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Greetings to visitors and readers,

It is my sincere pleasure to introduce the OECD Korea Policy Centre (KPC) to you all. KPC was established under the Memorandum of Understanding (Treaty of the Republic of Korea No.1903) between the Republic of Korea and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2008. By sharing and disseminating standards and policy experiences of OECD member countries to developing nations, KPC has served as a global platform for peer-learning and mutual co-operation since its establishment.

Our Centre is particularly committed to offering specialized educational programs, international meetings, seminars, and forums for public officials and field experts in the Asia-Pacific region to exchange advanced legal guidelines and systems in areas of taxation, competition, public governance, health and social policy.

The global environment has also become increasing challenging as global climate crisis, prolonged recession, digital transformation, and deepening polarization among nations loom on the horizon.

Nevertheless, we are determined to take every crisis as an opportunity for learning and growth. By providing timely and effective policy advice to such changes, we aim to renew our roles as a critical partner between the OECD and Asia-Pacific region. KPC will take on a leading role for policy reform and innovation in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

Thank you.

December2023

Executive Secretary OECD/Korea Policy Centre

> Mission

The OECD Korea Policy Centre was established with the following goals, in the fields of tax, competition, public governance, and health, and social policy:



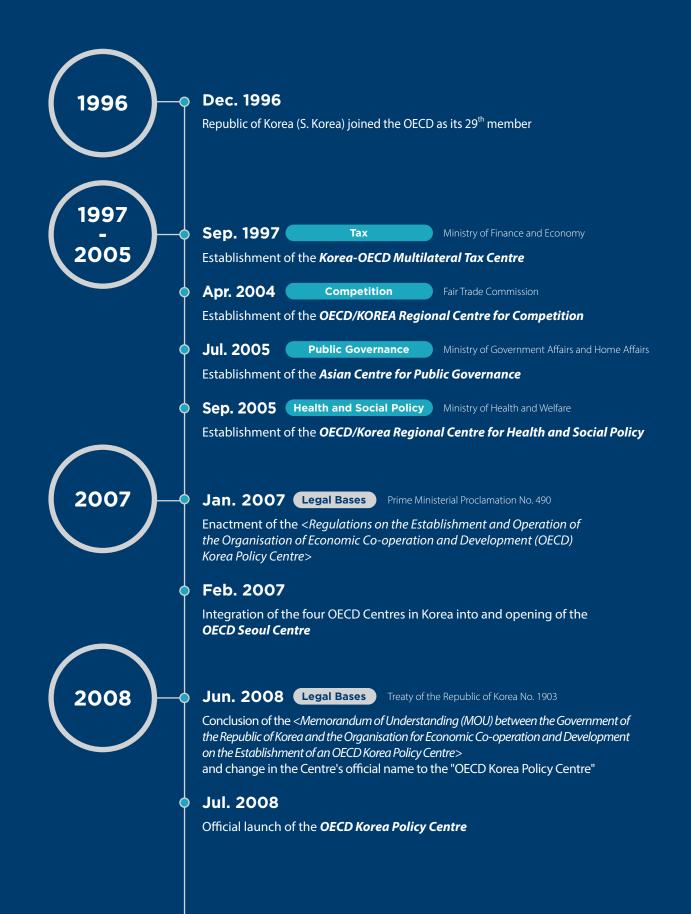
to contribute to the OECD's mission to promote **"Better Policies for Better Lives,"** aiming to improve the economic and social well-being of people in the Asia-Pacific region and around the world.

To achieve these goals, under the guidance of the OECD, the Centre has been disseminating the OECD's advanced policy practices and recent policy trends to the economies in the Asia-Pacific region. It includes hosting 416 international events and training for 16,744 officials for 115 countries (as of 2023), translating and publishing the latest research of the OECD, expanding its policy network with relevant local institutions, policymakers, experts, and international organisations in the region since its opening in 2007.

In its four Programmes (Tax, Competition, Public Governance, and Health and Social Policy), the Centre also utilizes South Korea's unique experience of transitioning from a post-war aid recipient to a major donor in international co-operation as the country joined membership to the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) since 2010.



