

2nd National Health Research Forum of Lao P.D.R.

Health Research Systems Strengthening in Lao PDR

**Vientiane Capital, 22nd and 23rd (Monday and Tuesday), September 2008,
supported by the NRC, MOH, Japanese consortium, COHRED, CWW, and IRD.**

Scope of National Health Research forum

The health challenges faced by Lao ethnic people, as well as the people of others developing world are manifested by threats from global and local environmental changes, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases and in the rapid increasing of non-communicable diseases, injuries, and others.

The **National Health Research Forum** was identified as a product of the two national workshops focusing on the national health research systems strengthening in Lao PDR held in August 2005 and 2006. The First National Health Research Forum was successfully held in last September.

The 2nd National Health Research Forum will also bring together researchers, policy makers, health development partners, producers and users of research to share and to learn the results, critical gaps and energize technical and research process for action, to address particularly the health needs of the Lao ethnic people in particular.

The organizing committee is utmost pleased to announce that, the **2nd National Health Research Forum** will take place at Don Chan Palace in Vientiane capital from 22nd and 23rd September 2008. The detail programme of the meeting, on the theme of **Health research for health research system strengthening in Lao PDR**, is being prepared, which will be informed later.

Tentative agenda of the National Health Research Forum

Time		Responsible persons
First day, 22nd September 2008		
8:30-9:00	Registration	Secretariat
9:00-9:30	Opening the Forum: objectives, Forum agenda, and methods	Master ceremony: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kongsap Akkhavong
	Welcoming Remarks	Prof. Dr. Bounngong Boupcha
	Opening Remarks	Prof. Kazuhiko Moji Prof. Carel Ijsselmuiden CWW representative IRD representative
	Opening Speech	H.E. Dr. Ponmek Dalalay, Minister of Health
9:30-10:30	<i>Poster presentation followed by Coffee and tea serving</i>	
10:30-11:10	Session 1:	Chair: Prof. Dr. Bounngong Boupcha Co-chair: Prof. Yves Buisson
	- Presentation of the maternal & child health research proposal followed by open discussion	Presenter 1: Dr. Keonakhone Houamboun and his team
11:10-11:00	- Presentation of the strategic plan on human resource for health research followed by open discussion	Presenter 2: Dr. Sengchanh Kounnavong
12:00-13.30	<i>Lunch at Done Chanh Palace</i>	
13:30-13:50	Session 2: MCH & health system structure	Chair: Dr. Kaisone Chounlamany Co-chair: Prof. Kazuhiko Moji
	- Maternal and child health perspectives	Presenter 3: Prof. Nick Mascie Taylor (Cambridge University, UK)
14:00-14:20	- Open discussion - Structure of the Japanese health system - Open discussion	Presenter 4: Prof. Kiyoshi Aoyagi (Nagasaki University, Japan)
14:30-15:30	<i>Poster presentation followed by Coffee and tea serving</i>	
15:00-16:00	Session 3: New health research findings At least 4 presenters	Chair: Prof. Dr. Bounhong Southavong Co-chair: Dr. Wiput Phoolchareun

Second day 23rd September 2008		
8:30-10:00	Session 4: New health research findings At least 4 presenters	Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sing Menorath Co-chair: Dr. Samaychanh Boupha Presenters:
10:00-11:00 Poster presentation followed by Coffee and tea serving		
11:00-12:00	Session 5: New health research findings At least 2 presenters	Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kongsap Akkhavong Co-chair: Dr. Panom Fongmany Presenters:
12:00-13.30 Lunch		
13:30-14:30	Session 5: New health research findings At least 2 presenters	Chair: Prof. Dr. Sithath Insisiengmai Co-chair: Dr. Jun Kobayashi Presenters: To be identified
14:30-15:30 Poster presentation followed by Coffee and tea serving		
15:30-17:00	Session 6: Summary of ANHRF and Future action plan - Closing remarks	Prof. Dr. Bounngong Boupha H.E. Dr. Ponmek Dalaloy
18:30 Farewell dinner at Done Chanh Palace		