

Dear Conference Participants,

Welcome to Thailand and the 1st International Conference on Health Services Delivery Management. It is my pleasure to be a member of the conference committee. Thailand is honored to host this important international forum where public health practitioners, policy makers, academics and students can meet and present their perspectives on current and future issues and opportunities.

As you can see from the list of keynote and guest speakers an outstanding array of public health experts have agreed to share their views and experiences with you relating to the improvement of Health Services Delivery Management. Their presentations will cover the most up to date thinking on the topic and provide you with fresh ideas and inspiration to take home and apply in your work.

We strongly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities provided by this forum to create new pathways to further develop your organizations' capacity. Through sharing our experiences and being open to new ideas we may discover ways to elevate the condition of public health not only in our own back yards but around the world. Collaborative efforts in research and development will contribute to capacity building and strengthening of public health in the international community.

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Thank you all for participating in this conference. In addition to the opportunities presented by the conference's working sessions I hope you enjoy your experience of Thai culture and hospitality.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phitaya CH, M.D.".

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