History





Details of Co-operation



Tax Programme

The Tax Programme offers various capacity-building programmes on international taxation such as Transfer Pricing, Tax Treaties, and Global Minimum Tax. In addition, the Programme provides an avenue for the exchange of ideas, policies and administrative experience in the field of tax policy for partner economies in the Asia-Pacific region in collaboration with the OECD. The Tax Programme hosts international knowledge-sharing seminars with local and international experts by working with international organisations such as the Asia Development Bank (ADB), the World Bank, and other regional tax organisations. It also publishes the latest research findings and publications on current international tax policy issues.



<OECD-ADB International Tax Seminar: OECD Tax Administration Database (ISORA)> Jul 4-6, 2023, Seoul



<OECD International Tax Seminar: Mutual Agreement Procedure (MAP)> Oct 30-Nov 3, Seoul

O1 Programmes for 2022-2023

OECD International Tax Seminar

The OECD International Tax Seminar is a platform to disseminate the latest OECD guidelines on over 20 topics, encompassing international taxation (tax treaties, transfer pricing, information exchange) and tax policy (personal income tax system, tax exemptions, taxation of small and medium-sized enterprises). Its objective is to share the policy experiences of member countries with non-member countries' tax authorities and public officials in the Asia-Pacific region. Held multiple times a year, the seminar has consistently been praised by participants for its training capacity and real-world applicability.



<OECD-ADB International Tax Seminar: OECD Tax Administration Database (SORA) (ISORA)> Jul 4-6, 2023, Seoul

Year	Theme	Date	Venue	Participants
	Foundation of International Tax	Mar 3		154 participants from 85 countries
	CbC and Tax Risk Management	Jun 7-9		79 participants from 28 countries
2022	Digital Economy and Digital Taxation	Jun 21-23	Online	116 participants from 58 countries
	Tax Treaty Negotiation	Oct 4-6		62 participants from 47 countries
	Digital Economy and Digital Taxation	Oct 18-20		74 participants from 26 countries
	Tax Incentives and the Global Minimum Corporate Tax	Mar 6	Online	193 participants from 64 countries
	Tax Challenges & Opportunities Arising from Digitalisation	May 23-25	Online	150 participants from 45 countries
2023	International Survey on Revenue Administration (ISORA)	Jul 4-6	Seoul	30 participants from 18 countries
	Getting Ready for Tax Treaty Negotiations	Oct 10-12	Online	259 participants from 70 countries
	VAT on International Trade	Oct 17-19	Online	180 participants from 49 countries
	Mutual Agreement Procedure (MAP)	Oct 30-Nov 3	Seoul	30 participants from 20 countries

Knowledge Exchange and Training Programme

The Knowledge Exchange and Training Programme offers local, on-demand seminars for tax officials in developing countries with active economic ties to South Korea. Through these seminars, the Programme disseminates the latest trends in OECD tax policies and shares Korea's experiences and best policy practices, aiming to enhance the professional capabilities of local tax officials in Asia-Pacific countries.

Year	Theme	Co-organiser	Date	Venue	Participants
	Tax Treaties and Transfer Pricing	STC	Oct 12-14	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	21 participants
2022	Tax Administration and Policy, Tax Treaties	STA	Nov 24-25	Belgrade, Serbia	47 participants
2023	Anti-Tax Evasion Measures	DGT	Nov 13-15	Bali, Indonesia	30 participants



<Uzbekistan's Tax Committee(STC) Knowledge Exchange and Training: Tax Treaty and BEPS> Oct 12-14, 2022, Tashkent, Uzbekistan



<The Directorate General of Taxes (DGT) Knowledge Exchange and Training: Preventing Tax Avoidance> Nov 13-15, 2023, Bali, Indonesia

Knowledge-Sharing Project for the Asia-Pacific Region & Policy Network

The Tax Programme jointly organises the international seminar with the OECD and regional entities such as the AMRO (ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office). The project is held annually, bringing together Asia-Pacific countries to enhance their understanding of the latest issues in taxation and also facilitate discussions on international tax issues in the region. The Tax programme also actively participates in meetings such as Asia-Pacific International Tax Regional Consultation, which addresses tax issues in the area, ensuring its involvement in the decision-making process and staying updated on the latest discussions regarding tax matters of Asia-Pacific countries.

