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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Health policy & systems research
- Disease burden quantification
- Metrics & evaluation
- Health diplomacy & governance

MESSAGE

At iGHP, I would like to apply and establish rigorous skillsets relevant to pursue a career in global health research that would drive impact for policy. Through iGHP's close and collaborative network with international organizations, as well as public and private institutions, I would like to undertake quality research in continuous collaboration with a diverse range of global health entities.

NARRATIVE CV

Dr. Maaya Kita Sugai, Ph.D., is a Global Health Scientist with a background in law and political science, a Specially Appointed Researcher at the Institute for Global Health Policy Research, National Center for Global Health and Medicine, and Visiting Researcher at the Department of Global Health Policy, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo. Her work seeks to combine academically rigorous quantitative and qualitative research with policy relevance in global health. She obtained her Ph.D. from The University of Tokyo and has expertise in health information systems for mortality and causes-of-death assessment, and global health governance and diplomacy. Dr. Sugai worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA), in the Global Health Policy Division, and the ODA Evaluation Division, and also worked as a post-doctoral Research Fellow at The University of Tokyo. She has experiences working as a Consultant for the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, and for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation via SEEK Development, a strategic and organizational consulting group in Berlin, interacting with many global health stakeholders and undertaking analytical work on various projects. Through her work at the government, she gained experience developing and supporting Japan's global health policy, especially for universal health coverage, and conducting evaluation on development assistance via fieldwork in Africa and South America. She has received many awards including the Best Abstracts Award, Young Scientists Award at the World Congress on Controversies in Obstetrics, Gynecology & Infertility, the Araki Award, Fulbright Award, and has served as the Director of the Social Medicine Promotion Foundation. She is a Masason (Masayoshi Son, CEO of Softbank Group) Foundation Scholar, which is awarded to young global leaders with high aspirations and exceptional talents. Dr. Sugai was also selected as a Global Shaper by The World Economic Forum (WEF).

Dr. Sugai loves data science and is passionate about translating back and forth between policy-driven research and needs on the ground as an academic researcher with experience in policy making and global health diplomacy. Her continuing future goal is to improve population health through the lens of health diplomacy and science, which she aims to pursue through her work at iGHP.

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