

Welcome Message from the Chair of the 1st International Conference on Health Services Delivery Management

On behalf of the organizing committee, I am extremely pleased to welcome you all to the 1st International Conference on “Health Services Delivery Management” (1st CHSDM). I am very proud that the Faculty of Public Health, Naresuan University (FPHNU), Phitsanulok, Thailand was chosen to host this important event. This conference is an initiative of the Thai-Australian Health Alliance and the collaboration between Naresuan University (NU), Thailand and University of New England (UNE), Australia.

The principles of “Health Services Management” are not well-known in many countries throughout South East Asia, including Thailand. If we hope to make health care universally accessible and minimize inequities in distribution of health services then it is imperative that health managers gain a better understanding of the concept of health services management. This conference aims to provide you a forum for discussing research and issues relevant to improving community health and reducing health inequity in order to strengthen health systems to better serve their populations and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

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I look forward to welcoming you all to this memorable conference and hope that you have the opportunity to explore the unique culture of this region and enjoy our unforgettable environment.

Sincerely yours,



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