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<b>Venue</b>	Conference Hall, Regional Office for the Western Pacific
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## I. PROGRAMME OF WORK (WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018)

<b>Agenda items</b>	<b>09:00–12:00</b>	
14	Harnessing e-health for improved service delivery (continued)	WPR/RC69/8
15	Improving hospital planning and management	WPR/RC69/9
<b>Agenda items</b>	<b>14:00–17:00</b>	
11	Neglected tropical diseases	WPR/RC69/5
13	Strengthening legal frameworks for health in the Sustainable Development Goals	WPR/RC69/7

## II. REPORT OF MEETINGS (TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2018)

### Third meeting

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**Chairperson** Honourable Sir Dr Puka Temu  
Minister for Health and HIV/AIDS, Papua New Guinea

**Item 7 Nomination of the Regional Director**

The nomination process for the next Regional Director continued in private session.

### Fourth meeting

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**Chairperson:** Honourable Sir Dr Puka Temu  
Minister for Health and HIV/AIDS, Papua New Guinea

**Item 7 Nomination of the Regional Director**

The nomination process for the next Regional Director continued in private session. In the plenary session that followed the conclusion of the private session, the Chairperson read aloud resolution WPR/RC69.R1: Nomination of the Regional Director, which had been adopted in the private session, and announced the nomination of Dr Takeshi Kasai of Japan.

The representatives of the following Member States congratulated the newly nominated Regional Director (in order): the Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, China, Brunei Darussalam, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Australia, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Malaysia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Kiribati, the United States of America, France, Japan, Palau, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nauru, Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Tuvalu, Niue, Viet Nam, Vanuatu, Hong Kong SAR (China) and Macao SAR (China).

The Director-General then thanked all candidates who had campaigned for the position of Regional Director, and congratulated both the Nominee and Japan. He cited the Nominee for his hard work and expressed confidence in his ability to lead the Region over the next five years in line with WHO global priorities.

The Regional Director also congratulated the highly qualified field of candidates. He said the Nominee's four years as the Director, Programme Management, in the Regional Office had been excellent preparation to lead the Region. He said the Nominee is sincere, hard-working and would continue to improve the Organization in the Region.

The Nominee thanked Regional Committee members for their confidence and trust, and thanked Japan for its strong support for his candidacy. He concurred that his four years as Director, Programme Management, had prepared him to lead the Organization in the Region, and cited the highly effective WHO team in the Regional Office and in country offices as an invaluable asset. He said the six-month campaign for Regional Director had provided an unparalleled opportunity to receive advice from across the Region and meet leaders with whom he would be working. Going forward, he called on everyone to unite and work together to improve health in the Region, pledging to continue to focus on results at the country level, regardless of the size or level of development of the country.

**Item 4                    Address by the incoming Chairperson**

The incoming Chairperson thanked the representatives for their trust and confidence in electing him to chair the sixty-ninth session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific. He also thanked the office-bearers from last year's session for their service, and congratulated the Regional Director for 10 years of effective leadership. The incoming Chairperson then highlighted the agenda items to be considered over the coming days and concluded by urging the Regional Committee to take appropriate action.

**Item 14                    Harnessing e-health for improved service delivery**

The Acting Director, Programme Management, presented document WPR/RC69/8 on Harnessing e-health for improved service delivery. He said e-health can play a critical role in improving service delivery and progressing towards universal health coverage. He noted that while many e-health pilot programmes had been initiated in the Region, most had not been scaled up. He said that the many lessons learnt through those pilot programmes helped inform the draft *Regional Action Agenda on Harnessing E-Health for Improved Health Service Delivery in the Western Pacific*, which was developed following intensive consultations with Member States, experts and partners. He noted that the Action Agenda provides a systematic framework that can be used by Member States to prioritize e-health and lay foundations for its deployment.

Interventions were made by the representatives of the following Member States (in order): Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Macao SAR (China), Australia, the Philippines, Singapore, the United States of America, Cambodia, the Republic of Korea, Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, China, Japan and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The Chairperson then adjourned the meeting.

### III. OTHER MEETINGS

#### Wednesday, 10 October 2018

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12:45–13:45 WHO's work in countries (Conference Hall)

#### Thursday, 11 October 2018

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12:45–13:45 Emergency Response Exercise (Conference Hall)

#### Friday, 12 October 2018

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12:45–13:45 Let's be active: Everyone, everywhere, everyday (Conference Hall)