Year	Theme	Co-organiser	Date	Venue	Participants
2022	Asia-Pacific International Tax Regional Consultation	ADB, PITAA, CATA, SGARTA	Dec 5-6	Manila, Philippines	188 participants from 47 countries
2023	Tax Revenue Projection	AMRO	Dec 6-8	Vientiane, Laos	35 participants

Additionally, the KTC Family Alumni website (https://ktcfamily.org/) serves as a platform for over 7,000 OECD Tax Seminar alumni. It facilitates the mutual exchange of information on advanced tax theories and experiences between public officials and experts in the Asia-Pacific region.

Research and Publications

The Tax Programme publishes the latest research findings on current international tax policy issues and research by the OECD. Also, the Programme conducts research on the tax policy issues regarding specific countries upon government authorities' request in the Asia-Pacific region.

Year	Theme	Researcher	Date
2022	Comparative Analysis of Market Price Provisions under the Current Uzbekistan Tax Code	International Taxation Association	30 Jun - 30 Nov
2023	Comparative Analysis of International Taxation Status in Asia-Pacific Region	International Taxation Association	27 Nov - 26 Mar 2024

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Category	Theme	Co-organisers	Date	Format
	Subject- to-Tax Rules (STTR)	China MTCs	19 Apr	Webinar
OECD International Tax Seminar	Practical workshop on Tax Treaty Negotiation	UN/ADB	27-31 May	Face-to-Face
	ISORA workshop for Asia	-	Sep	Face-to-Face
	Effective use of Country-by- Country Data	China MTCs	19-21 Nov	Virtual Class
Knowledge Exchange and Training Programme	TBD	Indonesian DGT	Second half of the year	Face-to-Face
Knowledge-Sharing Project for the Asia-Pacific Region	BEPS	Tax Department of Lao PDR/AMRO	3-5 Apr	Face-to-Face

Competition Programme



<OECD Competition Policy Workshop: Market Definition, Economic Analysis & Evidence in Abuse of Dominance Cases> May 9-11, 2023, Seoul

The Competition Programme introduces and disseminates OECD's best practices, advanced competition laws and policies to government officials and judges in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Competition Programme organizes international workshops covering various aspects of competition enforcement cases, including cartels, mergers, and abuse of dominance. It also shares research findings on recent competition law and policy cases, and publishes newsletters.

O1 Programmes for 2022-2023

OECD Competition Workshop

The Competition Workshops aim to enhance the capacity of public officials from competition authorities in the Asia-Pacific region. These workshops share the OECD's best practices on competition law and policy, covering a range of topics such as cartels, abuse of dominance, mergers, and competition policy issues under the digital economy.

Year	Theme	Date	Venue	Participants
	Market Studies	Mar 8-11	Online	70 participants from 10 countries
2022	Digital Platforms	Apr 19- 21	Online	55 participants from 9 countries
2022	Advocacy Strategies for ASEAN Countries	Oct 25-27	Bangkok	70 participants from 8 countries
	Merger Control	Nov 22-24	Online	45 participants from 9 countries
	Digital Platform Markets	Mar 8-10	Online	42 participants from 8 countries
	Market Definition, Economic Analysis & Evidence in Abuse of Dominance Cases	May 9-11	Seoul	26 participants from 18 countries
2023	Energy and Competition Policy	Jun 27-29	Online	42 participants from 15 countries
	Cartels and Bid-Rigging	Oct 3-5	Kuala Lumpur	50 participants from 5 countries
	Co-operation Agreements and Competition	Nov 23-24	Online	30 participants from 10 countries



<OECD Competition Policy Workshop: Advocacy Strategies for ASEAN Countries> Oct 25-27, 2022, Bangkok, Thailand



<OECD Competition Workshop: Cartels and Bid Rigging> Oct 3-5, 2023, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Competition Law Seminar for Asia-Pacific Judges

The Competition Law Seminar for Judges aims to provide judges in the Asia-Pacific region with an opportunity to explore the fundamentals of economics for competition law in order to elevate the understanding of judges in handling competition law-related cases, assisting them in adjudicating such cases



<The 13th Competition Law Seminar for Asia-Pacific Judges> Sep 18, 2023, Virtual

effectively. The workshop touches on key issues, including the burden of proof and methods of economic analysis.

