



APA BACKGROUND

Asia is the world's largest and most populous continent. With almost four billion people, it is home to more than 60% of the world's current population, including the two largest national populations; China and India. Asia is also the center of some of the fastest sustained economic growth rates in the world as well as some of the most intractable problems of poverty. It is home to several language families and many language isolates. Indeed, Asia is both diverse and dynamic in terms of population growth trends. There are many emerging population issues having significant impacts on the future of the world's population as they pose major challenges to communities and local governments across the region. Thus, there is a great need for scientific studies of population which can be translated into policy actions in countries with diverse socio-demographic settings.

After nearly three years in the making, the APA finally took root in the form of an online forum in 2007. Many distinguished scholars contributed to the online discussion resulting in the formation of the Establishment Committee (EC) of the APA. In December 2007, the first meeting of the EC was held at the Department of Demography of the University of Tehran in Tehran, Iran, where the interim constitution was drafted and the activities of the APA were planned.

The association was later registered in Bangkok and the Secretariat set up at the College of Population Studies of Chulalongkorn University. A nominations committee was also constituted to identify distinguished scholars from the region to contest the first election of APA for various council positions. During September-October 2008, APA successfully conducted an online election in which nearly 66 percent of the 578 eligible registered members participated. Both the process and outcome of the election have resulted in having scholars with creditable academic records on APA's council. The third online election of the APA was held in 2012 and the following members were elected as council members.

THIRD COUNCIL OF THE ASIAN POPULATION ASSOCIATION, 2013-2015

Terence H. Hull	Australia	President
Doo-sub Kim	South Korea	Vice President
Purushottam Kulkarni	India	Secretary
Vipan Prachuabmoh	Thailand	Treasurer
Mohammad Jalal Abbasi Shavazi	Iran	Council member (Immediate past president)
Anand Tamang	Nepal	Council member
K.G. Santhya	India	Council member
Tey Nai Peng	Malaysia	Council member
Rikiya Matsukura	Japan	Council member
Wen Shan Yang	Taiwan	Council member
Sureporn Punpuing	Thailand	Executive Secretary

Aims:

The aim of APA is to create greater awareness of the diversity in the region among scholars from different Asian countries, and to facilitate the building of collaborations among these scholars. The association will be responsible for promoting research, sharing knowledge, developing the capacity of population institutions in the region, and engaging in advocacy and policy dialogue to advance the development agenda in the region.

PREVIOUS APA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The first conference of the Asian Population Association was held in New Delhi during 16-20 November 2010. The conference drew nearly 400 participants from 29 countries – mostly Asian but a few research scholars working on Asia but living in countries like the US, UK, Germany, Netherlands, also attended the conference. In all, 14 themes were identified and internationally renowned experts were requested to select abstracts pertinent to each of the themes and create sessions and identify chairs and discussants for the sessions. The APA had received, in response to a call for submission of abstracts, nearly 700 abstracts. Based on this, 230 papers were presented in 58 sessions. Also, nearly 150 posters were presented over three days. The presence of many young demographers from across Asia who experienced the stimulating environment and high quality of the conference was noticeable.

The 2nd APA conference was held during 27-29 August 2012 in Bangkok, and the Conference was formally launched with an Opening Ceremony on the evening of the 26 August 2012. The President of the IUSSP, and the Executive Director of UNFPA delivered the inaugural speech at the conference. Around 1500 abstracts were submitted to the conference, and 600 participants from 50 countries including representatives from UN agencies, government organizations and NGOs attended the conference. Eighteen themes with a total of 97 oral-presentation sessions and 7 poster sessions were covered during the two-and-a-half days of conference. More information can be found from the APA Website: <https://asianpa.conference-services.net/programme.asp?conferenceID=2868>

THIRD APA CONFERENCE: DATE AND VENUE

The Asian Population Association (APA) Third International Conference will be at Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 27-30 July 2015.

