

2015 Kyoto Global Conference for Rising Public Health Researchers (KGC) – “Aging Society and Community Health” and international week



As reflected by its name, KGC's main aim is to nurture and empower early career researchers and students by serving as a platform for the exchange and sharing of ideas, lesson learned, experience, and solutions to the increasingly challenging health problems of the 21st century. KGC is supported by the Japan Gateway Kyoto University Top Global Program (JGP) sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan, that aims to enhance international competitiveness of Kyoto University by promoting international collaborative research projects and globalization of educational programs.

The event consisted of two parts: (1) 2015 Kyoto Global Conference for Rising Public Health Researchers: Aging Society and Community Health, December 2-3, and (2) the Student Exchange program, November 30 – December 5. The philosophy underlying the event was to focus on young people, from young researchers to students, to create a basis for future collaboration through encouraging students and researchers to actively interact and create connections.

2015 KGC

Held on December 2-3, 2015 by KUSPH, the conference counted with 17 rising public health researchers from different parts of the world, including 13 from well-known universities around the globe and 4 faculty members of Kyoto University. The conference's main focus was 'young people', from researchers to students, the objective of the event was to create a basis and connections for future collaboration between different institutions and its members, through encouraging interaction between the guests from different universities, and those from Kyoto University.

The keynote speech on “The new global ageing and health research agenda: transforming health and social systems” was delivered by Dr. 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

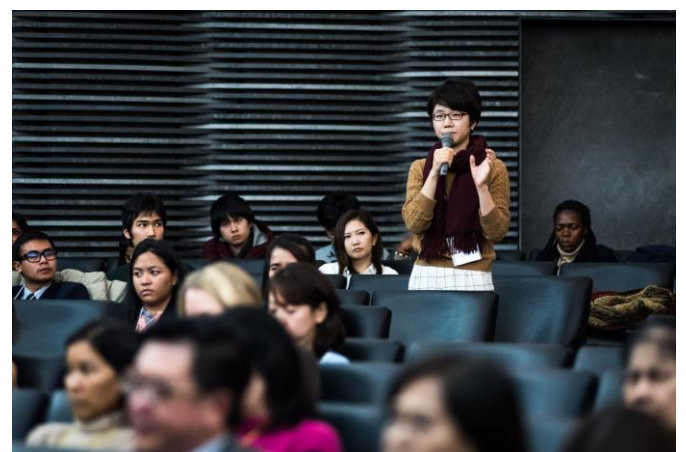
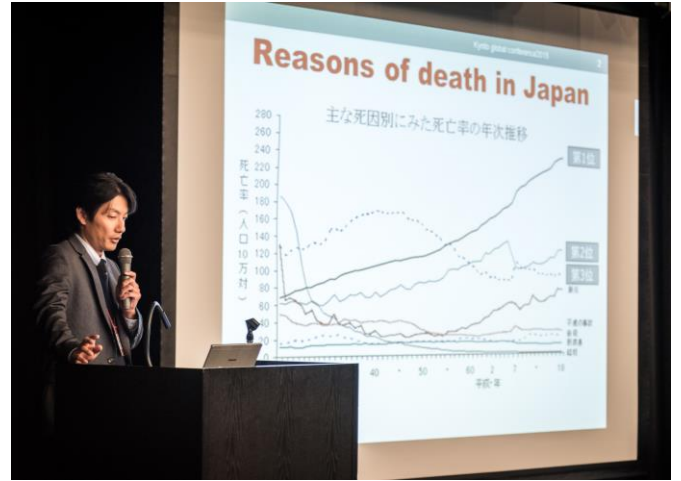


units and projects of the WHO headquarter Geneva, led the development of WHO’s partnership policy, initiated numerous well-known global health financing approaches including the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, etc.

At least 146 people (111 registered, 35 walk-in) participated in the conference that included 14 international speakers, 15 international students, 11 international faculty, 26 KUSPH faculty, 36 KUSPH students, 3 WHO Kobe Centre members, 1 MEXT member, 1 KU Headquarter member, 12 students or faculty of KU, and 18 undergraduate medical students. The undergraduate students volunteered to help coordinate the operation and logistics of the conference.



