



***Celebration of the 50th Anniversary
of SEAMEO TROPMED Network***

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Amari Watergate Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

50th Anniversary Symposium

Welcome Remarks

by

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Your Excellency, Honorable, Dr. Paulyn Jean Rosell-Ubial, Secretary of Health,
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Your Excellency, Honorable, Mme. Yang Xiuping, Secretary General, ASEAN- China
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Distinguished Officials of the Ministries of Health and Education of Brunei, Cambodia, ,
Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and
Vietnam

Governing Board Members of SEAMEO TROPMED Network

Representatives of the Embassies of Australia, Germany,

Officials of UN Agencies and other Development Agencies

Past and Present Directors and officials of SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Centres

SEAMEO Centre Directors and staff

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning to everyone and Sawadee Krub

I am very much honoured and humbled to welcome all of you here today to celebrate the 50 years of SEAMEO TROPMED Network. It is indeed a significant milestone in the history of the Network. Today, together we celebrate, reflect on the past, and move forward to the next five decades of serving our people.

It is a celebration for the 50 years journey of the Network, for what the Network together with its partners have achieved.

It is also an opportune time to think back and give a tribute to our Founding Fathers and to the vision of the Network that they had conceived which is still very relevant today. Moreover, for their commitment and dedication which serve as an inspiration for the present day leadership and for the future.

And again, later today together we will chart our partnerships for the next 50 years to meet the challenges that lie ahead of us.

We are thankful for the presence and support of all of you here today. Some of you were part of our history, some of our present and others will be part of our future.

Where the Network is today would not be possible without your support and your trust to the Network.

I want to thank you for taking time out from your busy schedule and for some from your retired life to join us today in this auspicious occasion.

Again, Welcome to Bangkok the city where our journey started and welcome to our celebration.