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# The 8<sup>th</sup> AAAH Conference – Special Edition

## Opening for the Conference Registration

This year the 8<sup>th</sup> AAAH Conference will be convened in Weihai city, China, on 27-31 October 2014. Whereas the conference opens now for registration via the AAAH conference website at <http://aaahrh.org>. The conference will take place in the beautiful 5 star Weihai Haiyue Jianguo hotel. Learn more about this hotel and its facilities here: [www.haiyuehotel.com.cn/en/](http://www.haiyuehotel.com.cn/en/)



The theme and sub-themes for the conference are available on the website:  
[www.mbedcraft.com/aaah/](http://www.mbedcraft.com/aaah/)

## Registration for the 8<sup>th</sup> AAAH Conference

Anyone wishing to attend the conference is welcome to register via the AAAH conference website here: [www.mbedcraft.com/aaah/?q=content/registration](http://www.mbedcraft.com/aaah/?q=content/registration)

- ❖ There is a discount for early registration: **early bird registration** costs \$ **250 USD** and is available until the 31st of July 2014.
- ❖ **Standard Registration** will be available from the 1st until 31st of August 2014 and will cost \$ **350 USD**



### Registration for the conference includes the following:

- Access to one day side meeting
- Access to all plenary and parallel sessions throughout the three days main conference
- Welcome dinner in China from local host
- Lunch on all four days
- Morning and afternoon snacks for all four days
- Conference book
- Souvenir package (if)



## Abstract Selection Process

This year the AAAH Conference received almost 40 abstracts. These came from 10 different countries including AAAH member countries and non-AAAH member countries for example Japan, Pakistan.

The 9 external reviewers worked hard to select the best abstracts for oral and poster presentation at this year's conference. We are very grateful to our reviewers from Lao PDR Training and Education Division, International HRH Affairs of Philippines, Universitas Gadjah Mada of Indonesia, National Institute of Health and Family Welfare of India, Health Strategy and Policy Institute of Vietnam, Public Health Specialist- Consultant Community Physician at Ministry of Health of Sri Lanka, Siam University Thailand, Naresuan University Thailand, and Inter National Health Policy Program Thailand.

The abstract was read and assessed by 3 reviewers and judged a final decision by the majority of reviewers' assessment.

The abstracts were assessed on four key criteria.

- Relevancy - Does the paper seem relevant for the conference?
- Originality - Are the ideas in the paper new?
- Clarity - Are the ideas organized and presented in a clear and logical way?
- Scientific Quality - Are the scientific approach and applied methods valid and clearly outlined?

The standard of the abstracts was very high and a number of abstracts have been selected for oral and poster presentation. The chosen abstracts represent a wide range of different experience and knowledge from a number of countries within and outside the AAAH network.

The Secretariat is looking forward to welcoming between 200 and 250 participant to this year's conference and we hope to see you there.

Download the conference programme from the AAAH Conference website here:

<http://www.mbedcraft.com/aaah/?q=content/conference-programme>







## The Expert Group Meeting to Review the Draft Regional Strategy on Strengthening Health Workforce Education and Training in South-East Asia Region

On the 29th and the 30th of May 2014, Bangkok, expert group from Southeast Asia region met to draft the regional strategy for strengthening health workforce education and training. , hosted by World Health Organization, Regional office for South-East Asia.

On the first day, there was delivered the welcome remarks and indicated background and objectives by Dr Tong Chol Pak , followed by all participants introduced themselves to group meeting which was a chance to know each other and also shared the valuable experiences in comprehensive assessment of Health Workforce education and training. Afternoon session and all participants discussed and commented on issue of introduction, WHO normative contributions, health workforce evidence, including vision, mission, goals and activities. The meeting agreed with the revised version on the second day meeting. The vision of strategy is 'Health workforce contributes to the functioning of health systems which enables equitable access to health care and good health outcomes'.

There are three main strategies proposed which are, increase capacity of quality training for adequate number of relevant health workforce through institutional and instructional reforms,





ensure education strategies enable health workforce serve and sustain their contributions in rural communities or places where they are most needed, strengthen the synergies between health workforce education systems and health care systems. This agreed version will be submitted to WHO/SEARO before regional meeting. This revised draft will be discussed at the High Level Prep Meeting for RC on 7-8 July, including drafting some resolution.

Dr. Viroj Tangcharoensathien, Secretary General of IHPP Foundation, led for evidence synthesis and first draft. Dr. Weerasak Putthasri, IHPP researcher, was appointed to serve as meeting rapporteur. Additionally, Dr. Wanicha Chuenkongkaeo from Mahidol University and Dr. Krisada Sawangdee from Ministry of Public Health were also invited to participate in the meeting. Four more IHPP staff also observed and were rapporteur team of the meeting.



## RESEARCH

- **Nurse awareness of clinical research: a survey in a Japanese University Hospital**  
Hiroaki Yanagawa, Shigemi Takai, Michiko Yoshimaru, Toshiko Miyamoto, Rumi Katashima.

Read more: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2288/14/85/abstract>

- **Factors affecting motivation and retention of primary health care workers in three disparate regions in Kenya**

David Ojaka, Susan Olango and Jordan Jarvis

Read more: <http://www.human-resources-health.com/content/12/1/33/abstract>

- **Aging village doctors in five counties in rural China: situation and implications**  
Huiwen Xu, Weijun Zhang, Linni Gu, Zhiyong Qu, Zhihong Sa, Xiulan Zhang and Donghua Tian

Read more: <http://www.human-resources-health.com/content/12/1/36/abstract>

- **Sickness absence patterns and trends in the health care sector: 5-year monitoring of female municipal employees in the health and care sectors in Norway and Denmark**

Line Krane, Roar Johnsen, Nils Fleten, Claus Vinther Nielsen, Christina M Stapelfeldt

Read more: <http://www.human-resources-health.com/content/12/1/37/abstract>

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adequate, equitable, efficient and  
effective HRH and health  
systems for health equity and  
quality improvement  
in the Asia-Pacific region**



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