



Kapila / Please a letter as per above
 29/1/19

විදේශ සම්පත් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව
வெளிநாட்டு வளங்கள் திணைக்களம்
Department of External Resources

මදුල් හා ජනමාධ්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශය
 இகரேகதி கார்டாலය (3 වැනි මහල), තැ.පෙ. 277, කොළඹ 00100, ශ්‍රී ලංකාව
 நிதி மற்றும் வெகுசன ஊடக அமைச்சு
 செயலகம் (3 ஆம் மாடி), த. பெ. இல. 277, கொழும்பு 00100, இலங்கை
 Ministry of Finance and Mass Media
 The Secretariat (3rd Floor), P.O. Box 277, Colombo 00100, Sri Lanka

Web Site: www.erd.gov.lk

e-mail: info@erd.gov.lk

මගේ අංකය
 எனது இல
 My No

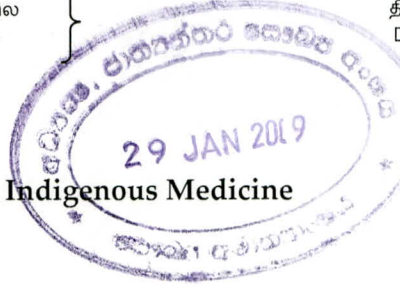
TA&UN/ADB/S/609

ඔබේ අංකය
 உமது இல
 Your No

දිනය
 திகதி
 Date

23 January 2019

Secretary
 Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine



Dear Sir,

Sub-Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Improving Access to Universal Health Coverage: Role of Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer in the Pharmaceutical Sector

- From : 02 - 03 April, 2019 - Thailand

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has invited nominations from the eligible Government officials of Sri Lanka for the above workshop. A copy of the letter received from ADB in this regard is attached herewith for your information please.

You are kindly requested to submit 02 nominations along with the following documents in two copies on or before 11 February 2019.

1. Nomination Form
2. Detailed Nominee Information
3. Nominee CV Form
4. Copy of the Passport
5. ERD Form 02 (Original only)

Your early response in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Noor Rizna Anees
Noor Rizna Anees

Addl. Director General
 for Director General

Copy to : 1. Chairman
 State Pharmaceuticals Corporation - for your information pl.



SRI LANKA RESIDENT MISSION

18 January 2019

Mr. Priyantha Rathnayake
Director General
External Resources Department
Ministry of Finance and Mass Media
The Secretariat
Colombo 1



Dear Mr. Rathnayake:

Nomination Request- Sub-Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Improving Access to Universal Health Coverage: Role of Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer in the Pharmaceutical Sector, 2 – 3 April 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

I am pleased to inform you that the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) in collaboration with the International Health Policy Program (IHPP), Thailand Ministry of Public Health, and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will organize a training entitled **"Sub-Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Improving Access to Universal Health Coverage: Role of Foreign investment and Technology Transfer in the Pharmaceutical Sector"**. This event will be held on 2-3 April 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. Attached are the nomination letter, nomination form, and tentative agenda.

Please send us your nominations of two (2) senior officials by **15 February 2019**.

Sincerely,


Sri Widowati
Country Director



January 17, 2019

Mr. Priyantha Rathnayake
Director General
External Resources Department
Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs
3rd Floor, The Secretariat, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka

Sub-Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Improving Access to Universal Health Coverage: Role of Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer in the Pharmaceutical Sector
2 – 3 April 2019
Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Mr. Rathnayake,

We are pleased to inform you that the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) in collaboration with the International Health Policy Program (IHPP), Thailand Ministry of Public Health and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will organize a training entitled "**Sub-Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Improving Access to Universal Health Coverage: Role of Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer in the Pharmaceutical Sector**". This event will be held on 2-3 April 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. Attached is a tentative agenda.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General's 2018 Report on Addressing of, and Access to, Medicines and Vaccines, access to safe, effective, quality and affordable medicines and vaccines is an essential element of universal health coverage (UHC), and is an integral part of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 concerning Good Health and Well Being. This report highlights, among other things, that local production of medicines and vaccines has become a means by which some developing countries are attempting to achieve greater access and health security. Among the recommendations emanating from the report include alignment of countries' development agendas with health plans to increase local production and understanding the conditions under which such local production could lead to improved access.

