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Are We Living Longer, Healthier Lives? The Concept and Application of Health Expectancy to Japan

By Professor Yasuhiko Saito

Center for Information Networking, Nihon University

Date : **Thursday, 30 September 2004**

Time : **2.30 pm to 4.00 pm**
(Registration from 2.20pm)

Venue : **ARI Seminar Room**
Asia Research Institute,
National University of Singapore
5 Arts Link, AS7,
Shaw Foundation Building, Level 4,
Singapore 117570

Chairperson : **Dr Angelique Chan**
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Synopsis

In many parts of the world, mortality has been declining and life expectancy has been increasing. If we equate overall population health to life expectancy, then we might conclude that we have been witnessing improvements in population

health over the years. However, life expectancy is not a good measure of population health. In developed countries where life expectancy is high, a large number of elderly suffer from chronic diseases and functional disabilities. Recently, a new summary measure of population health, "health expectancy", has gained attention in the academic and policy making community. Health expectancy combines measures of mortality and morbidity. In this seminar, the concept and calculation of health expectancy will be introduced. The estimated health expectancy for Japan will be calculated based on national survey data.

About the Speaker

Yasuhiko Saito is visiting scholar at the Asian MetaCentre. He is a Research Associate Professor at the Center for Information Networking, Nihon University, Japan. His areas of specialization are demography and issues of aging and health. His current work is on methodological issues of health expectancy calculation, health expectancy in Japan, Asia as well as in the US. He is heading a longitudinal study of Aging in Japan.

Admission and Enquiries

Admission to the seminar is free of charge and is open to the public on a first come-first-serve basis. For enquiries and attendance, please contact:

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