

Interim Summary of the

2016 Kyoto Global Conference for Rising Public Health Researchers “Universal Health Coverage and Health Economics”

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Held on December 14-15, 2016, by the Kyoto University School of Public Health (KUSPH), the conference counted with 12 speakers, who are leading public health researchers from National Taiwan University College of Public Health (Taiwan), Mahidol University Faculty of Public Health (Thailand), Chulalongkorn University College of Public Health Sciences (Thailand), University of Malaya Faculty of Medicine (Malaysia) and London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (UK), and Kyoto University School of Public Health (Japan). The 2016 KGC was also honoured to host 2 distinguished Public Health experts for keynote speeches; Anne Mills, the Deputy Director and Provost of London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, who is a world's renowned health economist and health system specialist with her extensive work in low and middle income countries and Alex Ross, Director of the WHO Centre for Health Development in Kobe, Japan (WKC), a public health policy expert with specialization in health systems, who has served as executive panels in various units and projects of the WHO headquarter Geneva, led the development of WHO's partnership policy, initiated numerous well-known global health financing approaches including the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, etc.

The conference's main focus was “Universal Health Coverage and Health Economics” enabling participants from different countries to share lesson learned, challenges and successes of each country's health system. Another objective of the conference is also to serve as a platform to encourage ‘young people’ (Rising Researchers), from researchers to students, to create a network for future collaboration both in research and education between different institutions from various regions.

At least 135 people (98 registered, 37 walk-in) participated in the conference that included 11 international speakers, 21 international students from KUSPH's partner universities, 7 international faculty from KUSPH's partner universities, 17 KUSPH faculty, 26 KUSPH students, 3 WHO Kobe Centre members, 2 faculty from Nagasaki University School of

Tropical Medicine and Global Health, 26 students or faculty from other Faculty and Graduate Schools of Kyoto University.



The conference also invited special guests from Takatsuki Junior and Senior High School (Osaka); 7 high school students and 3 high school teachers. This is a continuous effort of Kyoto University School of Public Health to promote University-High school partnership to nurture young generations of Japanese as Global Leaders to equip them with profound awareness of the significance of global health issues.

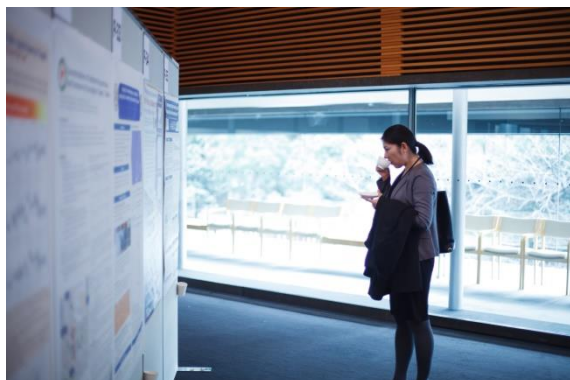


Many ideas and opinions were exchanged during these two days, as well as informative and stimulating oral and poster presentations. The Poster presentation session was held for 2 days, consisting of 36 posters including 15 from KUSPH and 21 from invited international students. Student posters were voted for the Best Poster Presentation Awards and 5 winners were selected. Winners received the award and the certificate from the Dean of KUSPH. The list of the winners is as follows:-

Name	University	Poster title
Koji Hara	Kyoto University School of Public Health	Physician Geographic Distribution in Japan: Is it Improving or Worsening when Healthcare Demand is Adjusted
Nurul Syafika Amir Hamzah	Double degree program	Psychological Stress Among

	Kyoto University School of Public Health – University of Malaya Faculty of Medicine	Southeast Asian International Students in Japan: A Qualitative Study
Ratchaya Jirapong	Mahidol University Faculty of Public Health	Job Stress Among Thai Police Officers in Prachinburi Province
Po-wei Chu	National Taiwan University College of Public Health	Tuberculosis Disease Risk Management in DM patients
Raymond Seow	University of Malaya Faculty of Medicine	Gender Disparities in Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity among University Students





The conference also offered a fruitful opportunity for Kyoto University School of Public Health to discuss the possibility of a Joint Degree PhD Program development with London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and Nagasaki University School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health. Discussions started at an executive lunch meeting on December 14th, with core working members from the three universities, laying the base work for requirements and expectations from each side. Ideas were very well received, with positive feedbacks from all members.

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2016 KGC Info and Abstract book: <http://sph.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/news/3421/>

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