

**Multi-sectoral Collaboration for “One Health”  
of Humans, Animals and Environment**

The Sixth National Health Assembly,  
Having considered the report on Multi-sectoral Collaboration for “One Health” of Humans, Animals and Environment,<sup>1</sup>

Acknowledging the linkage between health of humans, animals and environment;

Realizing that “One health”, as an internationally recognized concept should be publicly disseminated. It needs collaborations between multiple disciplines, multiple sectors at all levels; locally, nationally, and globally in order to achieve good health for humans, animals and environment by holistic integration of prevention and control of diseases and health hazards, and health promotion;

Appreciating the existences of “Thai One Health Network”, the “Thai Coordinating Unit for One Health” located at the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, “Thailand One Health University Network” and the “Surveillance Rapid Response Team: SRRT” in Thailand that are working collaboratively to implement the National Strategic Plan for Emerging Infectious Diseases (B.E. 2013-2016);

Having concerned that the “One Health” collaboration must arrive from commitment of all partner organizations and networks including governmental and nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions, civil society, to collaborate both horizontally and vertically in order to jointly develop a useful implementation plan and field activities, and to move from academic setting to actual operations,

Here, therefore, the following resolutions have been adopted:

1. Urges Members of the National Health Assembly to support the concept and principle of “One Health”, and use it to guide operations together with set up a mechanism for transferring knowledge and understanding of “One Health” at all levels including local communities, provinces domestic and international.

2. Requests local administration to serve as a leading agency and collaborate with relevant partners at all levels, e.g., Surveillance and Rapid Response Team, Provincial Health Offices, Provincial Livestock Offices, Provincial Office for Local Administration, Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office, Council of Community and Sub-district Organization, Village Committee and civil society in order to develop a local mechanism that aims to raise understanding and

cooperation in holistically solving health problems in humans, animals and environmental, as well as strengthen law enforcement to enhance effectiveness of integrated prevention and control of diseases and health hazards, and health promotion under “One Health” concept.

3. Requests “Thai Coordinating Unit for One Health” to serve as a principal agency in coordinating with public sector and governmental organizations of the following ministries: Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Health Security Office, Thai Health Promotion Foundation and other partner organizations and networks:

3.1 to create understanding among various agencies including intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions, civil society and general public about “One Health” concept, principle and practice in order to guide a unified and holistic approach for prevention and control of diseases and health hazards, and health promotion.

3.2 to adopt “One Health” concept, principle and practice for implementing the involved components, especially in supporting the implementation of the National Strategic Plan for Emerging Infectious Disease (B.E. 2013-2016) as another mechanism in moving “One Health” concept to a tangible outcome.

3.3 to support the “One Health” implementation at all levels in coordinating and supporting active participation among different partners and strengthen the effective prevention and control of diseases and health hazards that related to humans-animals-environment, including endemic and emerging infectious diseases, as well as the diseases that occur as a result of the imbalanced environment and toxic substances.

3.4 to support the involved agencies to verify, monitor and evaluate implementations of “One Health” concept, principle and practice at all levels;

3.5 to support the National Science and Technology Development Agency, National Research Council of Thailand, Thailand Research Fund, Health Systems Research Institute and related agencies at all levels to facilitate knowledge generation and management and to strengthen capacity of research system, and monitoring and evaluation system at all levels;

4. Requests the Ministry of Education to serve as a principal agency and together with relevant agencies, i.e., Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment to promote “One Health” concept by adding it in education curricula at all levels;

5. Requests public and private universities in Thailand to collaborate with the “Thailand One Health University Network” in producing a new generation of graduates with spirit to work under “One Health” concept;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the National Health Commission to report to the 8<sup>th</sup> National Health Assembly on progress towards the Multi-sectoral Collaboration for “One Health”.