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Challenges of Population Aging in Asia

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Prof. Chan has been both a practitioner in welfare services for older persons and an academic in social gerontology. Starting his career as a nurse and later on as a social worker in serving older persons, Prof. Chan has extensive skills and knowledge in health and social care services and policy making.

Prof. Chan sits on many advisory bodies of the Hong Kong SAR Government, including the Chair of Elderly Commission, Member of Steering Committee on Population Policy, Member of Hospital Authority (HA) Review Steering Committee of Food and Health Bureau and Member of Minimum Wage Commission.

CAMPBELL John Creighton

John Creighton Campbell was educated at Columbia University and taught at the University of Michigan for 33 years. He works on Japanese politics in general, organizational decision-making, and in recent years health care and programs for older people in Japan. His books include *Contemporary Japanese Budget Politics*, *How Policies Change: The Japanese Government and the Aging Society*, and, with Naoki Ikegami, *The Art of Balance in Health Policy: Maintaining Japan's Egalitarian, Low-Cost System*. He recently served as a visiting professor or scholar at several universities: Toyo, Tokyo, Yokohama National, Keio, Free University of Berlin, Duisburg-Essen, Singapore, and Hamburg.

FLOCHEL Thomas

Thomas Flochel is a Human Development economist in the East Asia Pacific region at the World Bank. A member on the core team authoring a regional report on Ageing, he is co-author of the background papers on Macroeconomics and Demographics, and on Labour Market Policies. Besides this, he works mainly in Myanmar where he is contributing to two results-

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As an academic, Eduardo has been a lecturer in international economics at the University of Mexico and in 1997 was appointed as Fellow Researcher in the International Development Center (QEH) of the University of Oxford. In 2007 appointed as Research Fellow of the Oxford Institute of Ageing of the University of Oxford.

Eduardo has also performed as Senior Adviser in the Ministry of Planning in Nicaragua and as Regional representative for Oxfam in Central America, East and Southern Africa.

For the last 12 years Eduardo has been in Asia, holding different directive positions in Laos, Vietnam and regionally. Currently he is the Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific for HelpAge International, based in Thailand.

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John Knodel is Professor Emeritus at the Population Studies Center, University of Michigan and International Affiliate at the College of Population Studies at Chulalongkorn University. He conducted collaborative research since 1971 on various social demographic topics in Southeast Asia, especially in Thailand but also Cambodia, Vietnam and most recently Myanmar. During the last two decades his studies focused mainly on issues related to the older

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age population including the AIDS epidemic impact on older persons, how migration of adult children affects older age parents, intergenerational family support exchanges, and broad assessments of the situation of older persons including comparative analyses.

LEE Chulhee

Chulhee Lee is professor of Economics at Seoul National University. His major research topics are economic status and labor-market behaviors of older persons; and interactions of ecological environment, socioeconomic status, and health over the life course. His research on the health and retirement of US Civil War soldiers has been published in *American Economic Review* (1998), *Journal of Economic History* (1998, 2002, 2005, 2008), *Explorations in Economic History* (1997, 1998, 2007, 2012), and *Social Science History* (1999, 2005, 2009). His recent work on the long-term effects of in-utero exposure to the Korean War appeared in *Journal of Health Economics* (2014).

LEE Jinkook

Jinkook Lee is a professor at USC Davis School of Gerontology and the Dornsife Center for Social and Economic Research and senior economist at RAND Corporation. Before joining USC, she was a professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School and Ohio State University and has held visiting positions at Federal Reserve Board and University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her research expertise includes economics of aging, family economics, and consumer finances, with particular interests in health, retirement, and well-being of the elderly. Her recent publications focus on socioeconomic gradients in health and well-being in various policy environments and cultures. She has developed several large-scale, multidisciplinary longitudinal studies and has been a co-principal investigator of the Longitudinal Aging Study in India since its inception. Lee is the principal investigator of an international data harmonization project, the Gateway to Global Aging Data. She received her Ph.D. in family

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Andrew Mason is Professor of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa and Senior Fellow at the East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a member of the Center for the Economics and Demography of Aging (CEDA) at the University of California, Berkeley. Mason and Ron Lee co-direct the National Transfer Accounts (www.ntaccounts.org) network, an international project involving researchers from over forty countries developing a comprehensive approach to measuring and studying the changes in population age structure and the generational economy in both rich and poor countries. Their book, *Population Aging and the Generational Economy: A Global Perspective*, was a finalist for the Paul A. Samuelson Award and selected as an Outstanding Academic Publication by Choice Magazine. Mason's current research is concerned with the economic lifecycle, intergenerational issues, and the effects of population change on development, economic growth, and public and private transfer systems. He earned a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan.

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Yasuyuki Sawada's research fields are applied micro-econometrics, development economics, economics of disasters, and economics of suicide prevention policies. He led survey and

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