

Summary of the Online Tokyo AMR One Health Conference

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The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare hosted online Tokyo AMR One Health Conference on 17 February 2021, supported by the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific and Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development.

The conference was attended by the representatives from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture from the countries of the Asia-Pacific regions and related partners.

This conference was a follow-up of the high-level meeting of Asia-Pacific Ministers on AMR and One Health, held in Tokyo, Japan in April 2016, during which the Asia-Pacific One Health Initiative on AMR (ASPIRE)* was launched.

(to jointly identify and tackle challenges posed by AMR in the Asia-Pacific region by drawing a roadmap to actualize the regional frameworks on AMR in the four priority areas of work.)*

The conference aimed to:

1. Generate mechanisms to implement the four pillars of ASPIRE: surveillance system and laboratory network, health-care management, antimicrobial access and regulation, and research and development, including the formation of lead technical working groups.
2. Determine alignment of the four pillars of ASPIRE into the Framework for Accelerating Action to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance in the Western Pacific Region.

We confirm that:

1. Measures against AMR are progressing in the world.
 - Despite challenges, the fight against AMR in many countries are taking effect.
 - One Health Approach is an important platform to support multidisciplinary measures as a foundation for addressing AMR risks while understanding the complexities that exist among the human, agricultural, fisheries and animal sectors.
2. The working groups were established for the 4 priority areas of work of ASPIRE.
 - The working group will work on the 3-year work plan, led by the working group chairs. The working group chairs are as follows:
 - WG1 Surveillance System and Laboratory Network: Japan
 - WG 2 Health-Care Management: Japan
 - WG 3 Antimicrobial Access and Regulation: WPRO
 - WG4 Research and Development: Thailand and Singapore

We will continue to work together to combat AMR

1. Discussions within the working groups will continue throughout the year to identify challenges that need to be overcome in advancing the efforts.
2. We will also continue to discuss how to move forward ASPIRE, including the organizational structure of the ASPIRE Coordinating Committee.