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2024 Healthy Aging Prize for Asian Innovation Opens for Applications— Seeking Creative Innovations to Improve the Health and Wellbeing of Older People

TOKYO, JAKARTA, February 28, 2024—The Healthy Aging Prize for Asian Innovation (HAPI) is now accepting applications for the 2024 prize.

This award program was established in 2020 by ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia) and JCIE (Japan Center for International Exchange), under the auspices of the Government of Japan’s Asia Health and Wellbeing Initiative (AHWIN). Now in its fourth round, HAPI is an international award that recognizes and amplifies initiatives from throughout East Asia that contribute to the achievement of healthy longevity and the improvement of elderly care in the region. The program was recognized as an important measure to realize a society of health and longevity in the 2023 Implementation Plan of the Joint Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation, which was adopted during the Commemorative Summit for the 50th Year of ASEAN Japan Friendship and Cooperation.

This award is given to innovative programs, services, products, policies, and other initiatives from Asian countries that address the wide array of challenges facing aging populations. We are looking to recognize the creative work of local governments, civic groups, businesses, educational and research institutions, and others that offer good examples that can be introduced to other Asian countries. Submissions will be accepted through May 31, 2024.

Since its inception, HAPI has recognized 28 winners from 9 countries and regions across Asia Pacific. Prize winners have presented at their work international meetings and forums, have been featured in media outlets such as NHK, Nikkei, and the Economist, and have had their case studies featured in reports from international organizations such as the World Bank and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).

HEALTHY AGING PRIZE *for Asian* INNOVATION

About the Healthy Aging Prize for Asian Innovation (HAPI)

Application period: Feb. 28–May 31, 2024

Eligibility criteria: HAPI is looking for innovative policies, programs, services, and products that address the challenges facing aging societies, help extend healthy and meaningful lives, and improve the provision of care to older adults.

Applicants can be nonprofit organizations, research institutions, local governments, private businesses, public-private partnerships, etc.

Applicants must be based in an ASEAN member country, China, (including Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan), Japan, or South Korea. This

year, in addition to English and Japanese, applicants have the option of submitting their applications in their country's national language.

Areas of interest: Applications should fall within one of the three following categories: (1) TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION, (2) COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES; (3) SUPPORTING SELF-RELIANCE.

About the prize: Winners are selected by an International Advisory Committee, comprising esteemed experts from seven Southeast and Northeast Asian nations. One Grand Prize is selected in each category and additional Second Prize winners will be selected as well. The Grand Prize winners receive a trophy. All winners receive a commemorative certificate, and their innovations will be featured prominently on the AHWIN website (www.ahwin.org).

The Grand Prize winner in each category will be invited to attend an award ceremony and participate in a study tour and other events. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for one representative of the awardee organization.

Further information on the award and how to apply is available at www.ahwin.org/award or by contacting the secretariat at hapi@jcie.org.

About the Organizers

Founded in 1970, the **Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE)** is a nonprofit and nonpartisan international affairs organization dedicated to strengthening Japan's role in international networks of policy dialogue and cooperation. JCIE, together with its US-based partner organization, JCIE/USA, undertakes a wide range of programs of policy research, international dialogue, and exchange related to the themes of globalization, governance, and civil society. Since the late 1990s, it has been promoting policy studies and dialogues focused on human security issues, and since the early 2000s, JCIE has been a leader in policy research and dialogue in the global health sector.

The **Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)** is an international organization based in Jakarta. Since its founding in 2008, it has been supporting the regional economic integration process among ASEAN member countries through its research. As the leading economic think tank in the region and the Sherpa institution for the East Asia and ASEAN Summit processes, ERIA's research and policy recommendations have influenced the policymaking process in the region.

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

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