

**Remarks**

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**Distinguished guests, Ladies and gentlemen,**

I would also extend my cordial welcome to all of you to the Capacity Building Workshop for Public Health Officers of Primary Care Units (PCUs) in Borderline between Thailand and ASEAN Countries on Health Surveillance of Occupational and Environmental Diseases and Hazards during 25<sup>th</sup> –27<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Richmond Stylish Convention Hotel, Nonthaburi, Thailand

According to the rapid growth of economics and enormous occupied workers in workplace in ASEAN, the prevention and control of occupational diseases are very important for all workers, especially in migrant workers. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity within 2030 including all workers.

Referring to the adoption of ASEAN Health Cluster 1, Priority 4: Promotion of Occupational Health, Department of Diseases Control has to lead the cooperation with networking in Thailand and ASEAN Member States to process the ASEAN guideline of health surveillance at work place for prevention and control of occupational diseases. Bureau of Occupational and Environmental Diseases is the focal point organization to process working by cooperation with networking. The important activity for guideline development is to train the pilot group of public health officials in Economic Zone of Thailand and 4 ASEAN counties nearby the borderline of Thailand (Myanmar, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Malaysia).

Therefore, Office of Diseases Prevention and Control 1, Chiangmai joints with Bureau of Occupational and Environmental Diseases (BOED) to conduct the two days of the workshop to contribute to sharing knowledge and experience among national stakeholders, international organizations and nominated delegates from neighbour countries closed to Special Economic Zone of Thailand. The particular objectives of the workshop are:

1. To exchange knowledge and experience of policy, area situation, and health risk assessment procedure.
2. to draft the training programme for capacity building the public health officers, especially for PCUs, to process ASEAN Occupational Health Surveillance Criteria at Work Places.

The three days workshop consists of keynote session, panel session, and sub – meeting group. The participants are executive officers, public health officers, the delegates from AEC countries closed to borderline of Thailand, relevant organizations, and experts, approximately 80 persons.

In this opportune moment, may I invite Dr.Kajohnsak Kaewjarus, Deputy Director - General of Department of Disease Control to deliver an opening address.

**Thank you very much.**