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President's Message

Dear APACPH colleagues and friends,

It was a great honor to successfully hold the 47th Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for the Public Health Conference in Bandung, Indonesia. Diverse current health issues were dealt during the conference and I believe the conference had been beneficial to all of us. I would like to express my gratitude for every participant's valuable presence at the conference.

As we have learned from our past experience especially with the Ebola virus outbreak, cooperation among countries are essential in dealing with public health issues. It is necessary for each country to share their current issues as well as their past failures and successes to learn from each other's experiences. APACPH holds a great responsibility in expanding the awareness of public health to the experts as well as the general population. APACPH will continue to thrive to enhance the quality of educational and training programs in public health, assist policy making and leadership development in public health to achieve better health education

system and thus increase the opportunities of attaining highest possible level of health for all in the Asia-Pacific region.

I would like to thank immediate past president Dr Phittaya Charupoonphol for his infinite dedication and also congratulate newly elected committee members. I look forward to work with the new committee members to uphold all the APACPH's responsibilities and duties



President of APACPH

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Executive Summary of the 47th APACPH Conference

By the Secretariat of the 47th APACPH Conference



Prof Nila Djuwita F. Moeloek, Minister of Health Indonesia (*left*) receiving token of appreciation from Dr Phitaya (*middle*) and Dr Augustin

The 47th Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) has been conducted successfully in Bandung Indonesia dated October 19 – 23, 2015. The conference aimed to gather the Asia-Pacific experts in public health for the exchange and expansion of knowledge and share experiences on how to tackle public health issues that for most of the time are borderless.

The theme of 47th APACH conference was “Public Health Challenge in The Asia Pacific Region: Building Regional Initiatives from Local Experiences and Best Practices”. The topics of the 47th APACH conference reflected global health trends, problems and strategies developed to impact health improvement in communities globally and especially in APACPH member countries in the Asia Pacific Region. The list of topics in the conference program were: (1) Adolescent Risk and Protective Behavior in Health; (2) Aging and The Quality of Life; (3) Best Practice in Public Health Through Local Wisdom; (4) Disaster: Public Health Action and Response; (5) Environmental Health Challenges in The Era of SDGs; (6) Health Policy Financing in Universal Coverage; (7) Health Promotion and Social Determinants; (8) Infectious Diseases: Emerging and Re-Emerging Diseases; (9) Informatics Development for Public Health Programs; (10) Non Communicable Diseases and Changing Life Style; (11) Nutrition Double Burden: Obesity, Stunting and Social-Economic Determinants in Public Health; (12) Occupational Health and Safety; (13) Reproductive Health; (14) Tobacco Control; (15) Special Public Health Interest.

The conference was programmed into 2 parts; (1) Pre-Conference, that was participated by 364 participants; (2) Conference that was participated by 1,184 participants, which consisted 2 keynote speeches, 3 plenaries and 11 symposiums.

The conference resulted in the Bandung Declaration that consists of 3 main recommendations:

First:

We have a commitment to provide comprehensive continuing education of public health professionals who conduct and advise on social, economic, and environmental sustainable actions while utilizing the skills of health promotion, prevention, early community diagnosis and community rehabilitation.

Second:

We commit to develop a fundamental research roadmap, translating the overall body of knowledge of interlinked domains in Sustainable Development Goals into quantified measurable indicators, and to implement it to result in recommendations designed to continually improved public health professionalism, empower decision makers at all levels, and guide healthy public policy.

Third:

We will continue to develop strong cooperative, respectful partnerships between APACPH members, as well as between us and government sectors, non-government agencies and responsible business entities so as to create a health enhancing environment enabling all to achieve optimal health in an environment that is sustainable and conducive to health.



