

Preface

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Opening remarks for Asian Pacific Journal of Health Economics and Policy

On behalf of the editorial committee of the Journal, I proudly introduce the Asian Pacific Journal of Health Economics and Policy to offer a platform to scholars and policy makers concerned with health economics and policy issues in the Asian Pacific region. The Journal is a new endeavor to go beyond our experience with the Japanese Journal of Health Economics and Health Policy since October 1994, to reach out to wider global audience for an academic discussion on the health economics and policy themes common to Asian Pacific countries.

The Asian Pacific Journal of Health Economics and Policy is a peer-reviewed journal that accepts articles on areas of health economics, health care policy, and health services research in a various context of healthcare systems, specifically, but not limited to Asian Pacific countries.

The Journal aims to

- 1) Enhance research in the area of health economics, health care policy, and health services research in the context of healthcare system with a specific demographic, social, and politico-historical background.
- 2) Set an academic platform for scholars and other interested parties including policy makers to enhance discussion for evidence-based health policy making in the Asian Pacific region.
- 3) Promote open exchange of views, theories, and opinions among all concerned with the various dimensions of healthcare systems to seek for an innovating integration of related disciplines for efficient and fair healthcare systems.

The Journal solicits academic papers with the use of unique resource available in Asian Pacific region, with implication relevant to answer health policy and public health problems in the region, and/or with innovative theorization to open a new health economics research to reflect values and views in the regional socio-politico-historical context. We hope the Journal could contribute to the promotion of evidence-based policy discussion through the inter-disciplinary research among health economics, public health, and other related social science discipline.

Finally, I should mention that the launch of this new journal became possible with understanding, commitment, and support from many people. The Journal is a collaborative product between the Japanese Health Economics Association and the Institute of Health Economics and Policy Japan, supported by meticulous administration by the staff members in the Institute. Among them, we acknowledge special thanks to Ms. Michiko Harada for her extended support to open this journal to the global audience.

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