

LEADING CHINESE HEALTH SCHOLAR'S VISIT TO THAILAND

IHPP and AAAH organ-

ized the study visit for seven Chinese Health Academic Scholars who came to exchange experiences and study international and Thai lessons on academic capacity strengthening to advance the Chinese Government policies of ensuring more equitable access to primary health care services in the country. During the 28 - 31 January 2008, the 7 delegates visit the Ministry of Public Health to meet the senior advisor in the MOPH for an overview of Thai system, the solving maldistribution of doctor and capacity building for health policy systems research and advocacy in Thailand. After that the director of Collaborative Project to In-



crease Production of doctors for rural areas (CPIRD) gave a presentation of the CPIRD. The Chinese delegates were interested in Thai health systems and the CPIRD program as China faces the shortage problem. During the stayed in MOPH, the 7 delegates had an opportunity to meet the minister of Public Health of Thailand. On the field, the delegates experienced to several production sectors; the first is medical school at Siriraj hos-

pital in Bangkok, the second is provincial medical education center at Saraburi. The Chinese delegates had discussed with the director of the medical education center and had a chance to talk with the medical student. Not only the provincial hospital, all delegates visited Sanghai district hospital and Wangnoi district hospital on the last day.

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AAAH is developing a weblog for each member country and we are now in the trial period of launching the Thailand's blog while China's blog is being developed. Other countries' blog will be developed by in the near future. Each blog has its own operating system; Administrator of each blog can edit their own templates by using a provided default. In addition, the administrator in each country can add author(s) in the country's blog. When the system reaches the full version, AAAH will send username and password for editing, administering and managing the blog to administrator of each country.

The AAAH has designed an easy format to assist those who are not familiar with the blogging system (to write and manage the blog). The AAAH has set the default for adding articles, the country administrator can just simply post their article in the program. The user guide for the blog admin will also be developed and distribute.

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