

The 8th Asian Network Symposium on Nutrition  
Importance of maternal and child nutrition strategies towards SDGs  
in the Western Pacific Region

Date: February 21, 2018 (Wednesday) 13:30~17:00

Venue: National Institute of Health and Nutrition (NIHN)

National Institutes of Biomedical Innovation, Health and Nutrition (NIBIOHN)

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

WHO Collaborating Centre for Nutrition and Physical Activity



## 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 every other year since 2004. The first symposium entitled "Optimizing Maternal and Child Nutrition for the Prevention of Chronic Diseases" was held in January 2004, followed by six symposiums with the different sub-themes. The latest 7th symposium one was held on March 23 2016, with the sub-theme of "Strategies for Obesity Prevention of School Children". At each symposium, WHO/governmental officials and researchers were invited for the academic debates and exchange of views on the issues related to the sub-theme.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Summit was held on September 25-27 2015, where "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with 17 goals and 169 targets was adapted. One of the main characteristics of the SDGs was that nutrition issues were clearly demonstrated in Goal 2 "Zero Hunger" and Goal 3 "Good Health and well-being".

As a WHO Collaborating Centre for Nutrition and Physical Activity, the NIHN has been working with WHO to provide technical support to Western Pacific Region countries in the implementation of Regional Nutrition and NCDs strategies and action plans toward global and regional nutrition targets.

At the upcoming 8th symposium, following the keynote addresses on the regional strategies for improvement of maternal and child nutrition, 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 Western Pacific Region.

### Supporting bodies;

- \* Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan
- \* The Japan Dietetic Association
- \* The Japanese Society of Nutrition and Dietetics

## Program

13:30 Opening Address  
Dr. Keiichi Abe (President of the NIHN, NIBIOHN)

13:40 Symposium  
Chairpersons: **Dr. Nobuo Nishi**  
(Chief, International Center for Nutrition and Information, NIHN, NIBIOHN)  
**Dr. Juliawati Untoro**  
(Technical lead for Nutrition, WHO/WPRO)

### Keynote Lecture

**Regional strategies and action plan for improvement of maternal and child nutrition in the Western Pacific Region.**

Dr Juliawati Untoro  
(Technical Lead for Nutrition, Div. of NCD and Health through the Life-Course, WHO/WPRO)

### Country Report

**Maternal and child nutrition strategies – Malaysian experience**  
Mdm Zalma Abdul Razak  
(Director, Nutrition Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia)

**Maternal and child nutrition in Hong Kong – Current situation and the way forward**

Mr. Gordon Cheung  
(President, Hong Kong Nutrition Association)

**Multi-sectoral efforts for improving nutritional status – country report of Lao PDR**

Dr. Chandavone Phoxay  
(Director, National Nutrition Center, Ministry of Health, Lao PDR)

### 15:10~15:30 Break

**Importance of maternal and child nutrition strategies toward SDGs – Fiji country report**

Ms. Maca Temoirokomalani  
(Acting National Advisor Dietetics & Nutrition,  
National Wellness Centre, Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Fiji)

**Maternal and child nutrition policies, measures and action in Japan**

Dr. Midori Ishikawa  
(Chief Senior Researcher, Department of Health Promotion,  
National Institute of Public Health, Japan)

### 16:10-16:50 Discussion

16:50 Closing Address  
Dr. Hikaru Fukuda (Director for Research Coordination  
and Evaluation, NIHN, NIBIOHN)

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