

The 1st APACPH Bangkok Region Conference and the 8th International Public Health Conference Review

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Summary

This review article aims to analyze the process and output of an international conference: “The 1st Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) Bangkok Region Conference and the 8th International Public Health Conference: Towards Achieving Sustainable Development Goals, 2030” held at Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University on 25-26 May 2017. The key concept of the conference was “Sustainable Development Goals: SDGs in 2030” which co-hosted by the Thai Public Health Nurses Association.

Information gathered from meeting documents and reports, attending and observation the conference sessions, informal interview participants, and the evaluation forms found that the conference have clearly defined the objective. The thematic working groups and work processes were well and systematically prepared and organized. International experts, stakeholders, and national public health organizations were invited to share ideas, experiences, challenges, and progress of SDGs implementation in each South East Asian country. Group discussion in each session was particularly facilitated answers and suggestions from audiences which could create knowledge sharing. In addition, the conference format also added a variety of perspectives, helped avoiding problems from agencies and created action learned under some circumstances leading to desirable output.

In the role of public health nursing, benefits gained from this conference were public health strategies that could apply to nursing practice to thoroughly and fairly enhance the well-being of people as well as the future perspective of research issues that will be beneficial for the country's sustainable development towards the health and well-being of people of all ages.

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