

## Message from the President



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Dear APA members,

The 5<sup>th</sup> APA Council (2019-2021) has been working during an unusual time – the COVID-19 pandemic era. The pandemic posed challenges to our functioning and the many events and activities that we had planned for this term. I am glad to report that despite the challenges we were able to carry on the work of the association and hold several events.

The last APA in-person meeting was 4-6 March 2020 in Bangkok. After that we moved to virtual meetings. The pandemic provided an opportunity to adopt to online communication and virtual technologies. This allowed us to engage and communicate for more frequently (and at no additional cost) with APA council officers, members, as well as our partners and collaborators.

The 5<sup>th</sup> APA international conference was scheduled to be conducted in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 24-27 November 2020, with National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN), Indonesia and Center for Population and Policy Studies, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia as the local hosts. With the pandemic, the conference was postponed and was conducted as our first ever virtual conference on 3-5 August 2021. The conference was attended by 760 international participants from 37 countries. It was the largest number of participants APA has had.

We planned for an inclusive conference and reduced our registration fees to just \$25. This allowed a large number of people to attend the conference. Participants did not have to seek funding for travelling, including accommodation and visa. Participants did not have to apply leave to attend the conference. The low cost to participate has also allowed young and retired scholars to benefit and contribute to the conference.

Detailed information, including the digital programme book, of the conference is referred to APA website, [www.asianpa.org](http://www.asianpa.org)

APA also conducted many other activities during the 2019-2021. One of them is a colloquium on innovations in teaching and research in demography in Asia, held right before the General Assembly, on 10 November 2021. The colloquium provided a new beginning of more collaborations on training and research among institutions concerned with population issues in Asia. It discussed, among other things, how studies on demography can continue being relevant to development issues in Asia. It examined how demographic training and research can respond to current and future triple disruptions: pandemic/endemic, digital technology, and climate crisis. It is hoped that the next, 6<sup>th</sup> Council will follow up this new beginning.

In this occasion, I would like to thank all parties and individuals who have contributed to the work of the current council. A special gratitude is to UNFPRO for their continued financial support and partnership on many of the APA activities.

I also deeply appreciate the contribution of the local host (Indonesia) of the 5<sup>th</sup> APA conference – National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN), Republic of Indonesia; Center for Population and Policy Studies, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia; and Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy, Republic of Indonesia.

My special thanks to APA Council officers and members who have provided continuous strong support to all APA activities. The work of the Secretariat, under Rossarin Gray and later Aree Jampaklay, has been superb. I owe a lot to them.

Finally, I am looking forward to your continuous support to and participation in APA activities.

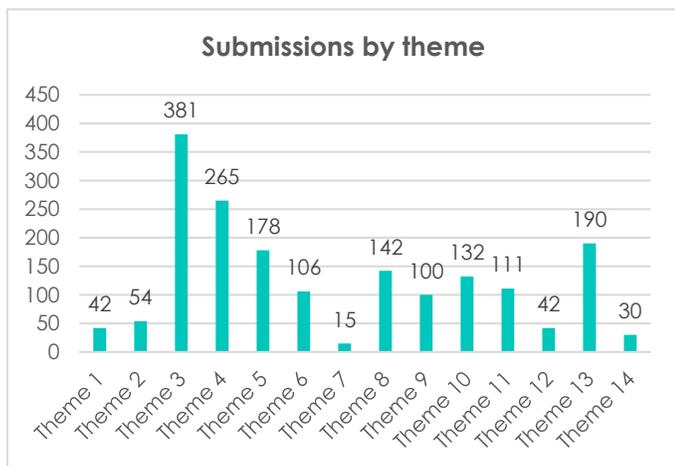
November, 2021  
Aris Ananta  
President, Asian Population Association

# The 5<sup>th</sup> APA Conference 2021



The 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Population Association Conference was held successfully as the first ever online conference of APA during 3-5 August, 2021, co-hosted by APA, BKKBN, and CPPS-UGM. It was planned for the period of 24-27 November 2020 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Given the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the APA held it online, having the total of 760 participants from 37 countries in Asia as well as across the world.

We received 1,788 abstracts in response to our call for papers. Theme 3 on fertility, fecundity, reproductive health and reproductive rights received the most number of submissions, followed by theme 4 on mortality, morbidity, epidemiology and causes of death. APA scientific committee reviewed the abstract with assistance from reviewers. We would like to thank all the reviewers, moderators, chair, and presenters for their contribution to the success of the conference.



The registration for the conference was also processed through an online system. In addition, APA has provided full and partial scholarships for outstanding participants from low-income countries who could not attend the conference due to financial hardship.