Year	Event Name	Date	Venue	Participants
2023	The 12 th Competition Law Seminar	Sep 21	Online	223 participants from 5 countries
2023	The 13 th Competition Law Seminar	Sep 18	Online	26 participants from 6 countries

Research and Publications

We are conducting the following projects to share policy trends and address key issues faced by the OECD countries and competition authorities in the Asia-Pacific region:

() Annual Report (1 time / year: April)

Newsletter <Asia-Pacific Competition Update> (2 times / year: June and December) Translation of the Key Issues in Competition Law and Policy

Year	Category	Date	Number of books distributed		
	Annual Report 2021	Apr	-	-	
2022	Asia-Pacific Competition Update vol. 30	Jun	250	23 institutions in the 22 countries	
	Asia-Pacific Competition Update vol. 31	Dec	250	22 institutionsin the 20 countries	
	Annual Report 2022	Apr	-		
2023	Asia-Pacific Competition Update vol. 32	Jun	-	E-book	
	Asia-Pacific Competition Update vol. 33	Dec	-	E-book	

Policy Network

The Competition Programme regularly participates in the OECD Competition Committee and Global Forum to share the activities of the Programme. The Competition Programme is also actively expanding its co-operation with relevant international organisations in the Asia-Pacific region, including the Australian Competition Law Implementation Program (CLIP), ASEAN Secretariat, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB)

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Category	Event Name / Publication Title	Date	Venue
	In-Country Workshop on Competition Enforcement for New Staff	Apr	Vietnam
OECD Competition Workshop	The 20th Anniversary Celebration/Workshop on Competition Assessment and Advocacy for Heads of Agencies and Senior Officials	May 28-30	Seoul
	Workshops on Competition Economics	Oct 15-16	Indonesia
	In-Country Bilateral Workshop	Nov	Philippine
Competition Law Seminar for	The 14th Competition Law Seminar for Asia-Pacific Judges	Oct 17	Indonesia
	Annual Report 2023	Jan	
Research and	Asia-Pacific Competition Update vol. 34, 35	Jun, Dec	
Publications	Competition Policy Database in the Asia-Pacific Region Project	Year-round	



> Public Governance Programme



The Public Governance Programme was established with the goal of enhancing administrative systems in the Asia-Pacific region and contributing to the efficiency of the public sector. This is achieved by disseminating best practices and research results related to public governance in OECD countries. To fulfill this goal, the Programme regularly organises international forums and capacitybuilding programmes attended by government officials from the Asia-Pacific region. Moreover, it undertakes the translation and distribution of various OECD reports in local languages and provides support for collaborative research initiatives.

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Asia Public Governance Forum

The Asia Public Governance Forum serves as a platform for the sharing of recommendation on public governance policies. It also contributes to the collection of data for the publication of "Government at a Glance Southeast Asia" and assists international policy networks in non-member countries. Additionally, it promotes international cooperation through exchanging of policy trends and exemplary policies between OECD member and non-member countries.



<APG Forum> Sept 25-26, 2023, Bangkok, Thailand

Year	Theme	Date	Venue	Participants
	The 6th OECD Sustainable Infrastructure Policy Regional Network Meeting	Apr 25-26	Online	29 participants from 12 countries
	Outcome Measurement and Improvement of Public Service in the East Asia Region	May 10	Online	62 participants from 6 countries
2022	KPC-OECD Joint Research Launching Forum: Public Communication Trends after COVID-19 (The 5th Public Communication Experts Meeting)	Sep 27	Paris, France	50 participants from 20 countries
	Government at a Glance SEA: Digital Government	Nov 28-29	Seoul	27 participants from 8 countries
	Digital Government	Sep 25-26	Bangkok, Thailand	34 participants from Thailand
2023	Infrastructure Governance	Oct 10	Online	63 participants from 10 countries
	Public Service	Nov 9	Manila, Philippine	34 participants from 14 countries

OECD Capacity-Building Programme

The OECD Capacity-Building Programme is a tailored education initiative developed and provided in partnership with the OECD, specifically targeted for public officials from non-member countries within the Asia-Pacific region. The programme leverages the OECD's comprehensive resources to address specific needs of each participating country. It facilitates practical improvements in public administration by offering exemplary administrative cases, policy practices derived from both Korea and OECD member countries, and on-site training

Year	Theme	Date	Venue	Participants
	OECD Digital Government Policy	Sep 5	Online	700 participants from Philippine
2022	Digital Government, Government Innovation, and Human Resource Development	Sep 7	Online	170 participants from Philippine
	Digital Government	Nov 10	Online	40 participants from Vietnam
2022	Digital Covernment	May 22-23	Cambodia	44 participants from Cambodia
2023	Digital Government	Sep 21-22	Indonesia	32 participants from Indonesia



<OECD Capacity-Building Programme> May 22-23, 2023, Phnom Penh, Cambodia



<OECD Capacity-Building Programme: "Advancing a data-driven Government in Indonesia"> Sep 21-22, 2023, Bali, Indonesia

Research and Publications

To share OECD's worth-learning trends in public administration, we translate key policy reports and disseminate statistical data of the OECD to non-member countries.

