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Announcement of Winners of the 1st Healthy Aging Prize for Asian Innovation

- *The award showcases best practices in Asia to address the challenges facing rapidly aging societies*
- *The grand prize winners' special comments to be broadcast at July 31st event*

TOKYO, Japan and JAKARTA, Indonesia, July 27, 2020 – The Healthy Aging Prize for Asian Innovation (HAPI) today announces the grand prize and the second prize winners of the 1st HAPI award. The awardees were selected from more than 130 applicants from 12 countries and regions under three categories.

- **Technology & Innovation:** New technologies/techniques that encourage healthy and productive aging, that improve care, or that provide greater efficiency, safety, or convenience
- **Community-Based Initiatives:** Community-based approaches—including intergenerational approaches—to keep older adults healthy, active, engaged, and/or safe
- **Supporting Self-Reliance:** New ways to help older adults maintain, improve, or restore physical and mental functions, that assist them as those functions deteriorate, or that build resilience

HAPI is an award program designed to recognize and amplify innovative policies, programs, services, and products that address the challenges facing aging societies. This prize is an initiative of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), carried out under the auspices of the Japanese government's Asia Health and Wellbeing Initiative (AHWIN). The selection committee for the award was formed with an international committee of experts.

The award is unique for its breadth of coverage, allowing a wide range of organizations—including community organizations, NPOs, associations, local governments, businesses, and others—across the region to apply and enabling them to showcase how they are innovating on a diverse set of interconnected issues.

HAPI was introduced at a pivotal time as Asia now faces unprecedented demographic changes. By 2050, East and Southeast Asia are expected to have 572 million people aged 65 or over—more than double today's number. Countries in Europe and North America have undergone a similar shift, but it happened over the course of several generations, whereas the shift from an “aging” to an “aged” society in Asian countries will take less than 25 years on average. This has tremendous social and economic implications for the affected countries and for Asia as a whole, creating both challenges and unprecedented opportunities.

For more information on the winners, **please join a live event on July 31, 2020.**

Press Access to the Event

July 31, 2020 1:00 PM JST (UTC/GMT+9) / 11:00 AM (UTC/GMT+7)

Please register in advance at (<https://bit.ly/332KxY1>) no later than July 30.

Schedule: 1:00 PM — Award announcements, statements from the winners and selection committee members

1:30PM — Press Q&A

The presentations of the award will be broadcast to the public separately via YouTube

For further information, or to arrange follow-up interviews with the awardees, please contact Ms. Momoko Abe of the award secretariat at mabe@jcie.or.jp

The Healthy Aging Prize for Asian Innovation (HAPI)

Grand Prize Winners in 2020

The grand prize is awarded to three exceptional organizations.

Technology & Innovation:

- **Foundation for Older Persons' Development (FOPDEV) | Thailand**

Buddy HomeCare: Community-Based Healthcare Management and Monitoring System

Buddy HomeCare has developed a mobile app-based system for healthcare management and monitoring, including health screenings, individual healthcare program design, and follow-up. This technology serves as the key tool in a program that provides impoverished youth with training to be caregivers, while also providing older people with cost-effective, high-quality homecare services.

Community-Based Initiatives:

- **HelpAge International in Vietnam | Vietnam**

The Intergenerational Self-Help Club (ISHC) Development Model

Since 2006, HelpAge International in Vietnam and local partners have piloted the ground-breaking Intergenerational Self-Help Club (ISHC) model—community-based organizations that promote healthy longevity through a range of inter-generational activities. The ISHCs now number nearly 3,000 nationwide and have become the largest care providers in the country.

Supporting Self-Reliance:

- **Komagane City | Japan**

Preventing Stroke Recurrence through a Hospital-Local Government Partnership to Support Patient Self-Management

The city of Komagane partnered with the Showa Inan General Hospital on an initiative to help stroke patients better manage their health to prevent recurrence. Skilled professionals work with patients and their families at the hospital, engaging them in setting and managing their own health goals, providing an app to monitor their daily condition, and consulting with them for the first year following discharge.

Second Prize Winners

The second prize was awarded to seven organizations.

- **Buang Yitho Municipality | Thailand**

STRONG Model Program

- **Grundtvig.inc | Japan**

The Housing Complex as One Big Family / grundtvig.inc

- **Help Without Frontiers Foundation; forOldy Project | Thailand**

forOldy Grandpa and Grandma Shop

- **Indonesia Ramah Lansia (IRL Foundation) | Indonesia**

Indonesia Elderly Friendly Community Program

- **Korea Association of Senior Welfare Centers (KASWC) | South Korea**

KB Good Memory School: A Senior Center-Based Dementia Prevention Program

- **SmartPeep | Malaysia**

SmartPeep AI Elderly-Sitter System

- **Vietnam Association of the Elderly | Vietnam**

Bright Eyes Program for Older People in Vietnam

Details about the winning innovations will be posted on <https://www.ahwin.org/> on July 31.

About the Organizers

HAPI is an initiative of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), based in Jakarta, and the Japan Center for International Exchange

(JCIE), located in Tokyo and New York, two nonprofit think tanks that are partnering on several projects under the auspices of the Japanese government's Asia Health and Wellbeing Initiative (AHWIN). AHWIN was launched by the Japanese government in 2016 to promote bilateral and regional cooperation on a range of issues related to fostering vibrant and healthy societies where people can enjoy long and productive lives, to develop sustainable and self-reliant health care systems in Asia, and to contribute to the region's sustainable and equitable development and economic growth. As part of that initiative, ERIA and JCIE are focusing on the promotion of healthy aging in Asia, supporting research, dialogues, and information sharing that can benefit people and policymakers throughout the region. For details, visit our website at <https://www.ahwin.org/award/>

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