

Summary of Experience

Prof. Dr. Kobayashi has more than 20 years' experience in global health and is the author of more than 90 publications in international scientific journals.

He has made contribution in strengthening the capacity of infectious disease control and school health in low and middle income countries under the Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) program with a point of views both of a practitioner and a researcher. He received 3rd merit of labor from the Lao government in 1999 for making contribution in malaria control. From 2000, he had joined the core member of Hashimoto Initiative, mentioning the importance of deworming and other infectious disease program in school. He made numerous contributions in the human resource development for policy management in Asia and African countries. He has been a chair of Japan consortium for global school health research (JC-GSHR), a think-tank and the focal point of Japan for global promotion of school health, since its inception in 2008.

He is currently head of Department of Global Health, School of Health Sciences, University of the Ryukyus, which is 2nd oldest school of health sciences in Japan, since 2012. He is the program leader of Okinawa Global Health Program in this school, which was newly founded in October 2015 to promote human resource development contributing in the public health issue in the region. He has started the research project for combating vector borne diseases and zoonosis as a project leader supported by Okinawa prefecture's government.

For his research in malaria control which helped decreasing malaria incidence in Southeast Asia, he received "the Zero Malaria Award" from No More Malaria Japan in 2016. His contribution in the practice of global health, such as promoting the school health in developing countries and assisting to Myanmar migrant, was granted with the encourage award from Ooyama foundation in 2013.