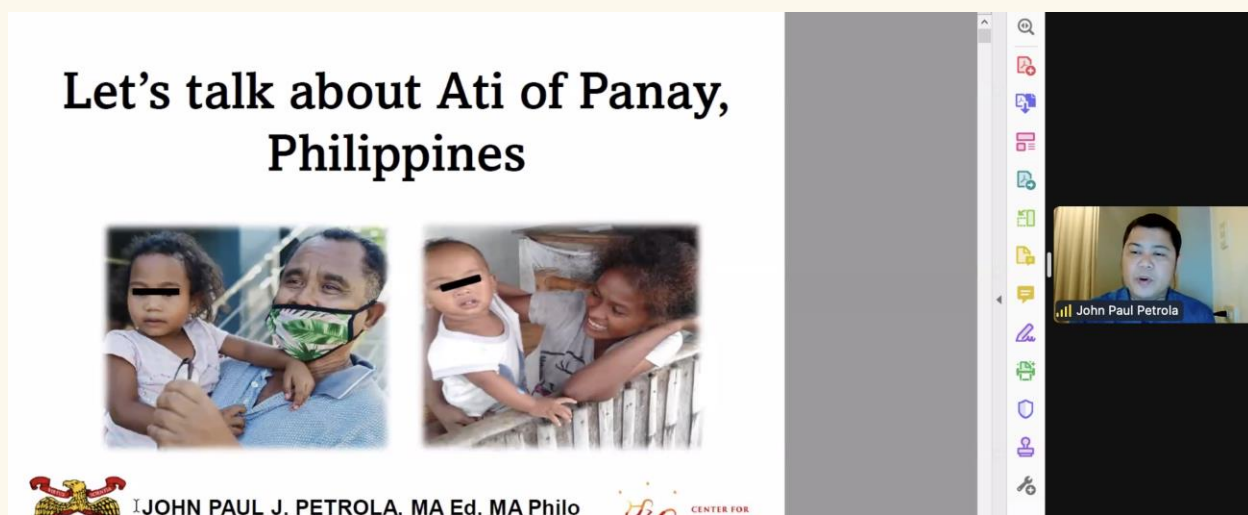


Welcome to the AI4PEP bi-weekly News Brief.

This week we bring you some exciting updates from **Team Asia: India, Indonesia, Malaysia & the Philippines.**

### Congratulations to the Asia Cohort!

- Thanks to the leadership of the Philippines team, particularly Dr. Vena Pearl Bongolan and John Paul Petrola who have pioneered the Asia cohort's knowledge production by debuting the 1<sup>st</sup> Episode of their Colloquium series on AI & health. The first episode of the series featured the Indigenous People of Philippines, also known as the *Ati* People. The Community Engagement session brought afore multiple barriers that hindered the *Ati* people from accessing quality services, including health, as well as different strategies of resistance that amplified the need for sustainable partnerships with vulnerable communities.
- There are plans to archive the colloquium series & convert them into book chapters & broadly strengthen the series as a sustainable knowledge production outlet for the cohort.



### Fostering a collaborative partnership with AeHIN

- Prof. Kong has reportedly reached out to Dr. Alvin Marcello of AeHIN seeking to partner with their organization to collaboratively strengthen quality health outcomes in the region. It was



discussed that a consensus had been reached for the two entities for explore possible synergies. Partnership with AeHN was exciting for the network because there was a lot of commonalities in the organizational visions, and aspirations. Additionally, the two organizations shared a common evolutionary trajectory as they were both beneficiaries of the IDRC's generous seed funding.

### Philippines

- The team reportedly had their launch locked for the 27-28<sup>th</sup> November and the 1<sup>st</sup> December in order to align with the commemoration of the Indigenous People's Mental Health Week. A few prominent guests had been invited. The National Center for Mental Health was on board and happily sponsoring the event.
- Prof. de Castro reported that he had been invited to join a round table discussion on Vaccine Equity & the Establishment of mRNA Vaccine Hubs in Vietnam and Indonesia; People's Vaccine Alliance -Asia {Coalition for People Rights to Health-CPRH}-(Convened by the World Health Organization).
- Prof. Riveria spoke at the National Gender and Development Conference (NEDA), where she gave a talk about "Understanding Gender, Feminism & Intersectionality."
- Dr. de Castro also mentioned that they had Manuscript on Lessons in the Implementation of the Atipan Project (Telehealth) for Universal Health Care (UHC), and it was under review.

### Available Grants:

1. <https://www.samrc.ac.za/funding/catalyzing-equitable-artificial-intelligence-ai-use-improve-global-health>
2. <https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/career-development-awards>
3. <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/collaborative-research-grants/for-applicants>