Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC) 2018 Side Meeting, January 30, 2018
"How Can Health Data and Technological Innovations Contribute to the Next-Generation UHC to Ensure Global Human Security?"

Institute for Global Health Policy Research (iGHP), National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM), in conjunction with "The Partnership Project for Global Health and Universal Health Coverage (GLO+UHC)", is pleased to announce the upcoming PMAC 2018 side meeting, "How Can Health Data and Technological Innovations Contribute to the Next-Generation UHC to Ensure Global Human Security?", which is to be held on January 30, 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand.

1. Side Meeting Details

Time & Date	14:00-16:30 (time subject to change) on Tuesday, January 30, 2018
Venue	Convention Center, Centara Grand Hotel at Central World, Bangkok, Thailand (Room TBA)
Language	English only
Participation	Free of charge and open to all PMAC participants and general public. Advance registration is required.
Registration Deadline	January 14, 2018
Expected number of participants	80

2. Meeting Agenda (tentative)

14:00-14:07	Welcome Remarks (Eiji Hinoshita, Director-General, Bureau of International Health Cooperation, NCGM)
14:07-14:22	Opening Remarks & Presentation (Manabu Sumi, Director, Global Health Policy Division, International Cooperation Bureau, MOFA, Japan)
14:22-14:29	Introduction of Thailand-Japan collaboration project (Yohsuke Takasaki, Chief Advisor, GLO+UHC)

14:30-14:45	Keynote Address 1 (Virasakdi Chongsuvivatwong, Professor, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand)
14:45-15:00	Keynote Address 2 (Hiroaki Miyata, Director, Department of Global Health Systems and Innovation, iGHP, NCGM)
15:00-15:10	Q&A Session
15:10-15:20	Coffee Break
15:20-16:20	Panel Discussion followed by a Q&A session Panelists include health data and public health specialists from various international organizations, academic institutions, and representatives from some of the ASEAN countries
16:20-16:30	Closing Remarks (Senior Official of Thailand)

3. Backgrounds

When working towards effective and efficient Universal Health Coverage (UHC) implementation, the current trends surrounding health systems should be taken into consideration. These trends include human mobility at the global level, humanitarian crises, epidemiological and demographic transitions, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, and the ever-increasing needs for quality and equitable health-care services. Accordingly, health systems should be strengthened at multiple levels (community, national, regional and global), and person-centered quality health care needs to be delivered to everyone.

Novel approaches as well as mobilization of existing resources are necessary for planning effective and reliable health systems. Strategic utilization of health data and information and communication technology (ICT) is a significant measure in this era of sustainable development goals (SDGs). These technical innovations can potentially help design a next-generation UHC, to establish healthy and sustainable future societies. Stakeholders from different sectors should ideally be able to collaborate to deliver person-centered quality health care with effective use of health data. However, in reality, obstacles such as conflicts of interest among stakeholders need to be surmounted.

In this side meeting, speakers from diverse sectors will share their experiences and discuss new strategies to design health systems with effective use of health data that could ensure human security at individual levels irrespective of their locations; how to overcome challenges in collaborating with stakeholders; and global partnerships expected from the perspective of global human security.

4. Objectives

- To share knowledge of new approaches to making health systems person-centered, efficient, and sustainable with effective use of health data and ICT.

- To foster discussion among stakeholders from various sectors to promote partnerships at country and global levels.

5. Expected outcomes

- The role of health data in making health systems person-centered, efficient, and sustainable are understood by audiences.

- Stakeholders from various sectors would be able to identify the key factors in promoting partnerships at national and global levels.

This side meeting is co-organized by:

- Institute for Global Health Policy Research (iGHP), the Bureau of International Health Cooperation, National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM), Japan

- "The Partnership Project for Global Health and Universal Health Coverage (GLO+UHC)" [Thailand Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), National Health Security Office (NHSO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)]

Report on the PMAC 2018 Side Meeting "How Can Health Data and Technological Innovations Contribute to the Next-Generation UHC for Ensuring Global Human Security?" (January 30, 2018)

At the Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC) 2018, held in Bangkok from January 29 to February 3, 2018, Institute for Global Health Policy Research (iGHP) had an honor to host a side meeting, titled "How Can Health Data and Technological Innovations Contribute to the Next-Generation UHC for Ensuring Global Human Security?". The side meeting was co-hosted by iGHP and "The Partnership Project for Global Health and Universal Health Coverage (GLO+UHC)" (Thailand Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), National Health Security Office (NHSO) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA),) on January 30, 2018.

