

International Symposium

Preparing for Future Pandemics

- Lessons from Japanese Experiences -

In our research project spanning approximately two years, we focus on the fact that the mortality rate in Japan due to COVID-19 was relatively lower compared to Western high-income countries and have examined the underlying factors causing such differences from four perspectives: 1) history, 2) culture (Japanese views on diseases and life and death), 3) social disparities, and 4) global health governance. In this symposium, we aim to bring together as the culmination of our project, inviting Professor Keiji Fukuda, who has been at the forefront of the world's pandemic responses, as a discussant to compile our research findings and final recommendations from Japan's perspective that will contribute to the reshaping of the framework for global pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response after COVID-19.

KEYNOTE LECTURE

"Pandemic Preparedness in the Post-COVID era"

**FUKUDA Keiji**

Honorary Professor of The University of Hong Kong
Former WHO Assistant Director General

Keiji Fukuda is a world-renowned and distinguished expert with extensive experience working on major outbreaks and pandemic preparedness at national and global levels, as well as the development and application of relevant international frameworks. He managed the WHO's response to the 2009 pandemic, worked with many countries on preparedness, and, during COVID-19, was on multiple scientific and strategic advisory committees to the Government in Hong Kong.

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ABSTRACT