

**ASEAN-Japan Research Initiative
to advance universal health coverage
(UHC) in light of population aging**



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Research themes: descriptive

- Service delivery configurations that promote quality of life, and address coordination between health and social sectors
- Funding UHC, and models in diversifying public funding for health service in light of population ageing
- Scenario planning: identification of different policy options and their impact on health ageing
- Private health care sector: size and scope in delivering health care services to older populations
- Age-specific health spending (i.e., 65 year+), and how spending is allocated across the health system
- Country-focused study: “rapid assessment” or country-specific study of issues in preparing for the “health system of the future”
- Applicability of program/social/technological innovations across different country settings



Research themes: implementation research

- Human resources: evaluation of the impact of innovations on access and quality, particularly for older populations:
 - deployment and retention
 - “task shifting”
 - right balance “specialists” vs generalists
- Evaluating the impact of strategies to integrate care on quality of life/functional ability
- Assessment of financial protection mechanisms and their effectiveness in reducing OOP payments
- Evaluation of the impact of innovations and technologies:
 - extending the reach of the health and social system
 - promoting empowerment and participation
 - improving quality and efficiency



Call for proposals and timeline

- August 2017: Call for Letter of Intent to ASEAN researchers
(2 pages: problem statement, research question, scope of research, source of information, timeline, budget estimate and composition of the research team)
- Sept 1, 2017: Deadline
- Sept 30, 2017: review of Lol and selection
- Oct–Nov 2017: Researchers to develop full proposal/protocol
- Dec 2017-Jan 2018: ERB review (for IR), contract issued
- Jan-Nov 2018- research undertaken
- December 2018: All studies completed



Selection

Category A: ASEAN 300k

- 5 proposals that focus on country specific challenges
- 60K per proposal

Category B: ASEAN and Japan: 400k

- 8 proposals from ASEAN –based researchers that identify Kansai based academia as research partners
- 50k each



Comments please!



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