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Demography and Population Ageing: Strengthening Regional & International Collaboration

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Introduction

- Demographic transformations shaping the future
 - Declining fertility
 - Increasing longevity
- Global Policy on Ageing (@World Assemblies)
 - VIPAA 1982: humanitarian aspect of ageing (individual ageing)
 - MIPAA 2002: transforming ageing societies into society for all ages through policy efforts
- The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) (Cairo, 1994)
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) (UN, 2015)
 - Rethinking development (post-MDG): universal, transformative and leave no one behind



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AGEING IN EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES: “The Twin Challenges of Ageing and Development”

European experiences

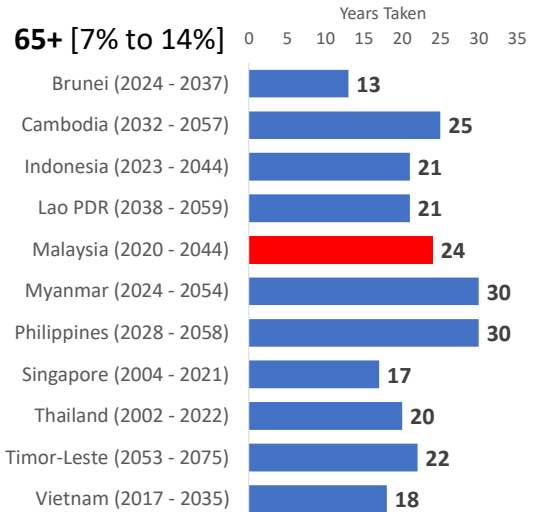
- Population ageing followed on from economic development (in sequence)
- Proceeded at a fairly leisurely pace, e.g.
 - France (1865-1980) 115 years
 - Sweden (1890-1975) 85 years
 - Australia (1938-2011) 73 years

Less developed countries

- The two major transformation are occurring almost simultaneously
- Rapid ageing
 - Japan (1970-1996) 26 years
 - South Korea (2000-2018) 18 years
- Transformation in the structure and functions of the family and State

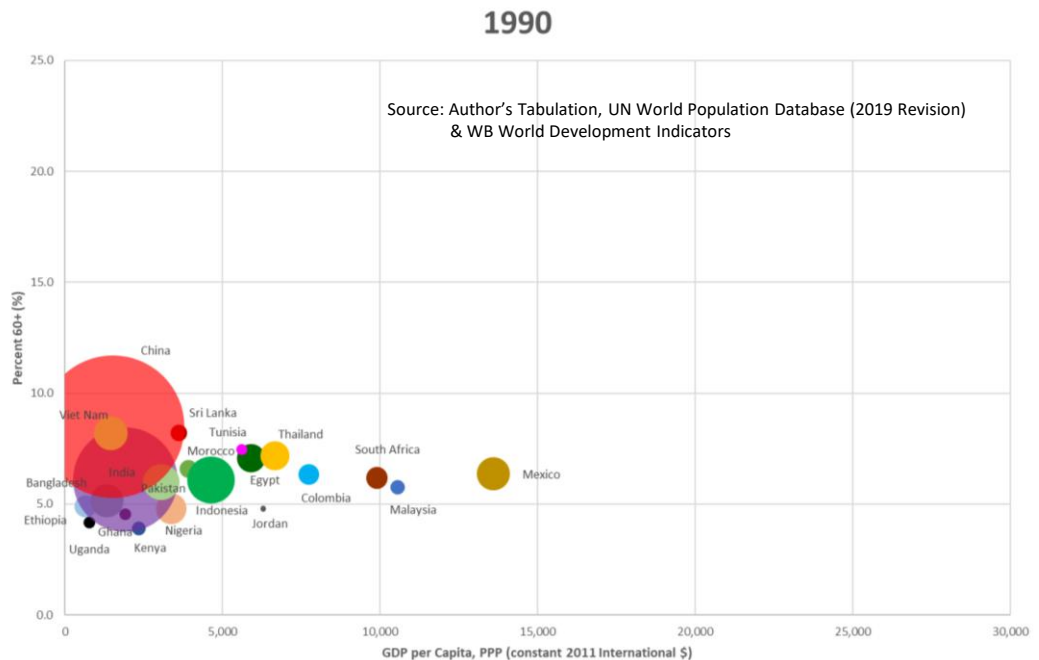
Source: Walker, Alan, and Christian Aspalter. *Active ageing in Asia*. Routledge, 2014.

Speed of Ageing in ASEAN Member States



Source: Author's Tabulation, UN World Population Database (2019 Revision)

Ageing at Lower Levels of Development, Selected Countries, 1990 and 2020



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Regional & International Ageing Networks

Association of Pacific Rim
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Economic Research Institute for
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AHWIN
Asia Health and Wellbeing Initiative



**WHO Global Network
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and Communities**



ASEAN-wide
Research
Networking on
Ageing



Active Ageing
Consortium in
Asia Pacific



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Fiscal, Economic & Social Consequences

Economic

- Changes in population age-sex structure
 - Decline in working-age / effective workers population - labour shortage
- Slowing economic growth
- Growing silver economy

Social

- Intergenerational relationships and compact
- Commodification of care - care crisis
 - Decent work and care economy
 - Changing health profile
- Individual/Family-State roles and responsibilities

Fiscal

- Increasingly disproportionate tax and benefit system
- Rise in age-related spending
- Changing patterns of savings, investments, and capital growth
- Generational equity and interdependence

South-south Cooperation in Population & Development

- To be inclusive of population ageing issues and challenges, in particularly ageing at lower levels of development.
- To address the changing care economy and need for social protection reforms.
- Cooperation in learning the lessons of development and sharing of best practices.
- No one-size-fits-all solution but appreciation of socio-political, cultural and historical context, priorities, as well as available resources.



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