

FORUM PROGRAMME

COMBATING CHRONIC DISEASE IN ASIA - GAPS AND INNOVATIONS

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NUS INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE HEALTH IN ASIA

Better healthcare in Asia through improved
research, governance and sustainable financing

ABOUT NUS GLOBAL ASIA INSTITUTE (NUS-GAI)

The NUS Global Asia Institute (NUS-GAI) takes the lead in research and scholarship directed at topics pivotal to Asia's future. Driven by the mission to provide in-depth insights to shape the nature of 21st Century Asia, the NUS Global Asia Institute takes a holistic approach to the fundamental issues confronting Asia and the world. By focusing on integrative studies, the work of the Institute goes beyond public policies and also deal with matters of technological importance. The Institute complements existing NUS programmes with a significant Asian component.

The NUS Global Asia Institute is an initiative of NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan. It brings existing expertise from NUS and other universities together, particularly those in India and China, in its quest to solve critical issues within Asia.

Through NUS-GAI's work, NUS is one of the centres in Asia for thought-leadership, research and education on critical issues, distinguishing it as a leading global university centered in Asia.

ABOUT NUS INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE HEALTH IN ASIA (NIHA)

NIHA, an integrative initiative set up in 2010 to improve public health and healthcare delivery in Asia, was made possible with a funding of S\$17 million over 10 years from the GSK-EDB Trust Fund, which was established as part of the GSK-Singapore 10-year Strategic Roadmap. NIHA focuses on three key areas – research, high-level policy forums and leadership programmes. NIHA is coordinated by the NUS-GAI, in collaboration with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, and the NUS Business School.

NIHA has two key objectives :

- make a contribution to thinking and policy-formulation in public health and health systems development in Asia
- elevate Singapore to a leading position in healthcare policy and related research.

The cutting-edge Research and Forums in health policy will provide greater insights that have been used to develop the Leadership Programme. The Leadership Programme has trained a talented pool of professionals in the field and enhanced the capabilities and competencies of regulators and healthcare policymakers.



NIHA POLICY FORUM

NIHA organises annual high-level Forums on health policy. In November 2010, NIHA hosted the inaugural Forum which was attended by over 70 participants, including Director-Generals of health or their representatives from 10 Asian countries. At this Forum, the first 5-year Medium Term Research Agenda for NIHA was discussed and finalized by the International Advisory Board using participant inputs from the proceedings of the two days.

In 2011, the NIHA Forum will focus on “Combating Chronic Disease in Asia – Gaps and Innovations”. The Forum aims to:

- Identify most critical public health issues in Asia
- Share highly innovative approaches and solutions
- Define key gaps in research that would inform policy and action

The Forum will bring together Directors of Health in the region, Healthcare Policy Academics, NGO representatives, and Industry persons so as to foster partnerships among key policy makers in Asian governments.

NIHA RESEARCH GRANTS

NIHA aims to facilitate collaborative policy research by experts in the healthcare field. The programme will integrate and leverage on the full range of expertise within and outside NUS.

The first call for proposals was announced in January 2011 where a total of 61 proposals were received. The proposals represented 17 countries from around the world and covered 15 public health topics. Each proposal underwent a rigorous review process – first, by a panel of three esteemed NUS faculty, then by the NIHA International Advisory Board. After which, 19 proposals were shortlisted to be presented at a research workshop held on 21 – 22 June 2011 where they were evaluated by a panel of experts based on the following criteria:-

- multidisciplinary nature which addressed medical, economic, social, and ethical issues that influenced the way healthcare is organised, financed, managed, and delivered
- major health challenges relevant to Asia with regional orientation and application
- contribution towards policy formulation

Finally, a total of 11 research proposals were successfully awarded.

NIHA LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The NIHA Leadership Programme (LP) aims to enhance leadership acumen and decision making abilities amongst leaders in the health sector. Participants learn about health policy and program design, implementation and evaluation, and healthcare leadership and management. The LP is a first-of-its-kind, with Asia-centric case studies and faculty. A distinct and unique programme, it blends traditional teaching methods with case studies learning and site visits. All participants get a chance to work with a faculty mentor on a practical project. The LP targets emerging leaders from government, civil service, and civil society who contribute to health policy and health services delivery in Asia.

For the October 2011 batch, the composition of participants was about 50% senior policy makers and public healthcare leaders from 11 countries in Asia, 25% leaders from non-government organisations and 25% private sector leaders from pharmacy, health delivery systems and equipment from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, China,

Thailand, Hong Kong, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam, India, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Singapore. Besides various multidisciplinary faculty schools at NUS and the RAND Corporation, the faculty included David Heymann - Chairman of the Board of the UK Health Protection Agency (HPA), Patricia Moser of the Asian Development Bank, Professor Chia Kee Seng, Dean of the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health; Mr Loke Wai Chiong, Managing Director of Health at KPMG Services Pte Ltd, and Jack Sim, the founder of the World Toilet Organisation. The key themes addressed in the Leadership Program were: leadership and change, healthcare decision making, program and policy implementation and stakeholder management.