CONFERENCE THEMES

1.	Population Size, Growth, Distribution or Characteristics issues (including children and youth, gender, population ageing)
2.	Fertility, Fecundity, Reproductive Health
3.	Mortality, Morbidity, Cause of Death,
4.	Migration: Internal, International (including refugees), Urbanization
5.	Marriage, Family, Kinship, and Religion
6.	Demographic Theory and Methods (include demographic training)
7.	Interdisciplinary Studies, Education, Labour, Economics and Development
8.	All Other Submissions (Disability, Environment, Wellbeing and Happiness, etc.)

CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

The Organizing Committee and APA warmly invite demographers and experts in the field of population and related issues to submit abstracts to the appropriate theme. Session Organizers and Theme Conveners will select papers for oral or poster presentation at the Conference based on the relevance and merits submitted to the proposed sessions. Deadline for submission of abstract: 15 September 2014



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A PAPER OR A POSTER

1.	Authors are requested to submit both a short abstract (200 words) AND an extended abstract in English (2-4 double-spaced pages, including single-spaced tables) to the most appropriate theme, or “others”
2.	Extended abstracts must be sufficiently detailed, including a description of the topic, theoretical focus, data and research methods and salient findings. Please DO NOT submit a full paper at this stage.
3.	You may modify your abstract/extended abstract online at any time before 16 September 2014.
4.	Please provide the full names, affiliations and e-mail addresses of all co-authors.
5.	Please indicate whether you wish to submit your paper for oral presentation or poster presentation.
6.	You may submit up to two abstracts (but there is no limit to the number of abstracts for which you are co-authors).
7.	Papers not selected during the first round may be selected during the second round.
8.	Authors who submit an abstract should do so with the intention to attend the conference. Participants are expected to cover their own registration, travel and accommodation costs.

All presenting authors, chairs and discussants should register and pay the registration fee (including APA membership fee) between 15 February and 15 June 2015. Papers where no author is registered for the Conference by 15 June will not appear in the programme.

REGISTRATION

Online registration will open 15 February 2015 on the Conference website, www.asianpa.org. All participants of the Conference are expected to register online and pay either by credit card via a secure server or on the Internet or pay by cheque in US\$. Please register before 16 June 2015 to take advantage of the discounted fee. The following rates apply:

	Registration fee (until 15 June 2015) US\$	Late registration fee (from 16 June 2015) US\$
APA members	400	450
Students	100	100

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All participants are strongly encouraged to seek financial support from their own institutions, other national bodies, local representatives of international donors, international institutions and foundations active in the population field. While APA and the National Organizing Committee hope to provide a limited number of travel awards, priority for these awards will be given to participants from low income countries whose paper or poster has been accepted for presentation, or who are serving as chair or discussant, and who are APA members in good standing. Procedures for applying for financial assistance will be announced in APA website in due course.



IMPORTANT DATES

Participants and organizers should meet the following deadlines

1 April 2014	Website opens for submission of paper or poster abstracts
15 September 2014	Last day for submission/modification of paper or poster abstracts
15 January 2015	Author notification of paper abstracts accepted for oral and poster presentation
30 January 2015	Confirmation of participants by authors whose papers have been accepted
15 February 2015	Round 2 author notification of paper abstracts accepted for oral and poster presentation
15 February 2015	Funding application opens
15 February 2015	Registration for Conference opens
28 February 2015	Deadline for application of fee waiver and travel grant award
31 March 2015	Notification of travel grant awards.
15 June 2015	Last day for reduced registration fee, and registration of paper/poster presenter
15 July 2015	Last day to upload full paper on the website

NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (NOC) OF THE 3RD CONFERENCE

NOC Chairman	Professor Dr. Awang Bulgiba Mahmud	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), University of Malaya
Co-host:	Datuk Dr. Siti Norlasiah,	Director General , National Population and Family Development Board, Malaysia
Co-host	Ms Yeoh Yeok Kim	Executive Secretary, Federation of Reproductive Health Association, Malaysia
Co-host	Ms Saira Shameem	Programme Advisor, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Malaysia
Secretariat	Mr. Tey Nai Peng	Coordinator, Population Studies Unit, University of Malaya

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