

Asia Network for Capacity Building in Health Systems Strengthening in conjunction with World Bank Institute & The local organizer, The School of Public Health and Primary care, The Chinese University of Hong Kong are pleased to announce

A KNOWLEDGE EVENT FOR HEALTH POLICY LEADERS
“ENGAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ACHIEVE HEALTH SYSTEM GOALS - PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS PARTNERS FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE COVERAGE”

A 2 DAY POLICY DISCOURSE FOR BOTH HEALTH POLICY MINISTERS AND LEADERS AND POLICY SPECIALISTS, MINISTERIAL TECHNICAL OFFICERS, HEALTH SECTOR POLICY IMPLEMENTORS AND MANAGERS

27 – 28 May 2013 (Monday & Tuesday), Hong Kong

CONTEXT

Across Asia, the private sector and in particular private hospitals play a large and growing role in inpatient, outpatient and ambulatory care. With growing affluence, better education, an aging population and an increasing chronic disease burden, health care services will continue to expand and private sector financing and provision is expected to grow. Countries facing increasing demand for quality hospital care are finding it more difficult to meet and finance these demands; additionally, an increasing number of countries are facing the challenge of how to move towards Universal Health Coverage.

The private hospital sector has been expanding to meet market demands. The health system environment in Asia is challenging, particularly in countries with mixed health systems where the private and public sectors effectively function as separate health systems. In these systems, coordination, referrals and access are problematic. Enabling private hospitals and the private sector to function as part of an integrated health system which contributes to the overall national goals for public health requires appropriate policies and strategies. Governments are recognizing that the private sector provides key resources that can and should play a pivotal role in contributing to the goal of universal health coverage.

THE KNOWLEDGE EVENT

This event will bring together experience and analysis from Asia and the world to guide those involved in policy setting and implementation in the changing health care markets of Asia. This 2-day policy seminar will provide an analysis of regional trends in the role and growth of private hospitals and the current global knowledge regarding challenges encountered by both governments and private hospitals and the private sector as they engage to further health systems goal and universal health coverage. The seminar will include an examination of the strategies, policies and tools used to address these issues.

Participants will be able to take part in discussions of in-depth presentations in three intertwined session blocks, Quality, Finance and Cost, and Systems. The presentations will be designed as a series of structured review analyses and include the key issues and the experiences in addressing each specific topic's challenges. The session block on quality will cover the range of issues surrounding internal and external healthcare quality mechanisms and the interaction between them, while the session block on finance and cost will focus on hospital public

private partnerships, cost containment measures and financial sustainability, particularly in the context of regional challenges such as the demographic transition many Asian countries are experiencing. The session block on Systems will cover patient, health professional and information flows and the stewardship role of governments.

FACULTIES AND RESOURCE PERSONS

- World Bank Institute, Washington DC, USA
April HARDING, Dominic MONTAGU, Xiaohui HOU
- Asian Institute of Management, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines
Maria Elena B. HERRERA and Francisco ROMAN
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HKSAR, People's Republic of China
Sian GRIFFITHS, Hong FUNG, William HO, EK YEOH
- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
Siripen SUPAKANKUNTI, Jiruth SRIRATANABAN, Chantal HERBERHOLZ
- Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
TBC
- Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
TBC
- Other resource persons from ANHSS



COSTS OF TRAINING

2-day Knowledge Event

- Early bird (registered before 22 February 2013): USD200
- Regular (registered between 23 February and 29 April 2013): USD250

For country teams of 4 persons or more, a discount of USD50/person on all fee levels will be offered – unless participants register individually in which case the standard tuition fee applies.

These fees include event materials, coffee breaks and lunches during the days of the event. Participants (or their funding agency) will be responsible for covering the cost of travels, health and accident insurance, accommodation, and other expenses while in Hong Kong.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

To secure a place for the event, applicants should complete and return the application form no later than 29 April 2013. The application form can be downloaded at <http://www.anhss.org/knowledge-events/events/2013/agenda.html>

VISA

Applicants are responsible for obtaining a visa prior to their departure to Hong Kong. Formal invitation letters from The Chinese University of Hong Kong may be needed and will be provided upon request. Early application is advised since the process may take some time. Please visit this web site of the HKSAR Government at http://www.immd.gov.hk/ehtml/hkvisas_4.htm for information regarding VISA application.



VENUE

The JC School of Public Health and Primary Care, the Prince of Wales Hospital, 30-32 Ngan Shing Street, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong

ACCOMMODATION

Special rates are valid for reservation made on or before 31 March 2013 and subject to room availability at the Royal Park Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel. Please download the reservation form at <http://www.anhss.org/knowledge-events/events/2013/agenda.html> and return it to the hotel.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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