

Preface

We are pleased to bring together theoretical and applied research underway on population dynamics and infectious diseases in Asia. This volume is based on a wide range of selected papers first presented at an international workshop entitled “*Population Dynamics and Infectious Diseases in Asia*”, held in Singapore in October 2004. The workshop was organised by the Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis at the National University of Singapore, and was supported by the Wellcome Trust, UK. From the conception of the workshop to selecting, editing and putting together the papers into a book, our work was facilitated by many individuals who gave generously of their time and assistance. First, we are grateful for the support we received from the Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore, and the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health of The Australian National University. We are also indebted to the Senior Administrative Officer, Verene Koh at the Asian MetaCentre for her unstinting help in receiving and organising the papers both for the workshop and this volume. Ludovic Francois, Kelly Fu, Theodora Lam provided us with timely research assistance and invaluable help with the myriad tasks associated with copy-editing this volume of papers. To all the contributors of the volume, we would like to express our gratitude for collaborating with us in bringing this book project to fruition.

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