

# Japanese Community Engagement Workshop: The *Otagaisama* (Reciprocal) Community Tool

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**Date: 12 Jan 2016 (Tue)**

**Time: 3:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Venue: Seminar Room 1, College of Alice & Peter Tan, University Town, NUS  
8 College Ave East, Singapore 138615**



The *Otagaisama* (reciprocal) community project aims to integrate local residents with private corporations and local government and organizations, empowering citizens with a new sense of awareness in building a sustainable community.

The *Otagaisama* community tool is designed out of Japan's urgent needs for a new social innovation to resolve the dysfunction of communities in Japan today affected by over-differentiation, super-aging and depopulation. An innovation from the project team "Community Design for Functional Integration in 2030", the team has now successfully implemented the tool in three communities in the Fukuoka area.

The *Otagaisama* project team will, for the first time, share the tool for use in another Asian context. How can the design benefit Singapore communities who are concerned with rebuilding the *kampung* spirit, and generational integration?

Join us for an exciting time as we learn in a hands-on group session about using the team's innovative tool to promote participation and empowerment within local communities.

Facilitators: Prof Takeo Ogawa, Miss Kimiyo Sasaki, Mr Shintaro Minami, Miss Naoko Haraguchi, Mr Yutaka Yamauchi

*The workshop will be particularly useful for community development practitioners and students interested in community work and research.*



## Profile of Main Speaker-Facilitator

Prof Takeo Ogawa is Emeritus Professor at Kyushu University and Yamaguchi University, Vice Chairman of the Fukuoka-city Council of Master Plan and Project Researcher for the Fukuoka Asia Urban Research Center.

He is Founder of the Active Aging Consortium Asia Pacific, which includes members from Japan, Singapore and Australia, to look into promoting active aging strategies. He is also Founder and President of the Asian Aging Business Centre, a non-profit which looks at collaboration between the academic, businesses and local governments to uncover new business incubation to ageing challenges in Asia.



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