The purpose of this sub-regional workshop is to equip government decision-makers with an understanding of coherent policies that underpin investment and technology transfer to upgrade domestic pharmaceutical manufacturers in the sub-region, in line with both national and regional public health priorities.

In this regard, we are pleased to invite the nomination of **two** senior officials from your country to participate in the training. The language of the workshop and conference is English and no translation services will be provided, therefore the nominees must be fluent in English.

We would kindly request that the attached nomination form be completed and sent, along with a full curriculum vitae (cv) and copy of a valid passport, to Ms. Erica Paula Sioson (esioson@adbi.org) by **15 FEBRUARY 2019**. Official invitation will be sent directly to the accepted participant. ADBI will cover the travel costs related to the participation of all invited participants according to its practices and rates. Should you require any further information on the proposed event, please feel free to contact the coordinator, Ms. Erica Paula Sioson (esioson@adbi.org).

Yours sincerely,

Chul Ju Kim
Deputy Dean (CBT and Special Activities)
Asian Development Bank Institute

Attachment:

- Draft Agenda
- Nomination Form

CC: Director General, SARD
Country Director, SLRM
Secretary, Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs
Secretary, Ministry of Transport
Secretary, Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy
Secretary, Ministry of University Education and Highways
Secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Kasumigaseki Building 8F
3-2-5, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo 100-6008, Japan

Tel +81 3 3593 5500 info@adbi.org
Fax +81 3 3593 5587 www.adbi.org



Sub-Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Improving Access to Universal Health Coverage: Role of Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer in the Pharmaceutical Sector
02-03 April 2019
Bangkok, Thailand

Nomination Form

Mr. Chul Ju Kim
Deputy Dean
Asian Development Bank Institute

Dear Mr. Kim:

I, the undersigned, acting on behalf of _____, hereby nominate the following applicant for the abovementioned event. I have reviewed Section 2 of this Nomination Form and agree with the outlined arrangements. The nominee is able to share and discuss relevant country practices and experiences, and is fluent in English.

Nominee's Name: _____

Current Position: _____

Organization Name: _____

I guarantee that the above nominee will:

- (i) Refrain from engaging in political activities and any form of employment during the workshop; and
- (ii) Return to his/her home country upon completion of the event.

Nominator's Name: _____

Position: _____ Department: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Official Seal:



Section 2

A. Adherence to Deadlines

Deadlines indicated in the "Request for Nominations" letter have been set to allow adequate time for logistical preparations of this event. It will **not** be possible to consider nominations received after the deadlines indicated.

B. Acceptance of Nominees

Spaces in this event are limited. To participate, nominees must:

1. Meet the participant criteria outlined in the "Request for Nominees" letter.
2. Be officially nominated by their government ministry/agency or other organization recognized by ADBI.
3. Complete and submit the following items to ADBI by **15 FEBRUARY 2019**:
 - ① A "Detailed Nominee Information" form (attached)
 - ② A complete CV Form (attached – required for nomination to be considered) and a complete CV including detailed information on education and work experience.
 - ③ A copy of the information page of a valid passport

Documents should be sent to Ms. Erica Paula Sioson at email: esioson@adbi.org or by fax to +81-3-3593-4270.

Final selection of participants is the responsibility of ADBI. Selected nominees will be contacted by ADBI regarding relevant arrangements.

C. Travel Assistance and Per Diem

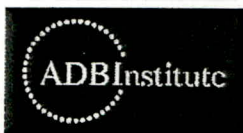
ADB I will provide participants with booking accommodation at a designated hotel at or near the event venue for the duration of the event.

D. Visas

ADB I will provide each participant with an official invitation letter for use in visa applications. For events held in Japan, ADB I staff will assist nominees in completion of required supporting documents for visa application.

Participants are responsible for all visa costs and arrangements related to their participation in this event.

Participants must hold valid visas, as required, before ADBI-financed air tickets will be issued.



Detailed Nominee Information

This form must be completed and submitted to ADBI by **15 FEBRUARY 2019**.
Please send completed form to Ms. Erica Paula Sioson at email: esioson@adbi.org or by fax on
+81-3-3593-4270.

