

## **The Second Asia Forum on Ecohealth Research and Tropical Disease Control**

### **Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in the Era of Post Health-Transition**

The vast Asian region is diverse in the natural environment, cultural backgrounds, and the levels of economic development. Hence, countries in Asia are faced with distinct tasks in the research and practice on health promotion and disease prevention and control. Countries like Laos and Vietnam, medium human development countries, have been experiencing the double burden of traditional tropical infectious diseases and lifestyle-related diseases. High human development countries such as China where traditional infectious diseases have been controlled are facing increasingly severe challenges from various chronic diseases related to ecological degradation, environmental pollution, and rapid urbanization and motorization. Very high human development countries like Japan, where all kinds of traditional infectious diseases and environmental pollution-related diseases have been controlled, are in urgent need of care of health and well-being of the elderly residents in the super-aging society.

Although the focuses of Ecohealth research and disease prevention and control are different across Asia, countries at different economic development levels could learn from each other. High and very high human development countries like China and Japan, where traditional infectious diseases have been controlled, can provide advanced experience, technology and resources in infectious disease control for countries bearing double burden. Medium human development countries like Laos and Vietnam can also offer traditional healthy lifestyles and experiences for countries facing severe challenges from lifestyle-related diseases.

Even though the historical and cultural backgrounds are different, health

researchers and workers in different countries share a common goal, improving the health of all residents in Asia. However, the complex relationship among residents' health, lifestyle, and behaviors, ecological environment, and other factors in Asia is yet to be untangled. Using the platform of "Asia Forum on Ecohealth Research and Tropical Disease Control", we are committed to jointly establishing the concept of "Health" in Asia, promoting academic and practical experience exchanges among government sanitary and health authorities, research institutions and enterprises, and advancing the sharing and complementing resources in health promotion and disease prevention and control among countries.

In November 2018, the First Asia Forum on Ecohealth Research and Tropical Disease Control was organized by the Hainan Provincial Center for Disease Control & Prevention and the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (Japan) in Haikou, China. With the strong support of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes for the Humanities (Japan) and the Chinese Preventive Medicine Association, experts from seven countries including China, Japan, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, the Philippines, Cambodia, and two international organizations attended the first Forum and published their research results. The Second Forum will usher in the Eco-health & Human Ecology Committee (EHHEC) of the Ecological Society of China as a new partner to further strengthen transdisciplinary research cooperation and exchanges in eco-environment and health.

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