

Highlights from the 3rd AAAH Conference October 2008, Sri Lanka



Globalisation and its implications on healthcare and HRH



The Third Conference of Asia-Pacific Action Alliance on Human Resources for Health (AAAH) was held in Sri Lanka.

The inauguration was held in Ceylon Continental Hotel in Colombo on Sunday, 12th October 2008, and the conference session was held in Earl's Regency Hotel, Kundasale, Kandy, Sri Lanka on 13-15 October 2008. The conference was hosted by the Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition-Sri Lanka, with supports from the Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA), the World Health Organization and the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)



The conference theme "Globalisation and its implication on healthcare and human resources for health" captured experience from countries in the Asia Pacific Region as well as views and updates from the WHO Regional Offices for Southeast Asia and Western Pacific.

More than 70 delegates and resource persons shared their deliberations in the 3-day conference and agreed upon the recommendations for building up and strengthening capacities to generate knowledge and good understanding on the complex inter-connectivity between globalisation and health, in order to formulate appropriate public health, health systems and human resources for health policies and strategies to safeguard health of the population and to maximize opportunities furnished by globalization. (next page)



Besides, a side meeting between the representative from the GHWA and HRH crisis countries that are members of the AAAH was taken place. The countries shared their HRH situations and advised what actions the GHWA could take in order to improve the HRH development.



As part of the Annual Conference, on 13 October 2008 the participants had a privilege to visit the Temple of Tooth Relic, a sacred place for Buddhists around the world. In addition, on 15 October all participants had a chance to participate in a field visit to Peradeniya University Campus, Training of Primary Healthcare Workers and Primary Medical Care.- Kadugannawa and Primary Healthcare Services- Doluwa MOH area.



It was another successful conference which contributes to the HRH development in the Asia-Pacific Region. The next conference will be held in Vietnam.

Please visit <http://www.aaahrh.org/docs.php> for conference documents.

