



# Message from the President

---

It is an honor to serve as the APA's president for the 2019-2021 term. I and the members of the 5th APA council appreciate the support that we have received from the members of the association. We are extremely grateful to Doo-Sub Kim, the immediate past president, and all members of the previous council for their excellent stewardship of the association, and the support and guidance they have offered us. We appreciate their tireless work to fulfil the mission of the association and to leave it in a stronger position.

I'm committed to work with the council and all the members to raise the profile of the association and to promote the population studies in Asia. We will further strengthen APA's work in promoting exchange of knowledge among various different regions and disciplines, and enhance the interaction between young scholars and the more senior ones.

The 5th council started work by having the first council meeting on 16 January 2019 attended by all nine council members, and the secretariat team, and immediate past president (Doo-Sub Kim) and treasurer (Bhassorn Limanonda). This meeting was hosted by the Institute for Population and Social Research (IPSR), Mahidol University, Thailand. In addition to the formal meeting on 16 January, we also had several informal discussions on 15 and 17 January. All members appreciated the participation and sharing of views by the Doo-Sub Kim and Bhassorn Limanonda. The meeting charted out the plans for the current term.

The council will continue and strengthen the focus areas of the past councils. However, with

the rising relevance of population dynamics on sustainable development, we will increase our attention to issues relating to the relation between population dynamics and development. Attention to this issues is also expected to help more participation in APA activities.

We announced the call for a Host Country Institution to conduct the 5th APA conference in 2021 in this website. We also made the call to form Scientific Groups (SG). SG play an important role and we welcome proposals that are collaborative and cut across national boundaries. We are working to further enhance communication to members through regular newsletters and our website.

I would like to thank those who have paid their annual membership fee. Membership is the key pillar for continued growth of the association. The council discussed ways to strengthen the membership base and encourage all members to pay their dues on time. For members who have not paid their dues, please consider doing so. Your contribution is crucial for the financial sustainability of APA.

I, and all members of the council, are looking forward to your participation in raising the quality and visibility of studies on Asian population.

I wish you the most productive years ahead.

February 2019  
Aris Ananta  
President, Asian Population Association

