

AGI Forum:

"Population Problems and Solutions in Asia"

When: Friday, September 30, 9:00~12:30

Where: Kitakyushu International Conference Center, Conference Room

Language: English

Host: Asian Growth Research Institute

- Background and Aim:

Currently, many Asian countries are facing a variety of population problems including declining fertility, aging population, declining population, migration, urbanization of the population, the entry of foreign workers, gender differences, etc., and other problems with regards to their population. For these problems it is critical for each country to conduct comprehensive analysis and introduce solutions urgently.

In this forum, four specialists from the Asian Growth Research Institute will take up various population problems facing Asia (especially Japan, China, Singapore, Malaysia, and Vietnam) and discuss these problems, their impact on the economy and society, solutions to these problems, and lessons for other Asian countries. After the four speakers have finished their presentations, there will be a Panel Discussion. The moderator will be Vice-President and Research Professor Charles Yuji Horioka.

- Program:

[Part 1: Presentation]

Report 1: Tatsuo Hatta (President, Asian Growth Research Institute)

"Population Decline and Local Public Finance in Japan"

Report 2: Erbiao Dai (Research Director and Research Professor, Asian Growth Research Institute),

"Urbanization in China: Trends, Challenges, and Prospects"

Report 3: Eric Ramstetter (Research Professor, Asian Growth Research Institute),

"Experiences with Foreign Workers in Singapore and Malaysia: What Are the Lessons for Japan's Labor Markets?"

Report 4: Tien Manh Vu (Research Assistant Professor, Asian Growth Research Institute)

"Gender Differences in Vietnam"

[Part 2: Panel Discussion]

Moderator: Charles Yuji Horioka (Vice-President and Research Professor, Asian Growth Research Institute)

Discussants: The above speakers

Florian Coulmas (Senior Professor, IN-EAST Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen)