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

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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 LoI 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!