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Obesity Crisis in Southeast Asia: Issues, Challenges and Policy Pathways

Wednesday, 17 May 2017, 10.00 am – 4.50 pm

Thursday, 18 May 2017, 9.30 am – 5.10 pm

Venue: DK1 (Lecture Hall 1), Academic Block, Faculty of Medicine UKM |

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“An estimated 36 million deaths, or 63% of the 57 million deaths that occurred globally in 2008, were due to noncommunicable diseases, comprising mainly cardiovascular diseases (48% of noncommunicable diseases), cancers (21%), chronic respiratory diseases (12%) and diabetes (3.5%). These noncommunicable diseases share four behavioural risk factors: tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, and harmful use of alcohol. Although morbidity and mortality from noncommunicable diseases mainly occur in adulthood, exposure to risk factors begins in early life”

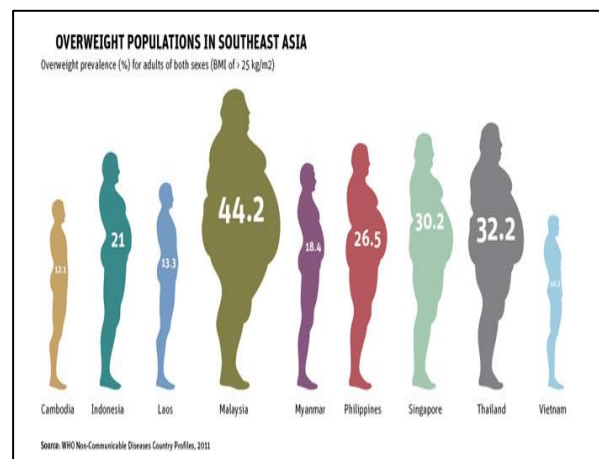
WHO, Global Action Plan for NCDs

The **United Nations University-International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)** will convene an international conference to address the issues, challenges and policy pathways for obesity in Southeast Asia, a region that is characterized and shaped by rapid economic growth among the middle-income countries, and disparities between these countries and the less developed countries in the region.

You are invited to attend and engage with our keynote speakers and presenters during the 2-day conference.

“Children are vulnerable to death from treatable noncommunicable diseases (such as rheumatic heart disease, type 1 diabetes, asthma and leukaemia) if health promotion, disease prevention and comprehensive care are not provided”

WHO, Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity



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(TENTATIVE) PROGRAM

DAY 1: Wednesday, 17 May:

Opening Session:

Tan Sri Professor Zakri Abdul Hamid, Science Adviser to the Prime Minister of Malaysia & Chair, UNU-IIGH Board of Advisors **“Introductory Remarks: UNU as a Think-Tank for Global Issues”**

Dr Obijiofor Aginam, Director Ad-Interim & Officer-in-Charge, UNU-IIGH **“Welcome Remarks & Overview of UNU and the Conference”**

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

Dr Jessica Blankenship, Consultant, UNICEF Regional Office Bangkok **“Title (TBC)”**

Emeritus Prof. Dr. Mohd Ismail Noor, Taylor's University; President, Asia-Oceania Associations for the study of Obesity (AOASO); President, Malaysian Association for the study of Obesity (MASO) **“Title (TBC)”**

WHO official (TBC) **“Global perspectives on NCD”**

SELECTED ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

Matthias Helble, Research Economist, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo **“Measuring the Costs of Overweight and Obesity in Asia and the Pacific”**

Henrique Gobbi Hedler, MSc Food Security student, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh **“Nutrition Sensitive Interventions in the Asia Pacific Region”**

V. Pujitha Wickramasinghe, Professor in Paediatrics, University of Colombo, Colombo **“Assessment of Nutritional Status in Sri Lankan Children: Validity of Anthropometry Cutoffs?”**

Nor Asiah Muhammad, Senior Principal Director, Ministry of Health Malaysia (MoH), Kuala Lumpur **“Systematic Review on Palm Oil and Obesity”**

Nurul Ain Bt Mohd Emeran, DrPH student, University Sains Malaysia (USM), Kubang Kerian **“The Association Between Chronic Diseases And Work Productivity Among Public Health Staff”**

Elise Mognard, Senior Lecturer, Taylor's University, Kuala Lumpur **“Food Supply Practices and Effects on BMI: Insights from the Malaysian Food Barometer”**

DAY 2: Thursday, 18 May:

Weena Gera, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of the Philippines, Cebu **“Coal Mining and Obesity in Southeast Asia: Investing in Sustainability”**

Pravin Dev s/o Chandrasegaram, Senior Consultant, Orthopaedic Surgery, Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar, Seremban **“The role of the New Economic Policy on Small Medium Enterprises (SME's) and its impact on the growing obesity problem in Malaysia”**

Luong Vinh Quoc Duy, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City, Ho Chi Minh **“Prevention And Control Of Obesity In Vietnam: Challenges and Measures in Social and Economic Perspectives”**

Uta Dietrich, Visiting Research Fellow, UNU-IIGH, Kuala Lumpur **“Bulging bellies in South-East Asia: using SDGs to develop an obesity prevention portfolio”**

Alia Cynthia G. Luz, Project Associate, Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP), Nonthaburi **“Obesity in Thailand and its Economic Cost Estimation”**

Zafar Ahmed, Health Economist & Casemix Consultant, University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Kuching **“How Much do Overweight and Obese Adult Patients Willing to Pay for Weight Management? Clinical and Economic Burden of Overweight and Obesity in Primary Care Setting in Sarawak, Malaysia”**

Euphrasia anak Bari, DrPH Year 3 candidate, University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Kuching **“Perceived Barriers toward Weight Management in Primary Care Facilities: Cross Sectional Study of Overweight and Obese Adult Patients in Kuching District, Sarawak”**

Rohaida Bt Ismail, Public Health Physician, Kelantan State Health Department, Kota Bharu **“Dietary Intake Changes of My Body Fit and Fabulous (MyBFF) at Work: A Study of Workplace Intervention to Combat Obesity”**

Kuan Pei Xuan, Medical Officer, Clinical Research Centre (CRC), Kuching, **“Overweight, Obesity and Body Image Perception among Medical Students in Malaysia”**

Teh Pei Nee, Staff Nurse, Hospital Seri Manjung, Seri Manjung **“Comparison of Two Clinical Case Definitions in Detecting Overweight and Obesity Among Registered Nurses in a District Specialist Hospital”**

Darunee Poosanasuwansri, Health Instructor, Senior Professional Level, Thai Red Cross Society, Bangkok **“Health Promotion and Elderly Care: Improving Quality of Life of Thai elderly people in communities affected by Non-Communicable Diseases and unhealthy lifestyles”**