
ASEM Global Ageing Center

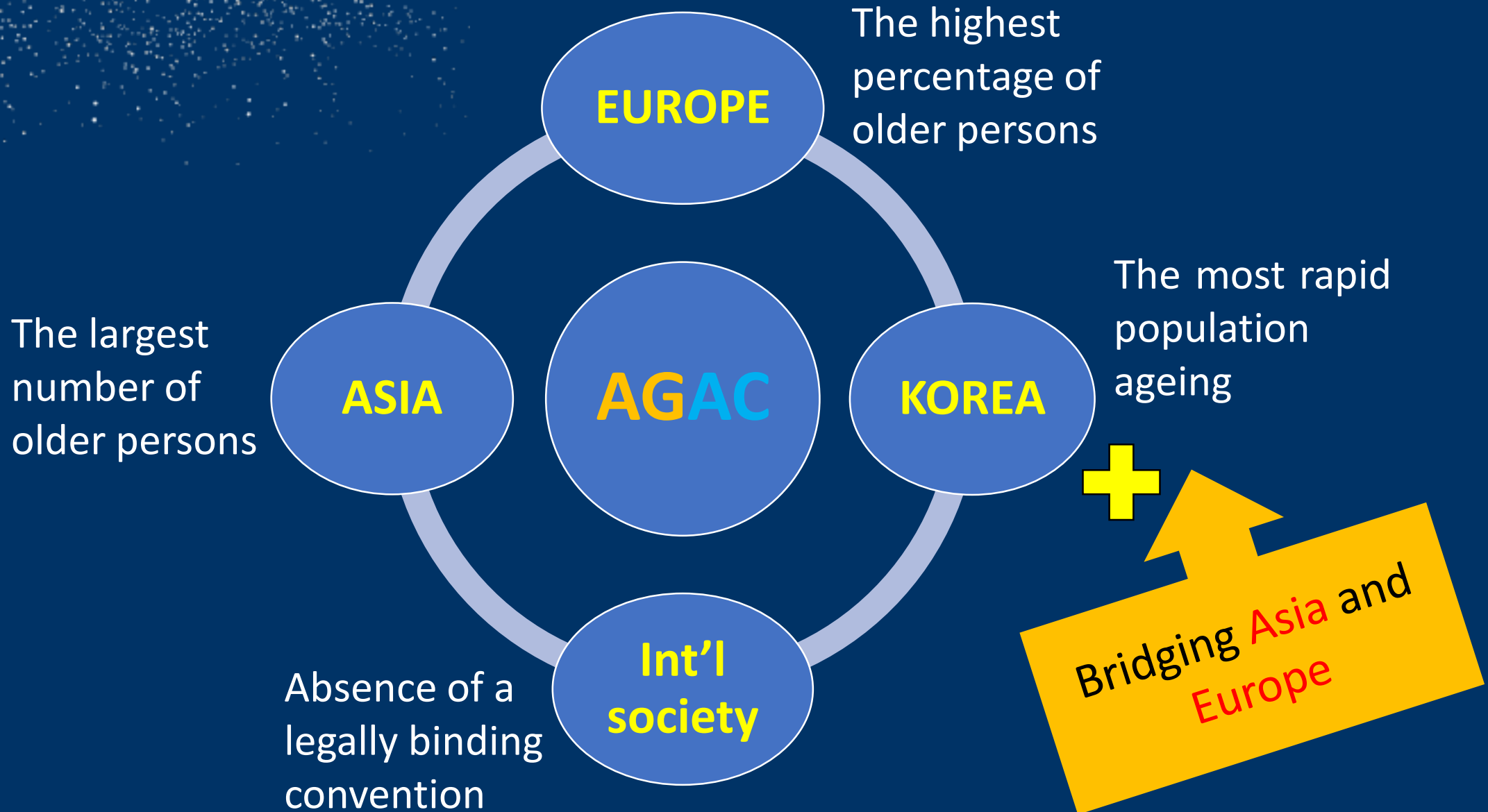
- International Hub for Promotion and
Protection of Human Rights of Older Persons

IM Hong Jae
Executive Director of AGAC

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- **Establishment of ASEM Global Ageing Center (AGAC)**
- **Introduction of AGAC**
- **Active Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons:
ASEAN-AGAC Cooperation Project on Active Ageing**

Bridging Asia and Europe for Human Rights of Older Persons



Establishment of ASEM Global Ageing Center

Suggested at the 10th ASEM Summit (Oct. 2014)

Establishment was approved at the 11th ASEM Summit (Jul. 2016)

Opening Ceremony & Started its mission (Jun. 2018)

Shared its establishment at the 12th ASEM Summit (Oct. 2018)

Introduction of AGAC

Human Rights
Based
Approach

Internalizing
Human Rights of
Older Persons



Building a platform

to discuss issues of human rights of
older persons

Supporting

a legally binding convention

on human rights of older persons

Introduction of AGAC

Contribute to promotion and protection of human rights of older persons
in ASEM region

