

## **APACPH President-Elect Report**

**(Professor Wah-Yun Low, PhD)**

### **Asian Health Literacy Association**

I have been approached by Professor Dr Peter WS Chang, Secretary General, Asian Health Literacy Association (AHLA) on their greater roles in linking Asian global health to the Alliance. Asian Health Literacy Association (AHLA), and the incoming International Health Literacy Association (IHLA) are also working to establish partnership with the Alliance. to further develop a health literacy and better healthcare services around the planet.

AHLA will be hosting their 6th International Health Literacy Conference (<http://ahla2018.org/conference/>) in Taichung, Taiwan from 25-27<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The panel section title is "Health Literacy in Global Health" and the conference theme is "A Health Literate Asia And Beyond". In relation to this, a few of the APACPH members, via our APACPH liaison person for this event, Prof HY Chiou, are invited as speakers for the Conference.

### **Asia-Pacific Health Promotion Capacity Building Workshop**

As discussed in APACPH Collaborating Centres for Health Promotion (CCHP) Strategic Meeting in Tokyo in March 2018, CCHP will hold the Asia Pacific Health Promotion Capacity Building Workshop on October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 with the aim of enhancing the core competencies among health promotion workforce in the Asia Pacific region. The training program will take place at Taipei Medical University, Taiwan. This 7-day training workshop is co-organised by the Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare Taiwan, Taipei Medical University, Taiwan and APACPH. Several key lecturers (Prof Jimba Masamine, Prof Bruce Maycock, Prof Maznah Dahlui and myself, from APACPH were invited to develop the training program and deliver some lectures.

### **APACPH Management Meetings via SKYPE**

This came about as a result of the Vice President, Prof KS Chia's visit to the APACPH Secretariat office in Kuala Lumpur on 13<sup>th</sup> April. It was found that the communications were rather limited among the EXCO members and thus certain decision makings were delayed. Thus, it was suggested that the Management ought to have their meetings via SKYPE once in two months. I then started and coordinated this meeting and we have had two meetings now (21<sup>st</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> July) to discuss APACPH issues.

### **APACPH Vision and Mission**

A proposal to revisit APACPH vision and mission was also deliberated during the APACPH Management meeting via SKYPE. The Vice President, Prof KS Chia has kindly drafted the Vision and Mission and was circulated to the Management team, but this will be presented to other APACPH members and at the forthcoming APACPH meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

### **University Malaysia Sabah MPH Accreditation**

We (Prof KS Chia, Prof Razak, President of the Melaka-Manipal University and myself) conducted the accreditation of the MPH programme at the University Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, East Malaysia on 19-20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### **Other invited meetings**

- (1) I have been invited to deliver a Keynote address at the forthcoming International Conference on Sport Sciences and Health 2018 at the Universitas Negeri Malang, Surabaya, Indonesia in early September 2018
- (2) In Surabaya, Indonesia as well, at the Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Airlangga, I have been invited in my capacity as the Editor-in-Chief to conduct a Scientific Writing Workshop and to deliver a talk on improving their local journals.