

**Concept note for
Expert panel consultation on ‘the development of health promotion and disease prevention
policies for children aged 0-5 years in Thailand’**

Background:

Health promotion and disease prevention (P&P) interventions play a critical role in protecting and improving health of the population. However, a recent review of the situation in Thailand indicates the needs for strengthening national P&P strategies, in particular those target children in their early period of life. To address the needs in a systematic, evidence-based manner, the Ministry of Public Health’s Department of Health, the Royal College of Pediatricians of Thailand, the Burden of Disease Project, and the Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP) conducted a joint research and development initiative to inform P&P policies for children 0-5 years of age.

The project aims to (i) provide recommendations for development of the P&P policies for children aged 0-5 years old; (ii) develop mechanism for further development of the P&P policies for other groups of population that is systematic, evidence-based, transparent, participatory; (iii) establish health promotion and disease prevention network as well as strengthen national capacity. These will benefit a number of stakeholders including the Thai Health Promotion Foundation, the National Health Security Office, the Department of Health, Royal College of Paediatricians, and other Ministries who are involved in child health policy in Thailand.

The project has been carried out since February 2011 and now preliminary results are completed. Therefore the research team organized this **Expert panel consultation on ‘the development of health promotion and disease prevention policies for children aged 0-5 years in Thailand’** to present the results and seek comments on the findings as well as suggestions for implementation of P&P related programs in the Thai setting.

Objectives:

1. To verify preliminary findings from the review of international experiences focusing on national policies on child health promotion and disease prevention of Canada, the US, Taiwan, Japan and the Middle East region.
2. To learn about the selection, implementation, tools and management of P&P policies that are in accordance with the identified areas of health problems in Thailand, targeting child aged 0-5 years, from international experiences.
3. To seek recommendations for further actions in the development of P&P policies for child aged 0-5 years that is suitable for the Thai context.