lecturers, businesses should conduct training seminars or study sessions for all employees, deepen understanding toward affected parties among management, and strengthen organization-wide initiatives.

JUL 17, 2024

Expert Meeting

The Ideal System for Perinatal Medical Care in Japan in the Era of Declining Birth Rates

In 2023, the number of births in Japan was approximately 750,000, continuing to hit record lows since records began. Addressing the urgent issue of halting the declining birth rate is critical. Amid various measures being promoted by the government, discussions are set to begin around 2026 regarding the insurance coverage of childbirth expenses.

Moreover, while there are calls to reduce the burden of childbirth costs, the management environment surrounding obstetric medical institutions has become increasingly challenging due to the decrease in the number of births and rising prices. There is concern that sudden systemic changes could destabilize the safe and secure perinatal medical care system.



Public Comments

Dementia

The Basic Plan on Dementia to Promote an Inclusive Society (Draft) and Basic Measures (Draft)

AUG 05, 2024

The division of Dementia Policy and Community-Based Long-Term Care Promotion, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly, Ministry of Health

Planetary Health

The Model Core Curriculum for Nursing Education (2024 Revision Draft)

SEP 11, 2024

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Higher Education Bureau, Medical Education Division

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



Lectures

Global Health & Planetary Health – New Perspectives on Healthcare Business on a Global Scale and for the Future–

Startup Conference IVS2024



Mr. Joji Sugawara, Vice President of HGPI, participated in a discussion.

Mental Health Matters: What are the Policy Priorities for Japan?

The International Longevity Centre (ILC) Research Symposium



Dr. Favour Omileke, Program Specialist, discussed the current situation regarding the mental illness burden in Japan.

Innovations in Climate Change and Infectious Disease Response

ADB-ADB Policy Dialogue



Mr. Joji Sugawara, Vice President, participated in a panel discussion titled “Strengthening Health Systems and Financing for Infectious Diseases”.

The Basic Act on Dementia and Well-being for Promoting an Inclusive Society

The 29th Annual Conference of the Japan Academy of Home Care

Steps Needed to Address Climate Change— Accelerating Efforts Across Various Sectors

Media is Hope “Let’s Create a Renewable Energy Day! 2024”

Tackling AMR: A Unified Agenda for Local and Global Challenges

St. Luke’s International University, Graduate School of Public Health “Intro to Health Technology Assessment”

Toward the Implementation of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Society

The 50th Anniversary of the Japanese Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies

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#12 “Dementia”

Hiroshi Sekiguchi’s “What’s Next for Us!?” BS-TBS

Senior Manager Mr. Shunichiro Kurita appeared and provided commentary from social and policy perspectives, addressing how society should approach dementia and discussing the distribution of careresponsibilities, including but not limited to elderly care.



National Health and Climate Strategy for Japan: Recommendations for Building a Climate Resilient, Decarbonized Health System

Mainichi Shimbun

The Number of South Koreans Living with Dementia Will Reach 1 Million! The Dementia Era (치매 인구 100만! 디멘시아 시대)

“Sunday Special Documentary” SBS TV

Over 70% of nurses recognize climate change as a critical issue and express concern about its impact on health and diseases

Medical Care CB news

Pay Attention to Climate Change and Health Impacts

The Nikkei Personal Opinion and Insight

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