The conference brought together scholars, researchers, policymakers, and government officials to discuss Asian population issues and related fields among its participants. There were 106 parallel live presentations and 165 pre-recorded or poster presentations to discuss on and contribute to various population issues. The conference has provided a successful case of dealing with obstacles under the COVID-19 pandemic.

# New APA Website – Becoming More Accessible and Multisystem



We are transforming the APA website to be more accessible by, integrating multiple systems together. The new website uses the same platform of various systems consisting of website, membership database, mass mailing, and polling systems. It facilitates APA members to log into the membership database and receive information through the website using a single access point.

The website is continuously updated with APA activities and announcements for our members to follow up on the current activities. A section of call for abstracts, papers, and proposals, and the submission channels on the specific themes is being updated monthly to encourage APA members to disseminate and publish their research in demography and related fields. Additionally, many of the regional population associations are also listed on the website for the APA members information.

## Join Subscribe

APA memberships is for all who have made contributions to the scientific study of population issues through their research, teaching, writing, or other related activities.

### REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

For professionals, either actively employed or retired irrespective of place of residence. Regular members have full rights to vote in elections and participate in Association activities. Annual subscription \$30 USD

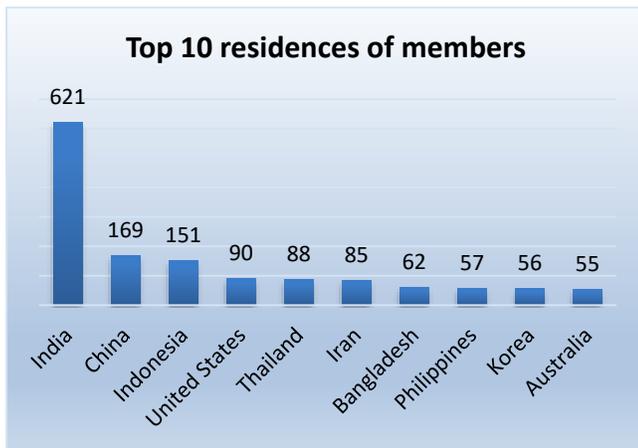
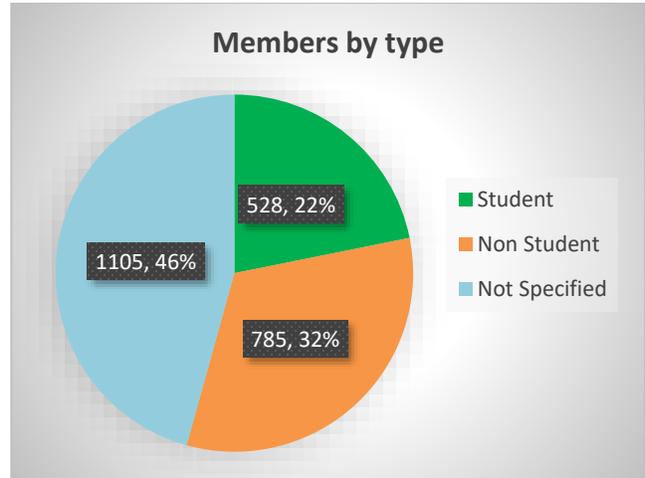
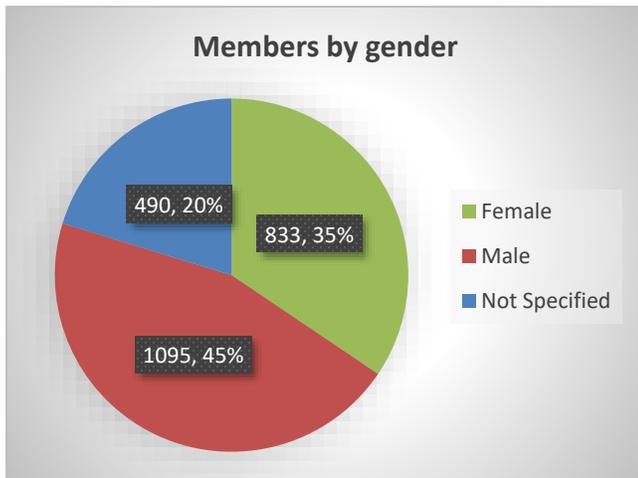
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### STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

\$10 USD membership fee is for those currently enrolled in university studies of the population. They have full voting rights in the associations. On graduation, they are encouraged to become regular members.

