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“Overcoming An Old Scourge With A New Face
(HIV/TB Co-Infection)”



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Dear Colleagues,

The theme for this conference entitled "Overcoming An Old Scourge With A New Face (HIV/TB Co-Infection)" aptly describes the major challenge currently facing the global TB control programme especially in the Asian countries. HIV/TB co-infection is currently fueling the TB epidemic in countries such as Sub Saharan Africa where it accounts for the majority of deaths in TB patients. The future situation in Asian countries is also grim, as the HIV epidemic has not been effectively contained in this region currently.

Although the conference theme has highlighted the challenge of HIV/TB co-infection, emphasis has also been placed on the other core challenges of the TB control programme such as early diagnosis, effective treatment access and equity and treatment compliance with Directly Observed Treatment- Short Course (DOTS). We hope to discuss the various success stories and the challenges faced by the countries in the Eastern Region in meeting these programme objectives. Topics covering the threat of Multi Drug Resistant TB (MDRTB) and newer diagnostic TB tests will be discussed at this meeting. Focus is also given to the management of non-infective lung diseases such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) that contributes greatly to impaired lung health in the global community.

Finally, I firmly believe that apart from the strong technical agenda of this conference, the delegates will also have an enjoyable stay in Malaysia, and Kuala Lumpur in particular, especially in experiencing our unique multicultural atmosphere, varied culinary delights, attractive affordable tourist venues and of course, the very competitive shopping opportunities.

So "Selamat Datang", or welcome in Malay, when we meet in Kuala Lumpur in 2007... Thank you.

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Conference Scientific Topic Streams:

- 1. TB Epidemiology**
 - TB & Poverty
 - Treatment Accessibility & Acceptability
 - Equity in TB Treatment
 - TB in special institutions
 - HIV/TB Co-Infection
 - National TB Control Programme Situational Analysis
- 2. TB Treatment Strategies**
 - TB-DOTS
 - MDRTB- DOTS
 - HIV/TB Co-Infection
 - Atypical TB
- 3. Updates in TB/ Lung Diseases**
 - Current Role Of TB Molecular & Serological Diagnostic Stools
 - Current Controversies In The Management Of Asthma & COPD.. .What Is In Line For The Future?
 - Updates In The Management Of Interstitial Lung Disease

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