

# **Global Health at A Crossroads: How Can Research Shape the Future Policies?**

The Inaugural Conference of the Institute for Global Health Policy Research (iGHP)  
Bureau of International Health Cooperation, National Center for Global Health and Medicine

March 2, 2017  
Tokyo, Japan

## **1. Background**

In May, this year, Japan hosted the G7 summit in Ise-Shima. At the Summit, the G7 leaders reached an agreement that they would commit to taking concrete actions for further advancing global health. One of the agendas the Japanese G7 presidency placed a strong emphasis on was health care system, specifically reconstructing the existing global health architecture, which would enable us to strengthen and better organize the management of potential outbreaks and life-threatening public health emergencies.

Japan has long been taking a leadership role in advocating the importance of resilient and sustainable health care system, one of which is the attainment of universal health coverage (UHC). Founding of the Institute for Global Health Research (iGHP) is one such examples of Japan's active contribution. The iGHP was established upon missions to function as Japan's principal think-tank that primarily serves for global health policy.

## **2. Objectives**

The iGHP aims to build the platform on which all public, private, and academic sectors, both domestic and international, would be able to collaborate with research institutions in the world and contribute to the advancement in the field of global health policy. It also assumes to function as one of the most prominent national academic research institutions to provide the next generation of researchers and scholars with the educational opportunities to learn and work on overseas projects and also to publish the fruits of their studies, which could be accessed online. As part of the Bureau of International Cooperation, National Center for Global Health and Medicine, the iGHP will be committed to promote health and well-being of the people at the community, national, regional, and global levels.

In the midst of today's political turmoil, global population displacement, humanitarian crises, climate change, and ever expanding economic integrity, global health is one of the fundamental human security issues that must be addressed in order to overcome the hurdles on our path toward the peaceful and sustainable global development.

On this special occasion, a group of world-renowned global health experts will discuss the changes surrounding global health policy in the past, tremendous progress accomplished thus far, and the future goals and needs to overcome the current challenges in global health policy with an emphasis on the roles of research.

### 3. Venue

**Date:** Thursday, March 2, 2017, 14:00—17:30

**Venue:** Conference Hall (5<sup>th</sup> floor), Bureau of International Cooperation,  
National Center for Global Health and Medicine, Tokyo

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### 4. Provisionary Agenda

- 14:00—14:10      **Opening Remark** (Kenji Shibuya, Director, iGHP)
- 14:10—14:20      **Welcome Remark** (Masato Kasuga, President, NCGM)
- 14:20—14:30      **Guest Remarks**  
(Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Minister, Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare)  
(Yoshitake Yokokura, President, Japan Medical Association)
- 14:30—14:50      **Keynote Address 1** (Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Vice Chair, IHPF, Thailand)  
14:50—15:10      **Keynote Address 2** (Gabriel M. Leung, University of Hong Kong, China)  
15:10—15:30      **Keynote Address 3** (Kamran Abbasi, Executive Editor, The BMJ, UK)
- 15:30—15:45      *Coffee Break*
- 15:45—16:15      **iGHP: Vision and Activities** (Kenji Shibuya, Director, iGHP)
- 16:15—17:15      **Panel Discussion**  
**Facilitator:**  
Kamran Abbasi (The BMJ, UK)  
**Panelists:**  
Yan Guo (Beijing University, China)  
Tamotsu Nakasa (BIHC, NCGM)  
Kenji Shibuya (iGHP)  
Göran Tomson (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden)  
Suwit Wibulpolprasert (IHPF, Thailand)  
Majid Ezzati (Imperial College London, UK)  
Gabriel M. Leung (University of Hong Kong, China)
- 17:15—17:20      **Closing Remark** (Mitsuaki Kamata, Director-General, BIHC, NCGM)
- 17:30—18:30      **Reception**