FORUM PROGRAMME

Day 1

Tuesday 1 November 2011

10:00 – 10:30 am	Tea Break and Registration	Loft, the Gallery, the Grand Hyatt
10:30 – 10:45 am	Welcome Remarks by Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, NUS President	Salon I & II, the Gallery
10:45 – 11:00 am	Opening Address by Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister of Health	
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Plenary Lecture: Prof Harvey V Fineberg, President, Institute of Medicine, USA <i>Chaired by Prof Seetharam Kallidaikurichi E, Director, Global Asia Institute, NUS</i> Topic: Turning the Tide of Chronic Disease in Asia: The Need for Innovative Solutions	
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch	Loft, the Gallery
1:30 - 3:00 pm	PLENARY SESSION: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES AND SOLUTIONS <i>Chaired by Prof Yeoh Khay Guan, Dean, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS</i> Prof Harvey V Fineberg, President, Institute of Medicine, USA Topic: Do I Look Fat? Should we Demonize the Determinants? Prof Walter C Willett, Chair, Department of Nutritional Epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health, USA Topic: Navigating Asia's Food Landscape	Salon I & II, the Gallery

	<p>Prof Paul Zimmet, Director Emeritus & Director International Research Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, Melbourne, Australia Topic: Tackling Diabetes</p>	
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Panel Discussion	Salon I & II, the Gallery
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Tea Break	Loft, the Gallery
3:45 – 5:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	Atelier I & II, Salon I & II, the Gallery
5:00 – 6:00 pm	<p>PLENARY SESSION: MODELING AND INNOVATION IN HEALTH SYSTEMS</p> <p><i>Chaired by Prof William R Schowalter, Senior Advisor, Office of the President, NUS</i></p> <p>Prof David B Matchar, Programme Director for Health Services & System Research, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Topic: Case Study: System Dynamics Modeling on Health System in Singapore</p> <p>Dr Jeremy FY Lim, Vice-President Fortis Healthcare Global Topic: Tangled Web of Health</p>	Salon I & II, the Gallery
7:00 pm	<p>NIHA Dinner Reception <i>Hosted by Mr Joseph P Mullinix Deputy President, Administration NUS</i></p>	Lobby, Level 1 Ballroom II, The Grand Hyatt

NIHA DINNER PROGRAMME
TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2011

7:00 pm	Registration and Cocktails	Lobby, Level 1 Ballroom, II The Grand Hyatt
7:30 pm	Performance by Harpist <i>NUS Centre for the Arts</i>	
7:45 pm	Welcome Remark by Mr Joseph P Mullinix <i>Deputy President, Administration</i> <i>NUS, Singapore</i>	
7:50 pm	Remarks by Ms Janice M Armstrong <i>Regional Director, Government and Public Affairs, Asia</i> <i>Pacific</i> <i>GlaxoSmithKline, Singapore</i>	
7:55 pm	Remarks by Mr Kevin Lai <i>Deputy Director, Biomedical Sciences</i> <i>Economic Development Board, Singapore</i>	
8:00 pm	Buffet Dinner Starts	
9:00 pm	Performance by Harpist <i>NUS Centre for the Arts</i>	
9:15 pm	Closing Remarks Prof Seetharam K E <i>Director, NUS Global Asia Institute</i>	



Day 2

Wednesday 2 November 2011

8:30 – 10:00 am	<p>PLENARY SESSION: INTEGRATING FOR EFFECTIVE PREVENTION</p> <p><i>Chaired by Prof Darryl Jarvis, Vice Dean (Academic Affairs), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS</i></p> <p>Dr Lee Chien Earn, Deputy Director of Medical Services, MOH Singapore Topic: Whole-of-Government Approach</p> <p>Prof Kenneth Hartigan-Go, Executive Director, Zuellig Center for Asian Business Transformation, AIM Center for Development Management, Philippines Topic: Whole-of-Community Approach</p> <p>Mr Ang Hak Seng, CEO, Health Promotion Board, Singapore Topic: Public – Private Partnership</p>	Salon I & II, the Gallery
10:00 - 10:30 am	Panel Discussion	Salon I & II, the Gallery
10:30 – 11:00 am	Tea Break	Loft, the Gallery
11:00 – 11:30 am	<p>Prof Eric Finkelstein, Deputy Director for Health Services & Systems Research, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Topic: Case Study – Economic Incentives for Lifestyle Modification</p>	Salon I & II, the Gallery
11:30 - 12:00 noon	<p>PLENARY CLOSING</p> <p><i>Prof Chia Kee Seng, Dean, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, NUS</i></p>	

End of Forum

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