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THAILAND PARTICIPATED IN THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AGENDA 2016, 12-14 OCTOBER 2016, ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

1. Dr. Sukhum Karnchanapimai, Director General of the Department of Medical Sciences, joined the Thai delegates in attendance of the **3rd Ministerial Conference for the Global Health Security Agenda “Practice to be ready”** hosted by Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, Netherland 12 - 14 October 2016 | World Trade Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

2. On behalf of Dr. Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn, Minister of Public Health, Thailand, the Thai delegation was represented by *representatives of Ministry of Public Health including:*

- 1) Dr. Sukhum Karnchanapimai, Director General of the Department of Medical Sciences
- 2) Dr. Jedsada Chokdamrongsuk, Director General of the Department of Disease Control
- 3) Dr. Tanarak Plipat, Director of Bureau of Epidemiology, Department of Disease Control
- 4) Mrs. Pilailuk Akkapaiboon Okada, Department of Medical Sciences

3. *Representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E Sasiwat Wongsinsawat, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva and his team were also in attendance.*

Among others, highlights are as follows;

4. All delegates expressed sincere appreciation for the leadership of Indonesia (Chair of steering committee) and continued efforts in promoting and ensuring the successful of the GHSA's eleven Action Packages. Thailand also underscored its commitments gear toward the successful of GHSA's implementation.

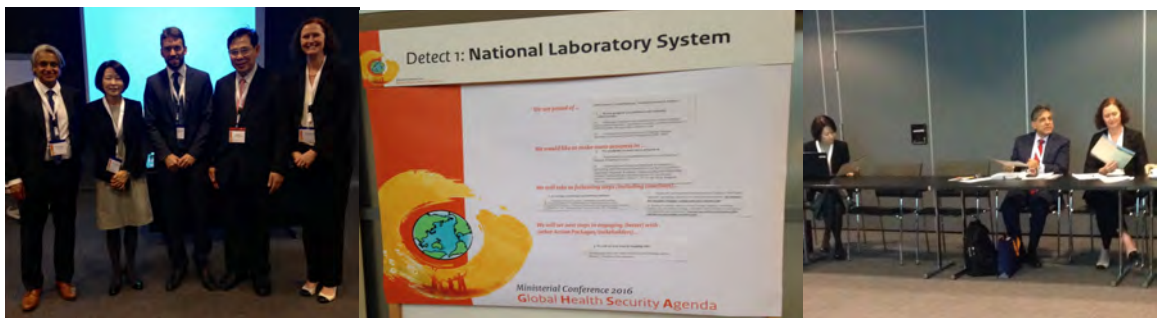
5. Updates of Action Packages led by Thailand including **Detect 1: National Laboratory System and Detect 5: Workforce Development** was presented by Dr. Sukhum Karnchanapimai and by Dr. Tanarak Plipat respectively.

6. Led by the Department of Medical Sciences, to name a few, key achievements of GHSA Detect 1 were highlighted in the conference including:

- a) Presenting of the Regional Strategic Roadmap on Laboratory System Strengthening 2016 -2020 as one of joint efforts of lead countries of Detect 1 [South Africa, USA, and Thailand];
- b) Demonstrating Thailand's leadership in hosting regular video conferences for enhancing cooperation and communication of lead countries, key development partners, contributing countries, and others interested GHSA Members;
- c) Announcing of the upcoming regional activities hosted by Thailand in early 2017 to accelerate an implementation of the said Regional Strategic Roadmap on Laboratory System Strengthening such as:
 - *Workshop on "Stepwise laboratory development towards national accreditation";*
 - *Bioengineering Training;*
 - *2nd Regional Workshop aiming to fostering "One Health Approach" and sharing experiences for better lab preparedness in February 2017;*
 - *The next video conference in November 2016; and*
 - *Noting JICA and Switzerland are interested in joining the upcoming video conference of Detect 1.*

7. In summary, the Ministerial GHSA conference has achieved the following outputs;

- Created a "sense of urgency" for all partners in GHSA to step up efforts to work on the GHSA's goals;
- Discussed outstanding issues and provided inspiration and tools to increase collaboration with partners in the non-health sector and non-governmental organizations;
- Discussed ways to synergize an engagement of relevant development sectors in view of sustainable goals and expanding activities.



GHSA, launched in 2014 to promote global health security as an international security priority, aims to enhance and complement an implementation of an International Health Regulation 2005 through identified 11 Action Packages. Among others, Thailand takes leadership on the two Actions Packages including "Detect 1: National Laboratory System Strengthening" and "Detect 5: Workforce Development"

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