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Article **Evolution of Population Concerns: Reflections from the Asian and Pacific Population Conferences**

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Abstract The purposes, themes, organization, agenda items and debates of the five decennial Asian and Pacific Population Conferences are described by the author, who participated in all five Conferences. The technical and financial support given by the United Nations and its specialized agencies as well as the Commission secretariat to the countries of Asia and the Pacific in undertaking their population and development programmes is also depicted. From a simple consideration of the demographic situation in 1963, the succeeding Conferences manifested the growing sophistication of the region in the choice of issues to be considered and in the debates and actions taken by the Governments in confronting those issues.

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