The APACPH executive board members with the organizer of the conference committee

The Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health's Bandung Declaration on the New Wave of Public Health Action

We, the members of the Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health:

Understand that the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical, mental and social health is a fundamental part of our human rights and of a life in dignity;

Realize that Sustainable Development Goals offer major improvements on the Millennium Development Goals and address key systemic barriers to sustainable health development;

Recognize that the Sustainable Development Goals' framework benefits from an overall narrative articulation of major development paradigms on how the goals will lead to broader outcomes for healthy and empowered people;

Contribute as an academic community to finding sustainable solutions to the public health challenges

We, the members of the Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health, in presence of participants of the 47th Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health and the 1st Annual Indonesian Forum for Public Health, gathered in Bandung, Indonesia, on 21-23 October 2015, therefore declare:

First:

We have a commitment to provide comprehensive continuing education of public health professionals who conduct and advise on social, economic, and environmental sustainable actions while utilizing the skills of health promotion, prevention, early community diagnosis and community rehabilitation.

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We commit to develop a fundamental research roadmap, translating the overall body of knowledge of interlinked domains in Sustainable Development Goals into quantified measurable indicators, and to implement it to result in recommendations designed to continually improved public health professionalism empower decision makers at all levels, and guide healthy public policy.

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Bandung, Indonesia

23 October 2015

Signed by the Executive Council

On behalf of the members of the Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health



Indigenous Health Initiatives Updates: UniKL Royal College of Medicine Perak (RCMP), Malaysia By Professor Dr Osman Ali, Dean of Faculty of Medicine

Community Engagement with Indigenous Orang Asli Population

RCMP's Rural Medical Mobile Mission (RM3) has embarked upon another two days outreach community engagement program with the Orang Asli indigenous population in Kampung Tonggang and neighbouring villages on 21st and 22nd November 2015. The population comprised of 106 households with approximately 300 population belonging to the Temiar tribe of Orang Asli, located in the outskirts of Hulu Kinta in Perak State. The program was organized in collaboration with various departments and NGOs, such as the Department of Orang Asli (JAKOA), Malaysian Relief Agency (MRA), Perak Religious Department, Hospital Volunteer Group, and alumni doctors.

The 30 member team led by Deputy Dean of Faculty of Medicine comprised of professors, medical doctors, volunteers, staff and medical students. Health screening for hypertension, BMI, diabetes and counselling services were offered, the medical mobile clinic treated 60 patients with minor illnesses and made home visits for the sick and disabled. A circumcision program was also included and a total of 23 individuals ranging from 7 years to 27 years old were circumcised. Rapport building with villagers by visits to homes, engagement with children in games and competitions, teaching personal hygiene measures with demonstration of hand washing, tooth brushing etc. were done. Cooking and serving meals to all villagers, distribution of clothes and household utilities obtained from donation were made.

These engagements rendering medical and social services to various Orang Asli indigenous communities living in remote areas has become a regular program loved by RCMP staff and students and appreciated much by the indigenous people as well. While promoting the health of the indigenous peoples, it enforced the spirit of altruism and volunteerism among our students, and fostered linkages and collaboration within and outside the university.



Community engagement at Tonggang village by RCMP team

Global Indigenous Health (GIH) Initiatives

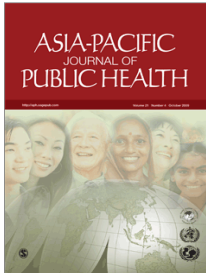
With UniKL RCMP's commitment to APACPH to establish the Centre of Excellence on GIH, opportunity was taken to hold a meeting during the 47th APACPH Conference with Dr Indika Karunathilake the 2nd Vice President of APACPH, and a group of interested members from potential partner universities including The Fiji National University, Queensland University of Technology, Public Health Department of New Taipei City Government etc. on 22nd October 2015 to discuss the establishment of the centre.

The meeting agreed as suggested by Dr Indika that Professor Osman Ali, Dean of UniKL RCMP should take the leadership to initiate meetings and discussions between interested parties to plan for development of proposals and future activities for establishing the centre of excellence, so that MOUs may be signed at the next APACPH Conference in 2016.



Professor Dr Osman Ali & Indigenous Health Group meeting with Dr Indika to discuss the establishment of centre of excellence for Global Indigenous Health (GIH) during the 47th APACPH Conference, Bandung, Indonesia.





Asia-Pacific Journal Public Health attained an Impact Factor of 1.459 for 2014 which is an increase of 31% from 2013 Impact Factor of 1.111. This number puts APJPH at 90 out of the 162 journals in the Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (Science) Category and at 64 out of the 145 journals in the Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (Social Science) Category.