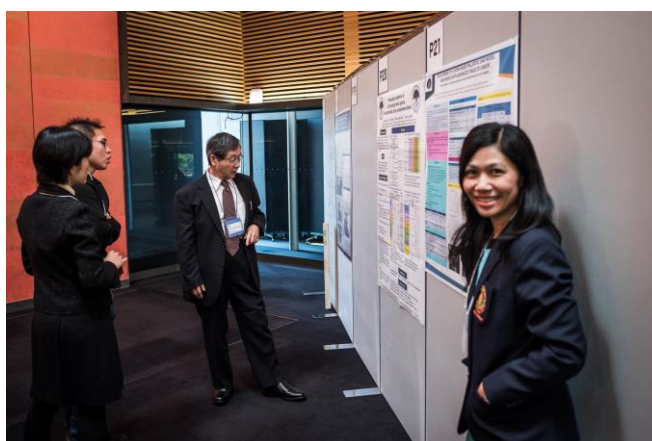
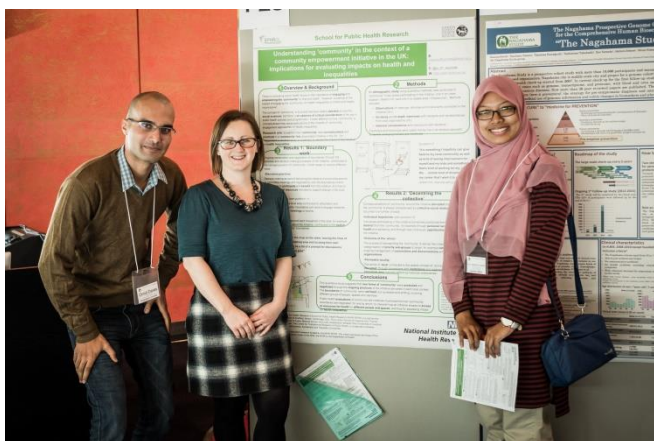
Many ideas and opinions were exchanged during these two days, as well as oral and poster presentations. Faculty members of Kyoto University’s partner universities were also present, ending the second day with the signing of the Letter of Intent for double degree program between KUSPH and MUPH, and as well as with NTUCPH.





The poster presentation session was held for 2 days, consisting of 42 posters including 27 from KUSPH students, 12 from invited international students and 3 from KUSPH faculty. Student posters were voted for the Best Poster Presentation Awards and 6 winners were selected. The list of the winners is as follows:

Name	University	Poster title
Hiba Abulgasim	KUSPH	Awareness Attitude and Capacity of Policy-makers for Evidence-Informed Policymaking in Healthcare in Sudan: Pilot study
Elamouri Fauzi	DDP: KUSPH-CUCPHS	Knowledge, Attitude and Practice Concerning HIV and Substance Use among Young Libyan in Post Revolution – Tripoli /Libya: a qualitative study
Koji Hara	KUSPH	Correlates of Perceived Performance of "Community-Based Integrated Care" System
Ya-Ru Yang	NTUCPH	Associations between Air Pollution, Open Space and Chronic Kidney Disease
Bhekumusa Lukhele	KUSPH	A Comparison of Sexual History Between HIV Positive and HIV Negative Pregnant Women in Swaziland: A Cross Sectional Study
Joanna Reynolds	LSHTM	Understanding 'community' in the context of a community empowerment initiative in the UK: implications for evaluating impacts on health and inequalities





KUSPH is committed to promoting the high school-university partnership, to nurture the future generation of Japanese global leaders. The KGC extends the invitation to young students of Takatsuki Junior & Senior High School (Osaka, Japan), where it offers the opportunity for young students to interact with international researchers to sharpen their English proficiency, communication skills, logical thinking, and enrich their knowledge in Global Public Health. Students were very comfortable to converse and make questions in English. There were 9 students and 3 teachers participated in the 2015 KGC.



Student Exchange Program

A total of 12 students from 3 universities (LSHTM, MUPH, and NTUCPH) were invited to the program, in which they had the opportunity to share their research with KUSPH students, to present their research projects, to attend classes specially arranged for the international students as well as to visit laboratories and meeting faculty. As part of this program, KUSPH students were asked for their collaboration to provide a ‘buddy program’, which had as its ultimate goal to provide a platform for the students to create connections and share their knowledge with their peers from other universities. The program created positive “dynamism” among the KUSPH and invited students.



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Inamori Hall & Yamauchi Hall, ShiranKaikan,
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December 2 (Wednesday)

Opening session: Welcome addresses and keynote speech

09.00 - 09.10	Vice President, Kyoto University <i>Masao Kitano</i>
09.10 - 09.20	Dean, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University <i>Shinji Uemoto</i>
09.20 - 09.30	Dean, Kyoto University School of Public Health <i>Shunichi Fukuhara</i>
09.30 - 10.00	Keynote speech The new global ageing and health research agenda: transforming health and social systems Director, WHO Centre for Health Development, Kobe, Japan <i>Alex Ross</i>

-Break 15 minutes-

Session 1 – Cohort studies: For the health of young to elderly population

Session chairs: *Tosiya Sato (Kyoto University)* and *Chang-Chuan Chan (National Taiwan University)*

10.15 - 10.45	Epidemiological approach to save lives from sudden cardiac death in aging society <i>Taku Iwami: Kyoto University</i>
10.45 - 11.15	The i-Share cohort project on the health of university students <i>Ilaria Montagni: University of Bordeaux</i>
11.15 - 11.45	Genetic and epigenetic effects in environmental health studies <i>Chen-yu Liu: National Taiwan University</i>
11.45 - 12.15	The Nagahama prospective cohort for the comprehensive human bioscience (The Nagahama Study) <i>Yoshimitsu Takahashi: Kyoto University</i>

