

# Centre for Research on the Economics of Ageing



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## We Need and Value Your Response

The past few months have been a real whirlwind at CREA! On 9 May 2018, we held an inter-generational panel discussion on ageing. A diverse group from government sectors, NGOs and spanning all age-groups attended this public panel. Jiaming Ju, CREA's Associate Director, introduced the panellists from different generations and opened the discussion on whether they believed in age barriers. The public panel was lively and well received.

By understanding people's different perspectives, we realised that it is possible to nurture cherished bonds across generations through an appreciation of our differences. This event ended with the attendees sharing a new relationship together, which is what we strive to achieve through our monthly surveys as well!

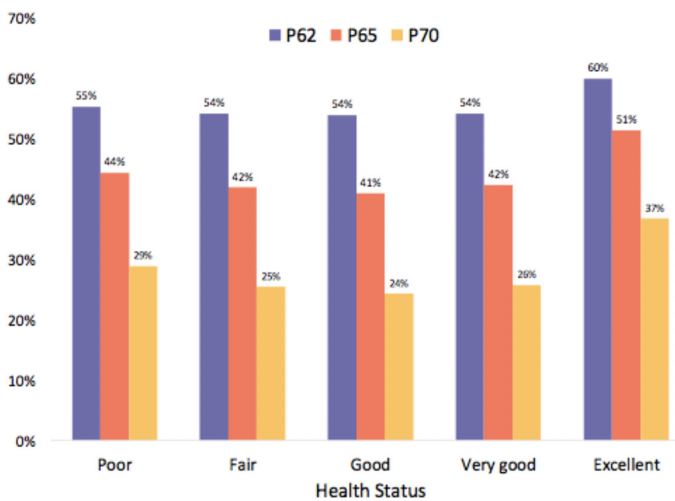
On the academic front, CREA has been busy unveiling new findings to analyse the unique experiences of the elderly, thanks to your diligent efforts in completing our surveys. On 4 June 2018, CREA hosted a Health Round Table to discuss healthcare expenditure and long-term care financing. Research Fellow, Jessica Ya Sun, lent valuable insights from the 5-Year Medisave Top-Up plan and revealed that fewer than 40% of the eligible individuals were aware of their benefits.

This sort of information allows us to identify gaps in policy making and come up with solutions to ensure that Singaporean elderly citizens' needs are met. As we draw closer to the third year of SLP, we take this moment to express our sincere gratitude for your tireless commitment to the present and future of Singapore's ageing research.

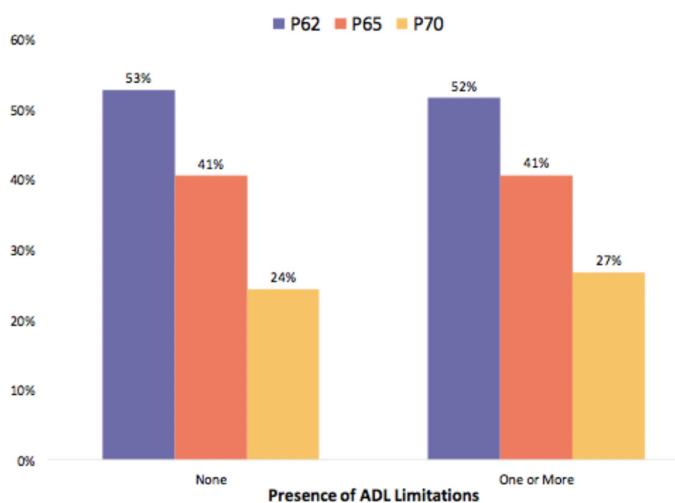
## Finding Highlights

A few weeks ago, we asked you about your expectations of working at ages 62, 65 and 70. Surprisingly, we found that people who reported a poor state of health had roughly the same future work expectations as those in good health. More impressively, people with disabilities have the same work expectations as those without disabilities! Singaporeans do work hard against all the odds.

### Little difference in work expectations for different levels of self-assessed health



### No difference in work expectations with presence of ADL limitations\*



\*ADL Limitations – Activities of Daily Living limitations

## Meeting Venues

### Bishan Mind Stretcher

510 Bishan Street 13 #03-01 Singapore 570510

### Bukit Merah Recovery Accountants

164 Bukit Merah Central #03-3655, Singapore 150164

### Jurong East Regus Business Lounge

21 Jurong East Central 1 Jurong Regional Library Level 1, Singapore 609732

### Tampines NTUC Income Building

300 Tampines Avenue 5 Level 9 Tampines Junction, Singapore 529653

### Sembawang Just Edu Learning Centre

30 Sembawang Drive #04-04 Sun Plaza, Singapore 757713

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## Dates of Surveys

- **November Survey:** 1–25 November 2018
- **December Survey:** 1–23 December 2018
- **January Survey:** 1–27 January 2019

## Contact Us

If you have changed your address or telephone number, if you need any form of assistance in completing the survey, or if you have any questions or feedback, please contact us on our Centre Hotline at **6808 7910** (9am to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays) or by email at [slp@smu.edu.sg](mailto:slp@smu.edu.sg). We are always happy to hear from you.