

The 5th Asian Network Symposium on Nutrition
Food Security for Maternal and Child Nutrition
in Asian and Pacific countries

Date: 9th March, 2012 (Friday) 13:30~17:30

Venue: National Institute of Health and Nutrition

1-23-1, Toyama, Shinjuku, Tokyo, 162-8636



Background

The National Institute of Health and Nutrition (NIHN), established in 1920, is the world's oldest national research institute in the field of nutrition.

"Asian Network Symposium on Nutrition" is the main international symposium hosted by the NIHN, which has been held once every two years since 2004. The first symposium entitled "Optimizing Maternal and Child Nutrition for the Prevention of Chronic Diseases" was held in January 2004, followed by the second one entitled "Nutrition Reference and Dietary Recommendation in Asian Countries ~ from nutrition science to policy~ (March, 2006), the third one entitled "Nutrition Monitoring and Community Nutrition Programs for National Health Promotion in Asian countries (March, 2008)" and the 4th one entitled "Nutrition Education Program for National Health Promotion in Asian Countries: a Focus on School-based Program (September 2010)". At each symposium, nutrition researchers and professionals, both in Japan and abroad, were invited for the academic debates and exchange of views on the issues related to the sub-theme.

The 5th symposium will be held on 9th March 2011, with the theme of food security, which is recognized as an important issue to be focused so as to improve nutritional status of, in particular mothers and children, not only in developing countries but also in developed ones. Japan is the country with low self-sufficiency ratio, and furthermore, it has also explored great vulnerability to food insecurity after the Tohoku Earthquake in March 2011.

At the upcoming symposium, following the keynote address "Scaling up of nutrition interventions", country reports of each invited country will be presented. Based on which, we expect to deepen the debates on present situation and future direction of each country and the Asian and Pacific region.

Supporting bodies:

* The Japan Dietetic Association

* The Japanese Society of Nutrition and Dietetics

Program

13:30 Opening Address
Dr. Shinkan Tokudome (President, NIHN)

13:40 Symposium
Chairpersons: **Dr. Nobuo Nishi**
(Chief, Center for Collaboration and Partnership, NIHN)
Dr. Nobuko Murayama
(Professor, Niigata University of Health and Welfare)

Keynote address "Scaling up nutrition interventions"
Dr. L.T. Cavalli-Sforza
(Regional Advisor in Nutrition, WHO/WPRO)

Food Security for Maternal and Child Nutrition in Malaysia
Dr. Tee E Siong
(President, Nutrition Society of Malaysia, Malaysia)

Food Security and Nutritional Status of Mothers and Children under 5 years of age in Vietnam
Dr. Le Bach Mai
(Deputy Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Vietnam)

Situation of Maternal and Child Food Security in Papua New Guinea
Dr. Job Hawap
(Principal Adviser, Child Health, Public Health Division, Department of Health, Papua New Guinea)

15:40~16:00 Coffee Break

Nutritional Problems in Japan from the viewpoint of Food Security: Focus on Maternal and Child Health
Dr. Nobuo Yoshiike
(Professor and Chairman of Division of Nutrition, Aomori University of Health and Welfare, Japan)

16:30 Open Discussion

Debaters:

Dr. Rukhsana Haider (Chairperson, Training and Assistance for Health and Nutrition Foundation, Bangladesh)
Dr. Toru Rikimaru (Senior Advisor (Health & Nutrition), JICA)
Dr. Hidemi Takimoto (Chief Senior Researcher, National Institute of Public Health)
Ms. Miki Miyoshi (Head, Section of International Nutrition Research and Development, NIHN)

17:20 Closing Address
Dr. Masatoshi Kanai (Executive Director, NIHN)

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