Nominee's Name (as it appears in the passport):

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Preferred Name (exact word order and title as you like to be called):

Sex: Male Female **Date of Birth:** (DD) (MM) (YY) **Age:**

Nationality:

Title/Position:

Department:

Organization:

Office Address:

Office Phone Number:

Office Fax Number:

E-Mail Address:

Passport Number:

Type of Passport:

Issuing Authority:

Place of Issue:

Date of Issue: (DD) (MM) (YY)

Date of Expiry: (DD) (MM) (YY)

Do you require a visa to enter Thailand: Yes No

Place to apply a visa to Thailand:

Dietary restrictions, if any:

Room preference: Non-smoking Smoking

Nominee's Direct Supervisor:

Name:

Title/Position:

Email Address:

Phone/Fax Number:



Nominee CV Form

This form must be completed and submitted to ADBI by 15 FEBRUARY 2019.
Please send completed form to Ms. Erica Paula Sioson at email: esioson@adbi.org or by fax on +81-3-3593-4270.

Nominees who do not submit a full CV must complete and submit this form by the deadline indicated for nominations. Nominations submitted without a full CV or this form will **not** be considered.

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Education:

Highest degree obtained:

Year of graduation:

Name of university or college:

Main course of study:

English proficiency: Excellent Good Fair

Work Experience:

Government rank: Government Official Senior Government Official (Director-level or higher)

Current job responsibilities:

Employment History:

Organization:

Duration of employment (from/to):

Main responsibilities:

Organization:

Duration of employment (from/to):

Main responsibilities:

Participation in recent workshops/training on related topics (list):

1. ADBI or ADB event Other
2. ADBI or ADB event Other
3. ADBI or ADB event Other



[DRAFT 7 JANUARY 2019]

**SUB-REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON
IMPROVING ACCESS TO UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE: ROLE OF FOREIGN
INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL
SECTOR**

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Background and Objective: According to the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General's 2018 Report on Addressing of, and Access to, Medicines and Vaccines (A71/12 of 18 March 2018), access to safe, effective, quality and affordable medicines and vaccines is an essential element of universal health coverage (UHC), and is an integral part of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 concerning Good Health and Well Being. This report highlights, *inter alia*, that local production of medicines and vaccines has become one means by which some developing countries are attempting to achieve greater access and health security. Among the recommendations emanating from the report include alignment of countries' development agendas with health plans to increase local production and an understanding of the conditions under which such local production could lead to improved access (para. 45).

While China and India have become large-scale global manufacturers of medicines, regionally, several countries in South and Southeast Asia have also established robust local pharmaceutical manufacturers that contribute to meeting domestic health needs (UNCTAD, 2011). Manufacturers in Indonesia, Viet Nam, Thailand, Bangladesh, and the Philippines, for example, supply many of the generic pharmaceuticals on their respective essential medicines lists to the local population. While some firms from these countries have been quite successful at manufacturing relatively simple generic medicaments, there is a clear need to upgrade their capacities to fully meet the goal of universal access, as envisaged under SDG 3 and the ADB Strategy 2030's Priority on Addressing Remaining Poverty and Reducing Inequalities. The purpose of this workshop is to equip government decision-makers with an understanding of coherent policies that underpin investment and technology transfer to upgrade domestic pharmaceutical manufacturers in the sub-region, in line with both national and regional public health priorities.

Target Audience: Government officials from sub-region, especially Ministries of Health/Drug Regulatory Authorities, Investment Promotion Agencies, Science and Technology Ministries and, where appropriate, state-owned pharmaceutical manufacturers from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam.



DAY 1
Tuesday, 2 April 2019

0900-0930 Registration of Participants

0930-0945 Welcoming Remarks

*Dr. Chutima Akaleephan, International Health Policy Programme (IHPP)
Ministry of Public Health, Thailand*

*Ms. Pitchaya Sirivunnabood, Economist, Asian Development Bank Institute
(ADB)*

*Mr. Kiyoshi Adachi, Legal Officer, Intellectual Property Unit, United Nations
Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*

0945-0955 Group Photo

The initial sessions on Day 1 will be dedicated to underlining the link between access to medicines and universal health coverage (UHC).

