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As Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England (UNE) in Armidale, Australia, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 1st Health Services Delivery Management Conference at Naresuan University in Thailand.

The Conference will provide you with an international perspective on the issues and concerns facing many communities in the delivery of quality health services.

UNE is proud of its association with the Conference and to be working closely with the Faculty of Public Health, Naresuan University (NU) to strengthen the management of primary health care and district health services on an international scale.

UNE and NU have a strong history of collaboration. Our mutual aim is to train and then retain health professionals in rural and regional areas and to strengthen health system capacity in the important areas of maternal and child health. Our joint mission is reflected in the programming of the Conference.

Our sponsors - The Cardiac Children Foundation of Thailand; National Health Security Office; The Society for Health Administration Programs in Education Australia; the World Health Organization - Regional Office for South East Asia; the World Health Organization - Country Office for Thailand; the Network for WHO Collaborating Centres and Centres Expertise in Thailand; and Australian College of Health Service Executives - also bring their own perspective, practical expertise, and focus on these issues to the Conference.

It is a remarkable opportunity for knowledge sharing which will be of benefit to you in your professional development, organizations, and wider communities.

I look forward to meeting you over the next three days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Pettigrew', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Professor Alan Pettigrew
Vice-Chancellor & CEO