

LOWER MEKONG INITIATIVE CONFERENCE
TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION TO RESPOND TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE THREATS
HANOI, VIETNAM
June 17 and 18, 2010
Thursday, Day One

08:00–09:00 **Registration** **Melia Hotel, 7th floor**

09:00–12:00 **Plenary Session** **7th floor**

09:00–09:05 **Introduction**
Dr. Pham Thi Chinh, International Cooperation Department,
Ministry of Health, Vietnam

09:05–09:20 **Opening Remarks**
H.E. Prof. Dr. Trinh Quan Huan, Vice Minister of Health, Ministry of
Health, Vietnam

09:20–09:50 **Keynote Address**
Rear Admiral Timothy Ziemer (U.S. Navy, Retired), U.S. Global
Malaria Coordinator, U.S. President's Malaria Initiative, U.S.
Agency for International Development, United States

09:50–10:30 **Break** (group photograph at start of break in front of the stage)

10:30–12:00 **Overview of Current Cooperation in the Lower Mekong Region** **7th floor**

Facilitator

Aye Aye Thwin, Director, Office of Public Health, Regional
Development Mission for Asia, U.S. Agency for International
Development, Thailand

Country comments on regional cooperation

- H.E. Prof. Sea Huong, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Health, Cambodia
- H.E. Prof. Dr. Eksavang Vongvichit, Vice Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Lao PDR
- H.E. Dr. Punsiri Kullanartsiri, Deputy Minister of Public Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- H.E. Prof. Dr. Trinh Quan Huan, Vice Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Vietnam

Presentations

- Institut Pasteur Initiative in the Lower Mekong Region
Dr. Paul Brey, Director, Institut Pasteur, Lao PDR
- Asian Development Bank Initiatives in Health and Infectious Diseases in the Region
Dr. Vincent de Wit, Lead Professional (Health), Asian Development Bank, Vietnam
- USG Cooperation in the Lower Mekong Region
Deputy Assistant Secretary Lawrence Gumbiner, Oceans, Environment, and Science, U.S. Department of State, United States

Plenary Discussion

12:00–13:30

Lunch

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13:30–17:00

Policies and Regulations for Implementing International Health Regulations (IHR): Focus on Transnational Communication and Notification

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Facilitators

Rear Admiral Stephen Redd, U.S. Public Health Service, Director of the Influenza Coordination Unit, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States

Dr. Richard Brown, Public Health Specialist, WHO South East Asia Regional Office Subunit for Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology, Thailand

Prof. Dr. Bounlay Phommasack, Director, National Emerging Infectious Disease Coordinating Office, Lao PDR

13:30–13:40

Introduction

Rear Admiral Stephen Redd, U.S. Public Health Service, Director of the Influenza Coordination Unit, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States

13:40–14:10

IHR overview and implementation in the context of the Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases (i.e., APSED)

Dr. Richard Brown, Public Health Specialist, WHO South East Asia Regional Office Subunit for Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology, Thailand

14:10–14:25

IHR Implementation in Lao PDR: Challenges and Priorities

H.E. Prof. Dr. Eksavang Vongvichit, Vice Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Lao PDR

14:25–15:00

Case Presentation 1: Cholera outbreak in Cambodia and Vietnam

- Dr. Sok Touch, Director of the Department of Communicable Disease Control, Ministry of Health, Cambodia
- H.E. Prof. Sea Huong, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Health, Cambodia
- Dr. Tran Ngoc Huu, Director of Ho Chi Minh City Pasteur Institute, Ministry of Health, Vietnam

15:00–15:30

Break

15:30–16:00

Case Presentation 2: Multinational Shigella outbreak linked to Thai baby corn

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- Dr. Potjaman Siriarayapon, Medical Epidemiologist, Field Epidemiology Training Program, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- Dr. Pasakorn Akarasewi, Director, Bureau of Epidemiology, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- H.E. Dr. Punsiri Kullanartsiri, Deputy Minister of Public Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

16:00–17:00

Facilitated Panel Discussion

Panel Members

- H.E. Prof. Dr. Eksavang Vongvichit, Vice Minister of Health, Ministry of Public Health, Lao PDR
- Dr. Phengta Vongphrachanh, Director, National Center for Laboratory and Epidemiology, Ministry of Health, Lao PDR
- H.E. Prof. Sea Huong, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Health, Cambodia
- Dr. Sok Touch, Director of the Department of Communicable Disease Control, Ministry of Health, Cambodia
- Dr. Vu Sinh Nam, Deputy Director, General Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health, Ministry of Health, Vietnam
- Dr. Tran Ngoc Huu, Director of Ho Chi Minh City Pasteur Institute, Ministry of Health, Vietnam
- Dr. Potjaman Siriarayapon, Medical Epidemiologist, Field Epidemiology Training Program, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- Dr. Pasakorn Akarasewi, Director, Bureau of Epidemiology, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- Dr. Nicole Smith, Epidemiologist, WHO Country Office, Vietnam

18:30–20:00

Reception

Brief remarks by U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam and the Vietnamese Ministry of Health