International Specialized Institution for
Human Rights of Older Persons



HUB for Human Rights of Older Persons

Policy Research

- Policy research
- Index development
- Survey & Research

Exchange Cooperation

- ASEM int'l conference
- Cooperation projects
- Cooperation networks

Awareness-raising & Education

- Awareness-raising
- Training

Information Service

- Database & information sharing

Major AGAC Projects in 2019

Exchange Cooperation		Awareness-raising and Education / Information Service	
ASEM Conference	The 4 th ASEM Conference on Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons (co-organized with European Union and National Human Rights Commission of Korea)	Awareness-raising	Awareness-raising campaign and development of training programmes on human rights of older persons
Cooperation Projects	Cooperation projects with ASEM partners and relevant international organizations (ASEAN, ASEF, UNESCAP, etc.)		
Network Building	Network building with relevant domestic/international institutions	Information Sharing	Information sharing with ASEM partners and relevant organizations

Policy Research	
Elderly Emotional Health	A research on best policies and practices of ASEM partners regarding emotional health support system for the elderly
Dementia	A research on best policies and practices of ASEM partners regarding dementia
Elderly Care and Abuse	A study on elderly care and abuse within the family
Hate Speech and Discrimination against the Elderly	A survey on current status of hate speech and discrimination against older persons

Active Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons

ASEAN-AGAC Cooperation Project Proposal:
“Policy Workshop and Research
for ASEAN Government Officials and
Regional Experts on **Active Ageing**”



ASEAN-AGAC Cooperation Project Proposal: (1) Background

❖ Problem Analysis - Rapid Population Ageing of ASEAN

- Although one of the strong growth engines of ASEAN is that more than 50% of whole population is around 30-year old, with **increasing life expectancy** and **ever-dropping birth rate**, ASEAN will inevitably experience unprecedented aging issues
 - 2017 Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) showed that there are **gaps between governments** of the region regarding **the provision of care systems, active and healthy ageing policies**
 - Considerably **lack of policy initiatives** and monitoring tools
- Relatively new and unfamiliar issue to ASEAN, in order to efficiently respond to ageing risks, more active preparation for timely and effective policy reaction would be necessary

ASEAN-AGAC Cooperation Project Proposal: (1) Background

❖ “Active Ageing” as a core concept of the project

- Solution to ageing issues presented by the international society which aims to improve healthy, independent and active life of the elderly by promoting the **participation of elderly people** and **creating age-friendly environment**
- Contribute to alleviating social security burden as well as relieving burden of family care

❖ Active Ageing within ASEAN

- In recognition of the importance of active ageing, ASEAN has adopted the “**ASEAN Plus Three Statement on Active Ageing**” in 2016
 - Thailand, as a Chair of ASEAN in 2019, has been actively pursuing the active ageing agenda and planning to establish the **ASEAN Center for Active Ageing and Innovation (ACAI)**
- One of the important agendas of ASEAN as well but still in the early stage of its application compare to European region

ASEAN-AGAC Cooperation Project Proposal: (2) Project Description & Objectives

Apply the concept of Active Ageing as one of the important solutions to address ageing issues



**Policy Workshops on
Active Ageing**

**Research Project to develop
ASEAN Active Ageing Index
(AAI)**



- Raise awareness and build knowledge on the issues related to ageing and human rights of older persons
- Encourage and empower ASEAN government officials and regional experts to develop efficient policies to facilitate active ageing for relieving the social burden in the long run

ASEAN-AGAC Cooperation Project Proposal: (3) Main Activities and Outputs

Focuses on various agendas related to Active Ageing, primarily on **employment, social participation, enabling environment, independent living and security**

Policy Workshops on Active Ageing

- Invite govt officials and regional experts of ASEAN Member States(AMS) working in the field relevant to ageing issues
- Learn about Active Ageing, share advanced policies and best practices
- Discuss on the ways forward to better policies for promoting Active Ageing



Research Project to develop ASEAN AAI

- Conducted by a research group composed of intn'l experts
 - Aims to make use of the new AAI customized for AMS
- Work on background papers for every workshop and produce final research report with policy proposal



- Capacity building of ASEAN govt officials and regional experts on ageing issues
- New AAI for ASEAN as a tool to understand the status of active ageing of each AMS and suggest policy improvements measures
- Policy improvement on ageing issues by promoting the application of active ageing
- Timely preparation for ageing society

ASEAN-AGAC Cooperation Project Proposal: (5) Beneficiaries

ASEAN govt officials and regional experts working in the field of ageing

- Focal point on ageing of each AMS (total 10 govt officials)
- 2 govt officials, policy makers from every AMS relevant to each year's topic (total 20 officials)
- 2 regional experts from relevant institutions in ASEAN (recommended by focal points, total 20 experts)
- Participants could build knowledge and further develop capacity relevant to ageing issues
- Develop national, regional policies to address ageing issues by benefiting from the ASEAN AAI
- Establish cooperative network between ASEAN govt officials, relevant institutions and intr'n'l experts to share solutions and address ageing issues

Each ASEAN Member State & Whole ASEAN Region

- Complement work and activities of Thailand's ACAI relevant to active ageing
- Raise awareness and interest on ageing issues within the country as well as the region
- Strengthen regional cooperation and come up with timely response to the ageing phenomenon
- Policy improvement by promoting the concept of active ageing
- Alleviate social security burden by empowering the elderly through active ageing policies

The elderly and younger generation in the ASEAN region

- Empower the elderly to maintain higher quality of life by introducing and activating the concept of active ageing with successful policies
- Younger generation could be relieved from the burden of family care in the long run



Thank you very much.

If you have any inquiries, please contact
asemgac@asemgac.org