

# **CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **International Conference on Population and Development in Asia: Critical Issues for a Sustainable Future**

*Organised by*  
**Asian MetaCentre**  
**for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis**

*Supported by*  
**The Wellcome Trust**  
**United Kingdom**

*Date & Venue*  
**20 – 22 March 2006**  
**BanThai Beach Resort & Spa**  
**Phuket, Thailand**

## Context and Scope

The Asian region has experienced remarkable demographic, social, economic, political and environmental changes in the last decade. Progress has been made in lowering birth rates and death rates, raising education and income levels, and improving reproductive health care. Sustaining developmental advances in the region, however, will require continued efforts to alleviate poverty, increase gender equity, improve health, develop more efficient and equitable strategies of resource allocation, and give priority to our stewardship of the natural environment. Because demographic factors are closely linked to these goals, developmental strategies that consider population have a better chance of success. Focusing on people – their rights, capabilities and opportunities – would have multiple benefits for individuals, society, and for their sustainable relationship with the environment.

This international conference explores the above issues through **theoretical considerations** and **fresh case studies** in the context of Asia. The aim is to highlight, understand and assess the most critical population issues for sustainable development in the new millennium.

## Keynote Speakers

The organisers are pleased to have invited Professor Graeme Hugo and Professor Geoffrey McNicoll to present keynote papers during the conference:

**Professor Graeme Hugo** (Federation Fellow & Professor of Geography, The University of Adelaide, Australia), will be delivering a keynote paper “**Migration and Development in Asia**”.

**Professor Geoffrey McNicoll** (Senior Associate, Population Council, New York) will be delivering a keynote paper “**Population and Sustainability in Asia: Adjusting to a Post-Transition Era**”.

## Thematic Panels

Some of the confirmed panels in the conference are:

- **Age at Marriage and Development**  
(Panel Organiser: Gavin W. Jones, National University of Singapore)
- **Ageing and Development**  
(Panel Organiser: Evi N. Arifin, Asian MetaCentre, National University of Singapore)
- **Migration and Development**  
(Panel Organiser: Sara R. Curran, University of Washington)
- **Population and Sustainable Development Research Challenges After the Tsunami**  
(Panel Organisers: Wolfgang Lutz, Asian MetaCentre & International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria; and Vipan Prachuabmoh, Asian MetaCentre & Chulalongkorn University)
- **Population, Ethnicity and Violent Conflicts in Asia**  
(Panel Organiser: Aris Ananta, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore)

- **Reproductive Health for Sustainable Development**  
(Panel Organizers: Napaporn Chayovan & Vipin Prachuabmoh, Asian MetaCentre & Chulalongkorn University)
- **Skilled Diasporas and Development**  
(Panel Organiser: Binod Khadria, National University of Singapore)
- **The Globalisation of Households in Pacific Asia – Trends, Consequences and Responses**  
(Panel Organiser: Mike Douglass, University of Hawaii)

## Organising Committee

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## Invitation to Submit Abstracts (for Junior Researchers Only)

The organizers invite submissions of paper abstracts on the broad themes of population and development in Asia from the following ONLY:

- **Junior researchers from Asia**  
[Junior researchers refer strictly to PhD candidates in a relevant discipline or those who have completed their PhD not more than five years ago.]

Interested participants are invited to submit the following:

1. An abstract of about 500 words for your proposed contribution.
2. A copy of your Curriculum Vitae (include research projects and publication record)
3. A completed conference registration form.

**Please send your abstract and application to:**

**Ms Verene Koh**

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Applicants are strongly encouraged to send in their application via email by **15 November 2005**. Only successful applicants will be notified.

Successful applicants will be awarded:

- accommodation for 4 nights during the conference period,
- waiver of conference registration fee,
- a maximum of S\$1,000 (Singapore Dollars) subsidy to cover economy-class return airfare based on the original air ticket receipt,
- a small per diem allowance.

## Registration Fee

For those who would like to attend the conference, registration fee of **S\$350** is applicable. The registration fee covers the conference papers and meals (lunches and tea-breaks only) for the 3-day event. Applicants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Interested applicants should send in their cheques or bank drafts of \$350 in Singapore Dollars, made payable to the “**National University of Singapore**” together with a completed registration form (attached below) to our corresponding address. Please state your name and “Population and Development in Asia: Critical Issues for a Sustainable Future” on the reverse side of the cheques or bank drafts. Interested applicants are to respond by **28 February 2006**.

## Enquiries

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