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Addressing climate change is inseparable from our efforts to achieve sustainable development. Climate change has significantly impacted our environment, economies, and society. At the same time, human activities, such as population increase, urbanization, and industrialization, have accelerated climate change. Thus, an interdisciplinary approach that incorporates not only scientific aspects but also socioeconomic factors is crucial for addressing climate change as well as achieving sustainable development. An important factor will be the changes in the demographic structure of countries. In recent years, the Asia and Pacific region, home to more than half of the world's population, is undergoing rapid demographic changes. Many of the current GHG emission forecasts are based on somewhat outdated population projections, and this may lead to ineffective policy prescriptions. Therefore, reflecting the recent trends of demographic changes in many economies on GHG emission scenarios and climate policies will be essential for the effective implementations of the Paris Agreement.

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