-Lunch 1 hour - Sandwich box

Session 2 – Poster presentation

13.15 - 14.45	Poster presentation
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Session 3 – Dementia: Its socioeconomic and cultural perspectives

Session chairs: *Toshiaki Furukawa (Kyoto University)* and *Wei J. Chen (National Taiwan University)*

14.45 - 15.15	Dementia care access and experience for South Asians in the UK: The influence of religious communities <i>Jemma Regan: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine</i>
15.15 - 15.45	Effects of education and race on cognitive decline: Heterogeneity in associations across studies <i>Alden L Gross: John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health</i>
15.45 - 16.15	The INSPIRED study of young onset dementia <i>Adrienne L Withall: University of New South Wales</i>

-Break 15 minutes-

Session 4 – Aging in developed settings: Trend and healthcare preparedness

Session chairs: *Yuichi Imanaka (Kyoto University)* and *Koji Kawakami (Kyoto University)*

16.30 - 17.00	Modelling and simulation for chronic and infectious diseases <i>Alex R Cook: National University of Singapore</i>
17.00 - 17.30	The ageing population in Sweden – disease and mortality trends, what can we expect for the future? <i>Karin Modig: Karolinska Institutet</i>
17.30 - 18.00	Health services research for a sustainable healthcare system in Japan <i>Tetsuya Otsubo: Kyoto University</i>
18.30 ~	Dinner reception at Restaurant "La Tour", Clock Tower, Kyoto University

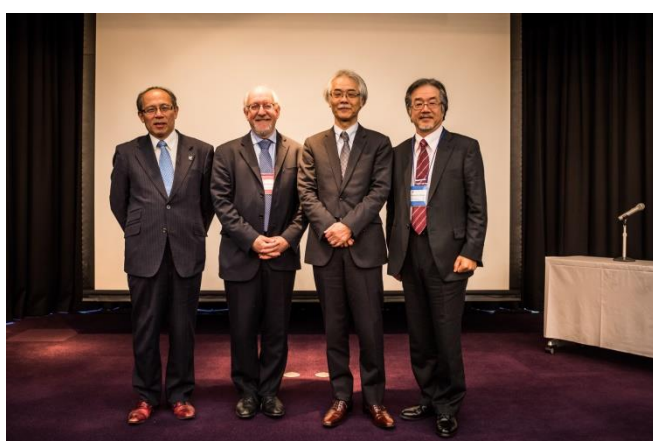
December 3 (Thursday)	
Session 5 – Disability in the elderly: Mental, physical backgrounds and socio-economic, cultural and environmental perspective Session chairs: <i>Takeo Nakayama (Kyoto University)</i> and <i>Maznah Dahlui (University of Malaya)</i>	
10.00 - 10.30	Health status among community-dwelling adults in urban community, Bangkok Metropolitan, Thailand <i>Nitchaphat Khansakorn: Mahidol University</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Chronic respiratory disease among the elderly in South Africa: any association with proximity to mine dumps <i>Nkosi Vusumuzi: University of Pretoria</i>
11.00 - 11.30	The different ways of growing old in Chile <i>Alejandra Fuentes-García: University of Chile</i>
11.30 - 12.00	Kuala Pilah cohort study: Profile of community-dwelling older people with disability <i>Farizah M Hairi: University of Malaya</i>
-Lunch 1 hour- Japanese Bento	
Session 6 – Poster presentation	
13.00 - 14.00	Poster presentation Voting for “Best Poster Presentation” award closes at 14.00
Session 7 – Care of elderly: Ecological contexts and perspectives Session chairs: <i>Kozo Matsubayashi (Kyoto University)</i> and <i>Kwanjai Amnatsatsue (Mahidol University)</i>	
14.00 - 14.30	A qualitative descriptive study on the alignment of care goals between older persons with multi-morbidities, their family physicians and informal caregivers <i>Kerry H Kuluski: University of Toronto</i>
14.30 - 15.00	Community participation for health and well-being to the Thai elderly <i>Montakarn Chuemchit: Chulalongkorn University</i>
15.00 - 15.30	Community based medical care for elderly people in Bhutan <i>Ryota Sakamoto: Kyoto University</i>
-Break 15 minutes-	
Closing	

15.45 - 16.30	Panel discussion: For future collaboration in public health education and research Moderated by <i>Sathirakorn Pongpanich (Chulalongkorn University)</i> and <i>Masahiro Kihara (Kyoto University)</i>
16.30 - 16.45	Best poster presentation award ceremony and closing Moderated by <i>Takeo Nakayama (Kyoto University)</i>

Special program	
17.00 – 17.30	<p>Signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration on research and educational activities between Kyoto University School of Public Health and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Taiwan University, College of Public Health • Mahidol University, Faculty of Public Health



2015 KGC group photo



From left to right: Dean of Graduate School of Medicine Prof. Uemoto, Keynote Speaker Dr. Alex Ross Director of WHO Kobe Centre, Vice President of Kyoto University Prof. Kitano, and Head of KUSPH-SGU International Office Professor Kihara