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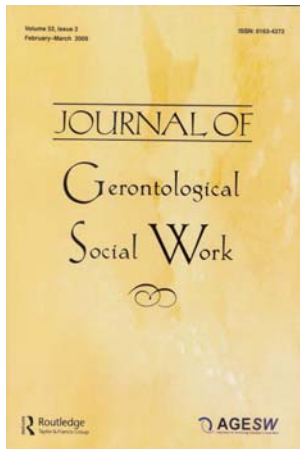
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Long-term care is partly medical care and partly social care for frail elders and people with disabilities. Social workers involve in both direct resident care and management in many long term care settings and are in the forefront of long term care reform and innovation. While most discussions on population aging and long term care are in the Western developed countries and regions, such as Europe, and North America, a majority of older people are living in less developed countries and regions, such as countries in the Asia-Pacific region. We know very little about the long term care policies and programs in these countries.

Populations in many Asian-Pacific countries and cities, such as Australia, Japan, China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, are aging more rapidly than most western countries. For example, it took an average of 72 years for France, Germany, Sweden, and United Kingdom to double the shares of older people in their populations from 7 percent to 14 percent, but only 23 years for China, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. These countries and cities have different levels of readiness to respond to the challenges caused by the rapidly aging populations. Some have more developed long term care system while others offer very little long term care to their elderly populations.

This special issue will focus on different ways that countries and cities in the Asian-Pacific region provide long term care to its frail elderly populations. Particularly, it will focus on recent reform and innovation in long term care policies and programs in this region.

Purposes of the special issue are:

- 1) Understand how culture, economic and social development, and political environment interact with demographic change to shape the development and delivery of long term care to older people in this region.
- 2) Understand how governments in this region respond to the rapid aging of their populations, with specific focus on innovative policies and programs and ways that they balance between institutional care and home and community-based care.
- 3) Understand how governments and services providers in this region enhance the quality of care and quality of life in long term care in this region.

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