

## Development of Thailand's Global Health Strategies

The 7<sup>th</sup> National Health Assembly,  
Having considered the report on development of Thailand's Global Health Strategies,<sup>1</sup>

*Concerned* about rapid widespread of cross-border communicable diseases and emerging diseases, as well as cross-border health products and technologies and various changes resulted from natural disasters or man-made activities, especially technological and communication advances which will have impacts on health security and wellbeing of Thai people and the global population in every geographic region,

*Realizing* that a greater connectivity between countries, especially in the ASEAN Community, will lead to rapid widespread of communicable diseases if left without suitable measures in place,

*Aware* that preventing, controlling and tackling health threats from communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, behavior-related diseases, e.g. consumption of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, natural disasters, and technological threats cannot be undertaken by any one country alone but require cooperation from every country,

*Aware* that there are still health problems concerning foreign workers, migrants, refugees/displaced persons, Stateless persons, detainees, and people illegally entering Thailand and Thai workers abroad, whether legal or illegal, and to tackle these problems require cooperation from various sectors, both national and international,

*Realizing* that those responsible for setting effective health guidelines and implementation are not only the State or government sector but also those from many other sectors, including governmental health and non-health sectors, the private sector, and civil societies, as well as local, national, regional, and global health mechanisms, many of which are associated with international organizations,

*Noting* that Thailand has developed a system to better manage internal and international cooperation in the attempt to eradicate health threats such cases as the control of SARS epidemics, monitoring of and preparations for the spread of Ebola virus, cleaning of oil spills in the sea, and with better understanding, preparations and more cooperation from all sectors and from global health society, the implementation will be smooth and less problematic,

*Noting* that Thailand has played an important role in the global health forum (at the bilateral, sub-regional, regional and global levels) especially in the setting and advocating important health issues, presenting its stance in protecting the interests and solving health issues of developing countries through several measures such as advocating the law on tobacco consumption control, universal health coverage, sharing of benefits from influenza virus as a basis for vaccine development, exchange of knowledge and international experience for health security systems and public health development, provision of assistance in the event of natural disasters and emergency, such as typhoons in Myanmar and Haiti and in the case of Ebola virus in West Africa,

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*Noting* that Thailand has provided collaboration in improving public health in neighboring countries, ASEAN member countries, and countries in other regions, e.g. in Africa and Pacific islands, in the design of universal health coverage, epidemiology, and prevention of communicable diseases, as well as in providing health care services to people from neighboring countries in the border areas,

*Aware* that some health-related works have impacts on the Thai economy and population, for instance in the case of introducing Thai traditional healthcare system to the global health forum it is crucial that its intellectual right is protected, while the implementation of any policy on international trade and negotiation of free trade agreements and other international agreements may have adverse impacts on the health of the Thai people, especially unsafe goods detrimental to health and the environment and the protection of intellectual property that has an impact on the access to medicine and that it is necessary to have an effective coordination system between agencies concerned from the public, private and civil society sectors to ensure that the implementation of various policies is in the same direction and protects the interests of the nation and the Thai public as a whole,

*Appreciating* the importance of the setting of global health strategies and policy, personnel development, and coordination mechanisms that enable Thailand to protect the health security and wellbeing of the Thai people and to play a significant role in global health forums including trade negotiation that may have impacts on health,

*Appreciating* that Thailand's global health strategies serve as a framework for various sectors including public, private and civil society, to work together in a systematic manner to creating health security of the Thai people, promoting a good image of Thailand, making contributions to the global society, responding to the national development strategies, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals, and to all the efforts beneficial to the Thai public and other global citizens,

therefore:

1. Adopts Thailand's Global Health Strategies 2015 – 2020 as attached in the annex<sup>2</sup> and fully participate in implementation of the strategies,

2. Requests the Ministry of Public Health and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with the National Health Commission Office, to submit Thailand's Global Health Strategies 2015 – 2020 to the Cabinet for consideration and approval as the framework for the country's implementation;

3. Requests the National Health Commission to support the establishment of the Global Health Committee consisting members from the Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other responsible ministries, and all sectors concerned including public, private and civil society within six months; and the Committee is to work in a concrete manner to develop action plan and implementation mechanisms, to support, follow up and evaluate the implementation of the strategies, and to communicate and disseminate details of strategy implementation to the public within one year starting from the date of the establishment of the committee;

4. Requests the Secretary-General of the National Health Commission to make a progress report to the 9<sup>th</sup> National Health Assembly.

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<sup>2</sup> Health Assembly 7/Resolution 5/Annex 1