Year	Title	Contents			
	Government at a Glance 2021 (Digital e-book)	Analysis of various indicators of government management in OECD countries			
2022	Data-based Public Sector (Digital e-book)	Supporting the use of data for resolving public governance issues			
	Transnational Innovation Report Vol.1-3 (Digital e-book)	OECD Public Governance Innovation Committee report highlighting multi-stakeholder innovation in an international context			
2023	Open Government for Stronger Democracies	The role of Open Government as catalyst for driving democracy, public trust, and inclusive growth			

Policy Network

The Public Governance Programme has consistently cultivated and broadened its national and international policy network. It actively shares research findings in the domain of public governance policy through collaborations with the OECD Directorate for Public Governance (GOV), pertinent government ministries, and research institutions. This is achieved through:

- **O** Participation at the OECD Public Governance Committee (PGC) Meetings
- **O** Regular meetings with the OECD Directorate for Public Governance (GOV)
- So Facilitation of Information exchange and collaboration with government ministries and research institutions globally



<Southeast Asia NOIG Meeting> Apr 26, 2023, OPDC, Thailand



<The 68th Public Governance Committee Meeting> Oct 19, 2023, Paris, France

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Category	Theme	Date	
	Public Service	First half of the year	
Asia Public Governance (APG) Forum	Digital Government	 Second half of the year 	
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OECD Capacity-Building	Digital Government	First half of the year	
Programme		Second half of the year	
Research and Publications	Research and Publications Government at a Glance 2023		
Policy Network	 PGC (Public Governance Committee) Meeting NOIG (Network on Open and Innovative Government) Meeting Working Party on Open Government 	Year-round	

> Health and Social Policy Programme



<The 18th Experts Meeting of Health Accounts Experts in the Asia-Pacific Region> Aug 29-31, 2023 Seoul

The Health and Social Policy Programme organises annual expert meetings that cover policy areas like public health, pensions, social and family policies and international training courses on the South Korean public pension system. In addition, the Programme translates and distributes the OECD's "At a Glance" series and other latest reports. Also, various research projects on health and social policies are conducted to deepen the understanding of policy issues and environments in the Asia Pacific region.

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International Expert Meeting

The International Expert Meetings on Health/Social/Pension/Family Policy disseminate the OECD's policy trends, experiences, and guidelines for producing indexes and statistical analysis in public health and social policy to experts and government officials from the Asia-Pacific countries.



<The 7th Family Policy Expert Meetings in the Asia-Pacific Region> Oct 18-19, 2023, Seoul

Meetings on public health cover topics such as public health accounts, medicine, quality of medical care and are hosted in collaboration with WHO regional offices (West Pacific Regional Office, Southeast Asia Regional Office, and East Mediterranean Regional Office). Additionally, meetings on social policy, which include family, pension, and social policies, are held alongside local statistical bureaus, social security agencies, and relevant academic institutions.

Year	Event Name	Date	Venue	Participants
2022	The 16th Pension Expert Meeting in the Asia-Pacific Region	Jun 2		19 participants from 9 countries
	The 17th Expert Meeting of Health Accounts in the Asia- Pacific Region		Outing	107 participants from 25 countries
	The 6th Family Policy Expert Meeting Nov 29		31 participants from 9 countries	
	The 17th Social Policy Expert Meeting Nov 30		20 participants from 9 countries	
2023	The 17th Pension Expert Meeting in the Asia-Pacific Region	May 24-25	Seoul	51 participants from 10 countries
	The 7th Meeting on Access to Medicines under Universal Health Coverage in the Asia-Pacific Region	Jun 13-14	Delhi, India	83 participants from 19 countries
	The 18th Expert Meeting of Health Accounts Experts in the Asia-Pacific Region	Aug 29-31	Seoul	97 participants from 24 countries
	The 7th Family Policy Expert Meeting in the Asia-Pacific Region	Oct 18-19	Seoul	23 participants from 8 countries

International Training Course

The International Training Course on Public Pension in the Asia-Pacific Region introduces OECD countries' pension policy trends and South Korean public pension systems to public servants from developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. In recent years, lectures on Korean public pension system's responses to the Covid-19 pandemic and anti-corruption were also provided, reflecting the needs of participating countries.