<p><b>1 Year</b> Student Membership</p>  <p><b>\$10.00</b> USD</p> <p>subscribe</p>	<p><b>2 Years</b> Student Membership</p>  <p><b>\$20.00</b> USD</p> <p>subscribe</p>	<p><b>3 Years</b> Student Membership</p>  <p><b>\$25.00</b> USD</p> <p>subscribe</p>
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# APA Membership Update



As of November 2021, there are 2,418 members in the Association's membership database with the majority from India, China, Indonesia, the United States, and Thailand. We truly encourage all members to renew their membership dues for enhancing our activities and providing support to the Association. Your contribution is crucial for APA to fulfil its mission of promoting population studies in Asia.

# Other Activities and Achievement

## ➤ [Seminar] Ageing in Asia: Contemporary Trends and Policy Issues | 15 May 2019

Hosted by the Demographic Institute, Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia

The seminar launched the book *Ageing in Asia: Contemporary Trends and Policy Issues*, edited by Phua Kai Hong, Goh Lee Guan, and Yap Mui Teng.

Venue: Demographic Institute, Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia

Attended by about 40 participants

## ➤ [Webinar] Asian Families Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic | 9, 23 July & 6 August 2020

Hosted by Centre for Family and Population Research (CFPR), National University of Singapore

The webinars explored the impacts of COVID-19 on families in the Asia-Pacific region focusing on Australia, China, India, Japan, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

More than 1,800 participants from all corners of the globe registered for the webinar series

## ➤ [Webinar] Covid-19 and the Migrants in Asia | 30 September 2020

Hosted by International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, India

The panel discussed various contours of the linkages between pandemic, migration and livelihood.

More than 600 participants registered for the webinar with many from India, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand

## ➤ [Webinar] Financial Adequacy among Older People in Selected Asian Countries | 10 December 2020

Hosted by Centre for Family and Population Research (CFPR), National University of Singapore

The panelists discussed the prominent role that financial security plays in the wellbeing of older adults, including how the Covid-19 pandemic has amplified existing inequalities among older adults.

About 424 participants from a variety of countries registered for the webinar with the majority from Indonesia, Philippines and India

## ➤ In Partnership with UNFPA

(1) **Mapping on Utilization of National Transfer Account** | July – December 2021, hosted by Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, Thailand.

(2) **Workshop on Using National Transfer Accounts (NTA) for Intergenerational Policy Advancement. for NTA practitioners and academicians** | 5-6 October 2021, collaborated with East-West Centre and Help-Age, and hosted by Center for Population and Policy Studies, Universitas Gadjah Mada; Demographic Institute, Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia; and Ministry of National Development Planning, Republic of Indonesia.

(3) **Workshop on Using National Transfer Accounts (NTA) for Population Ageing Policy Advancement. For policy planners and government officials.** | 7 October 2021, collaborated with East-West Centre and Help-Age, and hosted by Center for Population and Policy Studies, Universitas Gadjah Mada; Demographic Institute, Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia; and Ministry of National Development Planning, Republic of Indonesia.

(4) **Colloquium on Innovation in Teaching and Research in Demography in Asia** | 10 November 2021, hosted by Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, Thailand. The colloquium provided the new beginning toward more collaborations among institutions concerning with population studies on Asia.

## ➤ APA General Assembly | 10 November 2021

Hosted by Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, Thailand

## ➤ Upcoming Conference

The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference and Training Workshop on Household and Living Arrangement Projections for Informed Decision-Making will be held virtually on 13-14 January 2022 and hosted by the Centre for Family and Population Research (CFPR) at the National University of Singapore (NUS). The conference is a part of APA Scientific Group committee, headed by Professor Jean Yeung and Professor Leiwen Jiang.



## APA Scientific Activities

- APA conducted three scientific groups;

First is **“Financial Adequacy among Older People in Selected Asian Countries”**. The result was presented in a webinar on 10 December 2020.

Second is **“Healthy and Happy Ageing”**. The papers were presented during the 5<sup>th</sup> APA conference on 3-5 August 2021.

Third is **“The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference and Training Workshop on Household and Living Arrangement Projection for Informed Decision Making”**. The result will be a workshop with the same title to be virtually conducted on 13-14 January 2022.

- Participating in Other Regional Population Associations;

APA was represented in a round table of regional population association, of the IX Latin American Population Association (ALAP) Congress, on 9 December 2020 to discuss challenges in population issues around the world.

APA had an invited session on “New Dimensions of Marriage in Southeast Asia” in 2021 PAA Meeting in May 2021.

APA will take part in an invited session for regional population association on “COVID-19 and Early Academic Career in Population Studies. Perspectives from around the World” in IPC 2021, conducted by IUSSP on 5-10 December 2021.

APA will have an invited session on “Shifting Demographic Gravity in Asia” in PAA meeting in 2022.



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