Following the welcome remarks by Dr. Eiji Hinoshita, Director-General, Bureau of International Health Cooperation, NCGM, Dr. Manabu Sumi, Director of Global Health Policy Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in Japan, gave a presentation on Japan's Global Health Policy. He introduced several political commitments made by Japan at major high-level meetings in recent years such as the G7 Ise-Shima summit in 2016 and the UHC Forum held in Tokyo in 2017. He also articulated on Japan's commitment towards upcoming meetings and continued intent to address global health agenda.

Dr. Yohsuke Takasaki, Chief Advisor of GLO+UHC, gave an overview of the GLO+UHC and elaborated upon the Thailand-Japan collaborative research in which iGHP is actively involved.

The first keynote presentation was delivered by Professor Virasakdi Chongsuvivatwong, Chair of International Programme for Graduate Study in Epidemiology at the Prince of Songkla University in Thailand. He presented on the types of information required for UHC planning and key sources including vital registration, hospital records, and health financial transaction. He also stressed the importance of data readiness and openness for analysis, as well as the capacity of human resources for quality data utilization.

Professor Hiroaki Miyata, Director of Department of Global Health Systems and Innovation at iGHP followed with the second keynote presentation of the day. He introduced a new approach to designing health systems that utilizes health data effectively. This approach includes an open database system called "Person-centered Open Platform for wellbeing (PeOPLe)" that could support each individual's health and wellbeing irrespective of their locations. He noted that health data innovation like PeOPLe would bring a paradigm shift to UHC, empowering each individual and society at large, as well as contributing to promotion of global alliance for health and wellbeing. He called this, "the next generation UHC".

The experts from diverse sectors such as government, academia and research institutes, private sector of four countries (Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan) and two developing partners contributed to the panel discussion. They shared their experiences and expertise including eHealth update in Vietnam, stakeholder analysis in promoting evidence-based approach to health planning in Indonesia, efforts to achieve a people-centered health information system in Thailand, and the role of development partners in strengthening health systems with use of health data in resource limited countries. These speakers discussed in depth on ways to overcome challenges in collaborating with stakeholders as well as the importance and expectations for global partnerships from the perspective of human security. This event was well-received by approximately one hundred participants from various countries.

Speakers:
Eiji Hinoshita, Director-General, Bureau of International Health Cooperation, NCGM, Japan
Manabu Sumi, Director, Global Health Policy Division, International Cooperation Bureau, MOFA, Japan
Yohsuke Takasaki, Chief Advisor, GLO+UHC
Supakit Sirilak, Chief of Inspector General, MOPH, Thailand

Panel Discussion

Moderator:
Suchanya Aungkulanon, Researcher, International Health Policy Program, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

Panelists:

Luong Chi Thanh, Deputy Director General, Electronic Health Administration, MOPH, Vietnam

Defriman Djafri, Dean, Faculty of Public Health, Andalas University, West Sumatra, Indonesia

Tsunenori Aoki, Senior Deputy Director, Human Development Department, JICA

Netnapis Suchonwanich, Former Deputy Secretary-General, NHSO, Thailand

Hiroaki Miyata, iGHP, NCGM, Japan

Kongkiat Kespechara, CEO, Group 3, Bangkok Hospital Pattaya, Thailand

Mukesh Chawla, Advisor to the Senior Director, the World Bank

iGHP's input to a side meeting organized by NHSO

iGHP also had an honor of taking part in a side meeting organized by NHSO and Heart to Heart Foundation, Thailand, titled "In Memory of Dr. Sanguan Nittayaramphong: Patient Empowerment & People Engagement for Sustainable UHC," on January 30 at the PMAC 2018. Ms. Sangnim Lee, research fellow at iGHP served as a panelist and gave a talk on how Thailand's Universal Coverage Scheme (UCS) has empowered people both within and outside of Thailand, how representatives of service users have been involved in improving health insurance system in Japan, and its comparison with that of Thailand. Mutual learning was promoted among panelists and participants from countries including Thailand, Japan and India on issues such as the kinds of benefits gained from people engagement in UHC implementation and ways forward.