



National Health  
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# At-the-Spot

The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Health Assembly 2010

“Collective Action to Overcome Inequity for Better Society”

December 15-17, 2010, United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) Bangkok

## Provisional Agenda

**Wednesday, December 15, 2010**

Time	ESCAP Hall	Conference Room 1 (CR 1)	Conference Room 2 (CR 2)
9.00 - 10.00	Opening Ceremony		
10.00 - 10.30	Adaption of the Agenda		
11.00 - 12.00		Agenda 2.9 Progress Report on the implementation of previous NHA's resolutions	Agenda 2.1 Overcoming In equity
14.15 - 17.00	Speeches from NHA constituencies on “Collective Action to Overcome Inequity for Better Society”	Follow through the agendas	Follow through the agendas

# Welcome

Health Assembly Plaza (Larn Samatcha) First Floor: a venue for an exchange of knowledge, with art and cultural activities such as Saori Cloth Weaving Demonstration, Paper Cutting as Message of Happiness by the Disabled Group of Independent Professionals and clay modeling by a young boy who fell in love with the craft when he was 3 years old. Also on displays are case studies of implementation of healthy public policy procedures as well as a photo exhibition entitled "Inequality in Thai Society: Why is the "Thailand Reform"

Volunteer interpreters and further information can be requested at the One Stop Service Counter, 2nd Floor, in front of Conference Room 1 ■

# Countdown to the Third National Health Assembly

A process to formulate a draft the agenda for the Third National Health Assembly in 2010 and the recommendations and resolutions are as follows

February 1- May 30, 2010 Call for a submission of proposals and a selection of public policy issues

This year, there were 52 issues proposed by the 36 organizations and networks. The National Health Assembly Organizing Committee finally chose 9 agendas out of the total, basing its consideration on the importance, the critical nature of implications, the public interest and the practicality in the implementation of those recommended agendas.

The organizing committee called for a meeting of the organisations concerned to formulate the first draft recommendations/resolutions and send them for review by the networks representing constituencies nationwide between September 1 and October 15. The networks were asked to nominate their representatives to attend the Third National Health Assembly.

The organizing committee organizing a workshop



*Health Assembly Focus Group Workshop on "Teenage Pregnancy" at Sa Kaew Province*

to assess the feedbacks and put together the second draft recommendations/resolutions. The draft was sent to the networks for consideration between October 16 and November 30.

The networks in all constituencies organized their own meetings to consider the second draft and prepare to attend the Assembly between December 1 and 14.

The Third National Health Assembly is scheduled between December 15 and 17, 2010 at the UN Conference Centre on Rachadamnoen Ave, Bangkok

## What's up Today?

Health Assembly Plaza on the First Floor		Academic Workshops
10.30 - 11.00	Demonstration of Saori Fabric Weaving Technique	12.30 - 14.00
11.00 - 12.00	A Discussion on Case Study of Sung Men District on "Health Charter: A Key to unite Strength for Happiness"	Injustice, Who Does It?, ESCAP Hall Urban Health : Challenge and Management, Conference Room 1
11.00 - 13.00	Music, Lyrics and Art by Naowarat Pongpaiboon and his company	Social Activity : A (not) Secret to Become a Good and Rich Man, Conference Room 2
13.00 - 13.30	Book Launching: Pay Respect to Lord Bodisat in Taiwan by Dr.Vichai Chokeviwat	Citizen Dialogue: A new Tool of Thai Society. Conference Room 4
13.30 - 15.00	The Art of Paper Cut....Sending Happiness	Activities to Build Capacity of the Networks
15.00 - 17.00	A Seminar on Crossing the Gap of Thai Society towards a Happy Society	17.30-19.00 Time Management, Conference Room 4 ORID Method for KM, Meeting Room C Lesson Learning from People Research Meeting Room E

# Sema thai Marionette in Opening Ceremony



The Third National Health Assembly participants will be welcomed by “String”, Sema Thai Puppet Troupe’s performance which won The Best Traditional Original Performance Award at the World Puppet Festival in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Directed by Nimit Pipitkul, Silapatom Artist for Performing Arts, the show was inspired by the writing of Dr.Puey Ungpakorn entitled “A Chronicle of Hope from Womb to Tomb” which focuses on rights and justice which all humans deserve from birth to death. The puppets’ movements reflect today’s society in which all humans are free but have created obligations for themselves. The puppeteers urge the puppets to protect their bodies and their legitimate rights to make choices for themselves, their political space and their communities. Rights can be used to determine their lives and to fight injustice, in order to create a healthy society. The show is accompanied by spectacular multimedia presentation as well as Harmony String, a newly composed song combining Thai and Western string instruments by Chaipak Patarajinda who composed music for the movie “Overture” (Hoam Roang).

*The above description cannot do justice to such a powerful performance by talented Thai artists. You simply have to see it for yourself at today's opening ceremony of the Third National Health Assembly.*



Following the ceremony is a rich array of special talks by speakers from all walks of life but with one common goal: a healthy society.

A unique speaker with a heroic story to tell is **Kam Nainual**, a Dara-Ung native born in Norlae Village, Amphur Fang. In 2000, she moved to Amphur Chiangdao in Chiangmai but was erroneously accused of trespassing Chiangdao National Park. She became a community leader in the fight to prove the villagers' innocence and the injustice they had suffered by having been arrested three times without warrants. Her leadership has won her the Citizen Hero Award of Thammasat University in 2009.



A representative of the so-called "minorities" in terms of residence, access to state assistance, and social injustice, Kam will speak on the topic "**Collective Action to Overcome Inequity for Better Society**", a message she would like to send to her people and other tribes who await the social justice that other Thais are able to enjoy. ■

## Amartya Sen

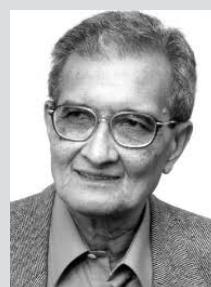
Professor Amartya Sen is Thomas W. Lamont University Professor, and Professor of Economics and Philosophy, at Harvard University and was recently the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1998, Sen won the Nobel Prize in Economics for his contributions to work on welfare economics. In the year 2006, Time magazine listed him under "60 years of Asian Heroes" and now in 2010 as

Apart from Kam Nainuan, other outstanding speakers include **Arunchat Kuruvanich**, a university student who goes by the motto "Debate with reason, fight with wisdom". Beyond his studies, Arunchat devotes his time to children and youth development and has won His Majesty the King's University Student Award 2006. He is now president of the Youth Council, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration.

In addition, participants will listen to a speech by **Chonlanan Srikaew**, a MP from Nan Province who served as secretary to the Health Minister in 2005 and a member of the House of Representatives Affairs Committee. In the area of public health reform, he is one of the politicians who played a significant role in passing into law the National Health Act 2007 and is very knowledgeable of the National Health Assembly.

Another speaker is **Pansiri Kulanartsiri**, an education expert with a far-reaching vision. Her goal is to promote well-being for people in Thai society. During 2007-2009, she was appointed Deputy Health Minister and was instrumental in the establishment of the National Health Assembly, particularly in the policy to promote Thai Traditional Medicine according to the resolutions of the 2009 National Health Assembly.

*Don't miss the special talks by these unique individuals who will relate their personal real-life experience in fighting social injustice. ■*



among the 100 most influential persons in the world, among whom are Karl Max and Adam Smith.

Professor Sen will give a special lecture at the closing ceremony of the Third National Health Assembly on the topic "Building Social Justice to Close the Social Gap" on December 17, at 15.15, ESCAP Hall. ■

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