

Minute of Meeting
Consultative Meeting on Thailand – Lao PDR Health Cooperation
on Health Promotion and Environmental Health
19-21 March 2017
Nongkhai Province, Kingdom of Thailand

1. This bilateral meeting referred to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on Health Cooperation signed by H.E. Clin. Prof. Emeritus Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn – Minister of Public Health, and H.E. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bounkong Syhavong – Minister of Health, on 16th September 2016 at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.
2. A total of 50 delegates from Thailand and Lao PDR participated in this meeting. The Thai delegation was led by Dr. Atthaphon Kaewsamrit, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Health, and comprised of representatives from the Department of Health, Center for International Cooperation, Regional Health Promotion Center 1 Chiang Mai, Regional Health Promotion Center 7 Khon Kaen, Regional Health Promotion Center 8 Udonthani, Regional Health Promotion Center 10 Ubonratchathani, Nongkhai Provincial Health Office, Bueng Kan Provincial Health Office, and Mukdahan Provincial Health Office. The Lao delegation was led by Dr. Panom Phongmany, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Hygiene and Health Promotion, and comprised of representatives from the Department of Hygiene and Health Promotion, Foreign Relation Division Cabinet, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Vientiane Capital Health Department, Savannakhet Provincial Health Department, Sayaboury Provincial Health Department, Bokeo Provincial Health Department, and Bolikhamxay Provincial Health Department.
3. Heads of delegations of Thailand and Lao PDR presented an Introduction on Thailand-Lao PDR Bilateral Cooperation on Health Promotion and Environmental Health: Policy and Direction.
4. As part of this meeting, a panel discussion on "Thailand-Lao PDR Bilateral Cooperation on Health Promotion and Environmental Health: Past, Present and Future" was held. Panelists were from the Regional Health Promotion Center 1 Chiang Mai – Bokeo Provincial Health Department (school health promotion for ethnic minorities, environmental health, MCH, access to services); Regional Health Promotion Center 7 Khon Kaen – Vientiane Capital Health Department (food safety, MCH); Division of Health Impact Assessment – Savannakhet (food safety, HIA) and Sayaboury Provincial Health Departments (HIA). The moderator of this session was Dr. Chaiporn Promsingh, Chairman of the Department of Health's Senior Advisory Committee.
5. In the afternoon of 20th March 2017, Thai and Lao delegates from central, regional, and provincial levels, actively participated in group discussions to develop a Joint Action Plan (2017 - 2020) on Health Promotion and Environmental Health.
6. On 21st March 2017, results of the group discussions were presented to the meeting. The Thai and Lao delegates agreed that areas of cooperation under the Draft Joint Action Plan may include:

6.1 Health Promotion

- 6.1.1 Maternal and Child Health: Quality development of reproductive health, antenatal care, delivery and post-partum services to reduce maternal mortality, including immunization.
- 6.1.2 Child growth and development, nutrition surveillance in pregnant women and children under 5 years old
- 6.1.3 Human resource development
- 6.1.4 Information technology development

6.2 Environmental Health

- 6.2.1 Food safety (sanitation)
- 6.2.2 Health Impact Assessment (HIA): special economic zone (SEZ) & other development projects (dam, mining, hi-speed train etc.)
- 6.2.3 Climate Change & Health Adaptation: heat wave (monitoring/surveillance), natural disaster
- 6.2.4 WASH: water safety plan (urban & rural) & drinking water quality surveillance, sanitation (toilets) in community, schools, health care facilities, tourist areas (public) and hygiene (hand washing in schools & health care facilities)
- 6.2.5 Chemical management in border areas
- 6.2.6 Medical waste in health care facilities
- 6.2.7 Join research study: Air pollution & health effect, using pesticides and health effect, mining activities & health effect, excreta management & health effect

7. The meeting endorsed the Draft Joint Action Plan on Health Promotion and Environmental Health 2017 – 2020, here attached.

8. Ways forward: The two countries will consider these issues:

- 8.1 Budget planning during 2017-2020 according to the Joint Action Plan
- 8.2 Establishment of working mechanism between the matching provinces
- 8.3 Data and information management and sharing
- 8.4 Manpower development and research
- 8.5 Annual meeting to review the progress, adjust the plan and knowledge management

9. This Minute of Meeting was elaborated on 21st March 2017 at the Royal Nakhara Hotel and Convention Centre, Nongkhai Province, Thailand.



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