0955-1030 Introduction to the Workshop and an Overview of the Pharmaceutical Sector in Southeast Asian Countries

Speaker: Mr. Kiyoshi Adachi, UNCTAD

1030-1100 Coffee Break

1100-1145 Financing Universal Health Coverage and Access to Medicines

*Speaker: Dr. Eduardo P. Banzon, Principal Health Specialist, Asian
Development Bank (ADB)*

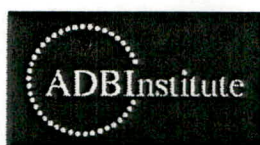
1145-1230 Universal Health Coverage and the Local Production of Medicines and Vaccines: The Case of Thailand

Speaker: Dr. Chutima Akaleephan, IHPP

1230-1300 Questions, Comments and Free Discussion

1300-1400 Lunch

The following sessions will be dedicated to ascertaining the level of pharmaceutical manufacturers in the sub-region, focusing on the major manufacturing countries, including the extent to which they in-license and their needs for investment and technology transfer, as well as the extent to which they export to other countries. This will be followed by lectures on the tools to encourage investment in the pharmaceutical sector, including incentives, infrastructure, laws/regulations and coherence of policies across sectors. Attention will also be paid to the unique role played by state-invested manufacturers in some of the sub-region's countries.



1400-1530 The Role of Emerging Local Pharmaceutical Manufacturers in Participating Countries (15 min. per country)
Facilitator: Ms. Pitchaya Sirivunnabood, ADBI
Bangladesh
Indonesia
Philippines
Thailand
Viet Nam

1530-1600 Coffee Break

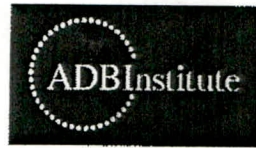
1600-1700 Policies and Incentives to Improve UHC through Investment in Local Pharmaceutical Manufacturing
Speaker: Mr. Kiyoshi Adachi, UNCTAD

DAY 2

Wednesday, 3 April 2019

- 0900-0915 Registration/Announcements**
- 0915-1000 The Investor's Perspective: Building Long Term Partnerships with Local Pharmaceutical Manufacturers in Southeast Asia**
Speaker: Daichi-Sankyo?, Global Health Innovative Technology Fund?
- 1000-1045 Strategies and Experiences of Asian Firms in Technology Upgrading**
Speaker: Prof. Patarapong Intarakumnerd, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) (Tokyo, Japan)
- 1045-1115 Coffee Break**
- 1115-1215 The Role of Technology Transfer in the Pharmaceutical Sector on Access to Medicines and the Improvement of UHC in Asia**
Speaker: Mr. Rabbur Reza, Chief Operating Officer, Beximco; TBD, Bristol-Myers Squibb?, Access to Medicines Foundation?
- 1215-1300 Floor Discussion on the Role of Non-Equity Investment in Asian Countries**
Facilitator: Mr. Kiyoshi Adachi, UNCTAD
- 1300-1400 Lunch Break**

The following sessions will examine key flanking policies to support increased investment and technology transfer for local production of medicines and vaccines, i.e., the potential role of science, technology, and innovation policies on coordinating investment and technology transfer in the pharmaceutical sector to meet public health needs as well as to achieve the goals of UHC. In addition, the importance of quality standards to upgrade local manufacturing



capacity will be examined. Additionally, the role of procurement policies that will enable non-manufacturing countries in the sub-region to reap benefit from upgraded local manufacturing capacities will be explored.

1400-1445 Science, Technology and Innovation Policy for Firm's Upgrading: Lessons for Local Pharmaceutical Industry

Speaker: Prof. Patarapong Intarakumnerd, GRIPS

1445-1530 The Relevance of Medicines Procurement Policies to Benefit from Scaling up of Regional Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Capacities and Improving Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

Speaker: Ms. Cecilia Oh, UNDP Thailand?

1530-1600 Coffee Break

1600-1630 The Role of Quality Standards and Drug Regulatory Authorities in Upgrading Local Manufacturing Capacities

Speaker: TBD (from Thailand)

1630-1645 Policy Wrap-Up Session

Facilitators: Mr. Kiyoshi Adachi and Ms. Pitchaya Sirivunnabood

1645-1700 Closing Remarks, Workshop Evaluation and Certificates of Completion