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Overview

The 21st century is the century of the Elderly as populations are growing older throughout the world. Ageing in many developed countries have occurred for more than a century while ageing in Asia is becoming a new challenge brought about by its successful development in the second half of the past century when Asian countries have developed tremendously in their economy, political and social life. However, the world's largest poor population remains in the region.

Asian's ageing population has been growing faster both in its absolute numbers and percentages. China, for example, has entered the stage of an ageing population since 2000 when the ageing proportion reached 10% for the first time. The year of 2005 is a point for Indonesia in joining this ageing society. India will join soon and Pakistan will have an ageing population after 2025. This demographic transformation along with the ICT (Information and Communication Technology) transformation will profoundly affect various aspects of developments of the elderly in Asia. This important challenge brings the panel of the conference to discuss various ageing-related issues in the four biggest countries in Asia and also some other Asian countries such as Thailand, Singapore and Korea.