

Dear Delegates,

It is my great honor to welcome you to the 1st International Conference on Health Services Delivery Management. Naresuan University is proud to host this important event. Our location in Phitsanulok, a regional hub for the Lower North of Thailand, has been vital to the development of our mandate to support and represent local communities' efforts to improve their quality of life through education and health promotion. We have made ourselves accountable to local communities to support local education initiatives and promote primary health care projects. We also strive to identify and engage collaborators to assist with the development and implementation of these projects.

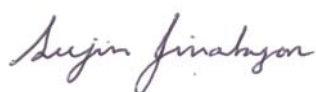
We have been fortunate to establish a very effective working relationship with the University of New England, New South Wales, Australia. This conference marks five years of collaboration between our institutions in teaching, education, and research. We hope to continue this fruitful relationship and expand our collaborative efforts to include other partners in order to strengthen the breadth and depth of our Thai Australian Health Alliance. Over the course of this conference we invite you to share your knowledge and establish connections that can lead to collaborations which are vital to successfully addressing the public health issues that affect us all in our rapidly-changing world.

Grateful thanks are due to those on the organizing committee for their time and effort, particularly the faculty and staff of Naresuan University and University of New England who have worked tirelessly to organize this innovative international conference. I would like to pay special thanks to Dr. Prawit Taytiwat and his team, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jarupa Viyoch, Dr. Prutthinan Surit, and Mrs. Chanitthanan Yuwannasiri for their hard work in bringing us all together.

In addition, we are deeply grateful to our sponsors and partners WHO SEARO; WHO Thailand; the National Health Security Office Thailand; the Cardiac Children Foundation of Thailand; the Network of WHO Collaborating Centres and Centres of Expertise Thailand; the Australian College of Health Service Executives; the Society of Health Administration Programs in Education; Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University; the Department of Health Service Support, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand; the Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau; AusAID and Australian Education International; without your support this conference would not have been possible. Thank you all for your contributions.

I look forward to a productive conference and hope that you are able to relax and enjoy Thai hospitality while you participate in this important forum on health services delivery management.

Sincerely yours,



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Naresuan University