Year	Event Name	Date	Venue	Participants
2022	The 8 th International Training Course on Public Pension in the Asia-Pacific Region	Sep 26-30	Online	23 participants from 3 countries
2023	The 9 th International Training Course on Public Pension in the Asia-Pacific Region	May 16-17	Seoul & Jeonju/ Online	14 participants from 5 countries (Online: 53 participants)



<The 9th International Training Course on Public Pension in the Asia-Pacific> 23-26 May, 2023, Seoul

Policy Network

The Health and Social Policy Programme has established domestic and international policy networks and disseminated policy research and practices in collaboration with the OECD Employment, Labor, and Social Affairs Directorate (ELS) and other research institutions:

- Regular participation in the OECD Health Statistics/Quality and Performance of Health Care/Medicine/Public Health/Social Policy Working Party meetings
- Information exchange and collaboration with domestic and international government agencies and relevant research institutions.
 - International: WHO, ILO, ADB, UNESCAP, WHO/WPRO, WHO/SEARO, WHO/EMRO, and local universities and government institutions in the Asia Pacific region.
 - Domestic: the National Pension Service/Research Institute, the Korea Institute of Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA), the National Health Insurance Service (NHIS), and the Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service (HIRA), etc.

Research and Publications

In addition, the Programme contributes to the statistical index production of Asia-Pacific countries and the expansion of available regional data for policy-making through the distribution of the OECD's publications on public health, medicine policy, and family data.

Year	Category	Title	Contents	
2022	Translation of OECD ublication	How's life 2020	A wide range of well-being outcomes and how they vary over time, between population groups, and across countries	
		Pensions At a Glance: OECD and G20 Indicators 2021	Focusing on pension reforms implemented by OECD countries over the past two years, the report specifically analysed the automatic adjustment mechanisms employed in OECD countries' pension systems, discussing the utility and limitations of such policy tools and proposing improvement methods in other specific areas	
		Health At a Glance: OECD Indicators 2021	A comprehensive set of indicators on population health and health system performance across OECD members and key emerging countries. with a special focus on the health impact of the COVID-19, including deaths and illness caused by the virus, adverse effects on access and quality of care, and the growing burden of mental ill-health	
		Society At a Glance: Asia-Pacific 2022	Quantitative evidence on social indicators like poverty, social expenditures, and demographic trends in Asia-Pacific countries	
	Policy Research	Family Database in the Asia-Pacific Region: 2022-2023	An analysis report though the collection and updating of family database in eight countries in the Asia-Pacific region	
2023	Translation of OECD ublication	Health At a Glance: Asia-Pacific 2022	Trend analyses and international comparisons of the health status, determinants of health, utilization of health services and healthcare resources, healthcare expenditure and financing, and the quality of healthcare across the 27 countries in the Asia-Pacific region	
		Measuring Population Mental Health	Discussion and comparison of the status of population mental health and measurement methods across different countries	

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Category	Event Name / Publication Title	Date
International Expert Meeting	The 18 th Pension Expert Meeting in the Asia-Pacific Region	Мау
	The 19 th Expert Meeting of Health Accounts in the Asia-Pacific Region	Jun-Aug
	The 8 th Meeting on Access to Medicines under Universal Health Coverage in the Asia-Pacific Region	Oct
	The 19 th Social Expert Meeting in the Asia-Pacific Region	Oct
	The 8 th Family Expert Meeting in the Asia-Pacific Region	Nov
	The 8 th Consultation on Health Care Quality Improvement Network in the Asia-Pacific Region	Year-round
International Training Course	The 10 th International Training Course on Public Pension in the Asia- Pacific Region	May
Research and Publications	Family Database in the Asia-Pacific Region: 2024-2025	Year-round
	Pensions At a Glance: OECD and G20 Indicators 2023	Year-round
	Health At a Glance: OECD Indicators 2023	Year-round
	Society At a Glance: OECD Social Indicators 2023	Year-round
Policy Network	Health Committee / Working Party Meeting on Health/Social Policy	TBD

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