With the increasing number of submission of articles to APJPH, the editorial board is screening the articles based on the appropriateness and relevance of the papers submitted. Only quality papers are selected and sent for peer reviewing as this has an effect on the impact factor of the journal. We have also increased the frequency of the issue to 8 this year.

Apart from our regular issues, this year we have published 3 Supplement issues, Commemorative Issue which was a tribute to the life of Professor Walter Patrick, Wuhan Conference Supplement (45th APACPH Conference) and the 46th APACPH Conference Supplement. There are a few more Supplement issues which are in the pipeline and we hope to get them published next year. Other Supplement issues are Asian Collaboration for Excellence in Non-communicable Diseases Research Network (ASCEND). This is an open access issue and is sponsored by NIH, USA and WHO Sri Lanka. The other issue based on Global Environmental & Human Health sponsored by United Nations International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH) is almost ready for publication early next year. We have another Supplement based on the South East Asia Nutrition Survey (SEANUTS) which is sponsored by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and is scheduled for publication middle of next year.

The 47th APACPH Conference was held in October in Bandung, Indonesia this year. During the APJPH Editorial Board meeting, it has been decided that we would like to change our Journal name from Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health to Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health by deleting the hyphen between Asia and Pacific. We hope by removing the hyphen allows better research rankings and citations.

We shall be holding the 48th APACPH Conference at Teikyo University, Tokyo, Japan on September 16-19, 2016. The theme of the conference is 'Create a Healthy Future with Competent Professionals. Again APJPH will be conducting the Pre-conference Workshop on Scientific Writing and we hope to see you all there in Tokyo.

Wah-Yun Low
Editor-in-Chief
Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health

Activities by the secretary



Dr. Maznah Dahlui was invited by Dr. HY Chiou, the Treasurer of APACPH, to Taiwan Medical University for a research consultancy on 2nd - 3rd September 2015.



In November 2015, Dr. Maznah Dahlui was invited by Dr. Elahe Nezami, the Regional Director of America, to visit Keck School of Medicine, University of South Carolina. Dr. Maznah delivered a lecture on "Social and Cultural Influences on Malaysian Health". Dr. Maznah was impressed with the campus which offer a wealth of resources to accommodate the students' needs and preferences particularly in promoting active physical lifestyle. During the visit, they also took the opportunity to discuss on strategies to increase the presence and visibility of APACPH in the North America.

News and Announcements

The 48th APACPH Conference 2016: An Overview By Dr. Kazue Yamaoka, Chair, APACPH 2016 Organizing Committee

Date : 16th - 19th September 2015

Venue : Teikyo University, Itabashi Campus, 2-11-1 Kaga, Itabashi City, Tokyo 173-8605

Organizers : Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health & Teikyo University

The conference will be known as The 48th Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health Conference, International Conference for Teikyo University 50th Anniversary. The theme of the conference is 'Create a Healthy Future with Competent Professionals'.

The objective

The Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) Conference pursues the interdisciplinary study and its application of health, medical care and welfare, which are essential to our life. APACPH prioritizes practical science and promotes the theories and applications of the study of public health. The importance of assistance from, as well as research and education in, public health studies conforming to interdisciplinary areas for building resilience against disasters in the Asia-Pacific region is increasingly recognised. Our goal is for APACPH, practitioners and researchers to provide support, to promote practical activities, and to engage in comprehensively resolving the problem of protecting the lives and health of people

The APACPH Conference will be co-hosted with Teikyo University. Teikyo University will proudly hold the International Conference for Teikyo University 50th Anniversary in line with the university slogan, "A Future that Surpasses History." The main theme for the Conference is "Create a Healthy Future with Competent Professionals." We believe this is to provide major contributions to the reform and development of public health education that will lead to future changes in the healthcare system. The theme is chosen to embody the spirit of the University's founding philosophy, "Practical learning" and "International perspectives." Also, this theme aligns with the objectives of APACPH.

The 10th Teikyo-Harvard Symposium and various workshops will also be held as a part of the International Conference for Teikyo University 50th Anniversary. The event provides opportunities for the Asia-Pacific researchers and practitioners for direct and worldwide interaction.

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