

WELCOME REMARKS for Bi regional Forum on Health Care Organizations

(Domain 3) –Efficient and benevolent HCOs

In behalf of Prof. Dr. Pratap Singhasivanon, Secretary General of the Seameo-Tropmed Network, I would like to welcome you all to the Bioregional forum of health care organizations on the principles and domains of PCHC.

Seameo Tropmed Network's core mission on capacity development for quality health care delivery, is very much in keeping with the People-centered approach to health care. Seameo Tropmed network supports programs for health professionals in the health care organizations, for them to develop competencies in working with communities as partners in health, imbued with not only the technical skills in the medical and paramedical fields, but also the skills in areas of leadership, management and strategic thinking. These are all embodied in the framework around which PCHC revolves, especially relevant at the organizational or institutional level of interventions in medical and other health care facilities, and among consortia of hospital organizations and associations .

Seameo-Tropmed Philippines, which is under Seameo Tropmed network, has started discussions at the level of the various colleges of the University of the Philippines in Manila, aimed at incorporating the PCHC framework in the medical and paramedical curricula.

All of us who are as stakeholders involved in health education and training, as well as in health care service delivery could benefit a lot from understanding the relevance of the PCHC concept and apply it as we fulfill our mission and our mandates.

Having this in mind, let me again welcome you all to this forum, and wish everyone a most fruitful and productive interaction and discussion for oneness of head, heart, hands, and habits to be at the very core of our health professions.

Thank you and good morning!