Fostering intergenerational interactions in countries in Asia/Oceania

Intergenerational practices have been applied in the field of health promotion and preventing long-term care in Japan and other Asia Oceania countries. In this session, we will explore intergenerational approaches from societal, practical and conceptual angles to promote awareness of the power of intergenerational programs.

The first speaker, Dr.Megumi Tabuchi, will discuss the behavior of older people to pass on their long-term life experiences to the younger generation sometimes resulting in negative effects creating intergenerational conflict in Japan. The speaker will present research on how interpersonal relationships with young people can affect the development of generativity in older people and how we can achieve smooth interaction and development of generativity.

The second speaker, Dr. Tomoko Kamei, will discuss a weekly intergenerational community program running for over 16 years in Tokyo. The longitudinal mixed methods design study on the intergenerational program participants who are non-frail, frail and cognitively impaired older adults as well as school-aged children will be presented.

The third speaker, Dr.Leng Leng Thang, will discuss the development of intergenerational initiatives toward more caring and harmonious all-age friendly society in Singapore. The presentation focuses on programs from the education and co-shared social service categories and uses the framework of "intergenerational contact zone" to analyze their development.