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## New Asia Pacific Ageing Research Hub Launched

A new Asia Pacific-wide Research Hub has been established at the University of New South Wales, providing a regional forum for research collaboration on population ageing.

Asia is the world's most rapidly ageing region.

Led by the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing (CEPAR), the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Population Ageing Research Hub was formally launched today by Professor Les Field AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Vice-President at the University of New South Wales, where CEPAR is based.

He spoke at the inaugural Hub conference, which is hosting more than 40 researchers from more than 20 countries in the region.

“Population ageing is generating increasing research and policy attention, and this dedicated Research Hub will focus on improving collaboration amongst experts to address one of the greatest social challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” said Prof Field.

“UNSW is proud to have taken the initiative to establish this Hub.”

CEPAR Director John Piggott welcomes the opportunity APRU presents to bring together world class researchers from different disciplines to consider the social and economic impacts of key demographic changes.

“It is absolutely vital that we understand the changes taking place in our region and their implications both for the countries involved and for Australia. The significant rise in ageing populations throughout Asia will create greater pressure on the capacity of both families and governments to provide support for the ageing demographic,” Professor Piggott said.

“CEPAR is looking forward to contributing to collaborative research initiatives with global significance across the APRU network. By building and delivering insight into socio-economic and health and aged care impacts, we can help policy makers and service providers to identify needs and develop resources to meet them.”

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