

## Population Change and Impacts in Asia and the Pacific, Edited By Jacques Poot and Matthew Roskruge

The book *Population Change and Impacts in Asia and the Pacific* (p. 358), is Edited by Jacques Poot and Matthew Roskruge and published by Springer. **Jacques Poot** is the Emeritus Professor of Population Economics at the National Institute of Demographic and Economic Analysis (NIDEA), University of Waikato, New Zealand; and a Visiting Professor at the Department of Spatial Economics at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands. His research interests include all aspects of the economics of population (such as migration, fertility, labor force, and aging). Over the last two decades, he has led several large-scale multiinstitution research programs in New Zealand and Europe on population diversity, migration impact assessment, immigrant integration, and regional population change and its socio-economic consequences. Matthew Roskruge is a senior lecturer in economics at Massey University and co-director of Te Au Rangahau Māori business research center. Dr. Roskruge specializes in applied econometrics, mixed methods, and kaupapa Māori research with a passion for social capital, population economics, public economics, and the Māori economy. His research is supported by a Rutherford Discovery Fellowship alongside grants from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Health Research Council, and Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, with whom he is collaborating to invigorate Māori economics and inspire new Māori economists.

The book Population Change and Impacts in Asia and the Pacific brings together a range of contributions that provide contemporary regional science perspectives on population change and its socioeconomic consequences in the Asia-Pacific region. Accounting for close to two-thirds of the world's population, the Asia-Pacific region is highly diverse in terms of key demographic indicators such as population size, growth, composition, and distribution. The authors provide quantitative assessments, either descriptively or through modeling, of important demographic issues affecting this part of the world. The topics addressed book Population Change and Impacts in Asia and the Pacific include broad demographic trends across the Asia-Pacific region and its subregions; assessment of population decline, urbanization, and spatial distribution using cases from China, Colombia, Japan, and Australia; migration and economic impacts in Australasia, Chile, and Timor Leste; and the impacts of declining or low fertility and population aging in China, India, Thailand, and across Asia.

The book *Population Change and Impacts in Asia and the Pacific* is structured in three parts, one dealing with Population Distribution, the second one with Migration and Development, and the third one with Population Age Composition and Impacts. In particular, the table of contents is structured as follows:

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