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## Asia Pacific Capacity Building Workshop on Elderly Care Services & Policy Forum on Ageing in Asia and the Pacific

On 13-14th November, 2012, Prof. Alfred Chan Cheung-ming, director of APIAS and his team participated in the Asia Pacific Capacity Building Workshop on Elderly Care Services in Nanjing, organized by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP). Through intensive discussion over elderly-related issues, it was hoped that the abilities of the human resources in tackling situations brought by population ageing could be improved. In the workshop, Prof. Chan made a presentation on the topic “Elderly Care Services in Asia Pacific” to provide the other scholars with the background, types and practices of elderly services in the region.

On 15-16th November, 2012, Prof. Chan joined the 2nd Policy Forum on Ageing in Asia and the Pacific. This session was jointly organized by UN ESCAP and the National Population and Family Planning Commission of China. The forum invited experts in population ageing in the Asia Pacific region to exchange experiences and good practices in dealing with ageing affairs and in policy-making, etc. Prof. Chan presented on the topic “Policies and Programmes regarding Elderly Care Services” where he shared his viewpoints on fostering “Active Ageing” and practicing “Qualification Framework”.



## Indo-Hong Kong Bilateral Elderly Care Training Programme Proposed

On 12-15th December, 2012, the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia visited APIAS. Within the four-day visit, Prof. Alfred Chan Cheung-ming, director of APIAS had proposed to the Indonesian officials the Indo-Hong Kong Bilateral Elderly Care Training Programme. The officials were arranged a field trip to the local day care centres and private elderly homes so as to acquire a basic understanding of Hong Kong’s elderly care services.

This visit not only introduced the Ministry with the bilateral training programme, but at the same time, it also fostered the coordination between Hong Kong and Indonesia. It was hoped that this exchange has laid the foundation of future implementation of the programme.





## Elder Academy Athletic Meet 2012

On 18th November, 2012, to celebrate the Senior Citizen's Day and the 15th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, APIAS, Yan Chai Hospital, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council, NT West Elder Academies Cluster and the University of Hong Kong jointly organized the "Elder Academy Athletic Meet 2012" at Stanley Ho Sport Centre.

The second game has continued the spirit of inter-generational participation. It had attracted a total of 1 114 participants across all ages, and amongst which 692 were elderly athletes. Everyone enjoyed the game and all athletes worked very hard to strive for better results.

This athletic meet has successfully raised older persons' interests in sport and their confidence in exercising, which thus encouraged them to participate more in physical activities.