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08:30–12:00	Counterfeit and Substandard Medications used primarily for infectious diseases	Melia Hotel, 7th floor
	Facilitator Rear Admiral Timothy Ziemer (U.S. Navy, Retired), U.S. Global Malaria Coordinator, U.S. President's Malaria Initiative, U.S. Agency for International Development, United States	
08:30–08:35	Introduction of Panel	
08:35–09:05	<i>World Health Organization's Program on Combating Counterfeit Medicines</i> Dr. Budiono Santoso, Regional Advisor in Pharmaceuticals, WHO Western Pacific Regional Office, Philippines	
09:05–09:25	<i>Operation Storm and IMPACT's initiatives on the newly formed Storm Network</i> Ms. Ruth Lee, Acting Director, Enforcement Branch, Health Products Regulation Group, Health Sciences Authority; Vice-Chair, International Medical Products Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force (IMPACT); and Member of ASEAN's Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality, Singapore	
09:25–09:45	<i>ASEAN harmonised technical requirements for pharmaceutical products</i> Ms. Agnes Chan, Regulatory Consultant, Pharmaceuticals and Biologics Branch, Health Products Regulation Group, Health Sciences Authority; and Member of ASEAN's Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality, Singapore	
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09:45–10:00	Break	
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10:00–10:20	<i>Collaboration between the DRA/Cambodia and FDAs in Neighboring Countries to Combat Counterfeit and Substandard Medicines</i> Dr. Heng Bun Kiet, Director, Department of Drugs and Food, Ministry of Health, Cambodia	
10:20–10:30	<i>Capacity Development and Sustainability in Combating Counterfeit and Substandard Drugs in Lao PDR</i> Dr. Somthavy Changvisommid, Director, Food and Drug Department, Lao PDR	
10:30–10:50	<i>Collaboration between Greater Mekong Subregion countries and multiple Ministries in the implementation of Operation Storm and Operation Mamba</i> Ms. Aline Plançon, Head of Medical Products Counterfeiting and Pharmaceutical Crime Unit, Co-Chair, IMPACT, Working Group on Enforcement, ICPO, France	

10:50–11:05 ***A Regional Strategy for Quality Assurance and Quality Control of Medicines***
Dr. Souly Phanouvong, Manager, Asia Programs, Promoting the Quality of Medicines Program, United States Pharmacopeia, United States

11:05–11:10 **Response:** H.E. Dr. Punsiri Kulanartsiri, Deputy Minister of Public Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

11:10–12:00 **Facilitated Panel Discussion**

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- Ms. Ruth Lee, Acting Director, Enforcement Branch, Health Products Regulation Group, Health Sciences Authority; Vice-Chair, IMPACT; and Member of Singapore's Delegation to the ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality Pharmaceutical Product Working Group, Singapore
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- H.E. Dr. Punsiri Kulanartsiri, Deputy Minister of Public Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- Dr. Nguyen Van Thanh, Deputy Director, Vietnam Drug Administration, Ministry of Health, Vietnam

12:00–13:30

Lunch

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13:30–14:10

Regional Success: Lower Mekong Transnational Research Collaboration

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Facilitators

Dr. Bruce Struminger, Director, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vietnam
Dr. Bui Duc Duong, Vice Director, Vietnam Administration for AIDS Control, Ministry of Health, Vietnam
Dr. Kevin Cain, TB/HIV Team Lead, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States

13:30–13:35

Improving the Diagnosis of Tuberculosis in People with HIV, Overview

Dr. Kevin Cain, TB/HIV Team Lead, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States

- 13:35–13:40** ***Implementation of Research to Improve the Diagnosis of Tuberculosis in People with HIV in Cambodia***
H.E. Dr. Mao Tan Eang, Director, National Center for Tuberculosis and Leprosy Program, Cambodia
- 13:40–13:45** ***Implementation of Research to Improve the Diagnosis of Tuberculosis in People with HIV in Vietnam***
Dr. Bui Duc Duong, Vice Director, Vietnam Administration for AIDS Control, Ministry of Health, Vietnam
- 13:45–13:50** ***Implementation of Research to Improve the Diagnosis of Tuberculosis in People with HIV in Thailand***
Dr. Somsak Akksilp, Deputy Director General, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- 13:50–14:10** **Facilitated Panel Discussion**
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14:10–17:00 **Final Discussion: Reviewing the Conference and Closing** **7th Floor**

Facilitator

Ms. Angela Dickey, Deputy Principal Officer, U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

14:10–15:10 **Facilitated Panel Discussion, Review of the Conference**

Panel Members

- Deputy Assistant Secretary Lawrence Gumbiner, Oceans, Environment, and Science, U.S. Department of State, United States
- H.E. Dr. Punsiri Kulanartsiri, Deputy Minister of Public Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- Dr. Bui Duc Duong, Vice Director, Vietnam Administration for AIDS Control, Ministry of Health, Vietnam
- H.E. Prof. Sea Huong, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Health, Cambodia
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15:10–15:40 **Break**

15:40–16:40 **Review of Conference Report** **7th Floor**

Rear Admiral Stephen Redd, U.S. Public Health Service, Director of the Influenza Coordination Unit, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States

16:40–17:00 **Closing Remarks**
H.E. Prof. Dr. Trinh Quan Huan, Vice Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Vietnam
