



Second AeHIN General Meeting Wraps Up with a Vision for a Stronger Network

The Second General Meeting of Asia eHealth Information Network ended with significant inputs from the general assembly on the prioritization of key activities in the strategic implementation plan.

One of the major objectives of the meeting was to obtain consensus among countries on the deliverables of the Network along the lines of its four strategic area points, to wit:

- SAP 1: Leadership, governance, monitoring and evaluation
- SAP 2: Capacity building
- SAP 3: Peer networking
- SAP 4: Standards and interoperability

In the country breakouts, the following activities under each SAP received the highest rankings from the participants:

SAP 1 Leadership and Governance

1.1.1 Establish or support maintenance of fully functioning multi-sectoral eHealth/HIS/CRVS coordinating mechanisms in 20 countries

SAP 2 Capacity Building

2.1.2 Engage multiple stakeholders to develop national competencies on eHealth/HIS/health informatics in low and middle income countries (e.g., connecting with IMIA Health Informatics Education Technical Working Group and U Q on 40-hour HIS short course, identifying sub national level capacity building institutions and programs)

SAP 3 Peer Assistance/Networking

3.1.1. Convene AeHIN General Meeting annually to facilitate knowledge exchange, networking, and to address common challenges

SAP 4 Standards and Interoperability

4.2.2 Negotiate service agreements, provide access and training, and collaborate with SDOs to implement eHealth standards and stacks of standards to support national eHealth strategies and plans

AeHIN Co-chair Drs Boonchai Kijsanayotin and Alvin Marcelo ended the general meeting by encouraging the participants to keep the connections through the Network's online tools (www.aehin.org and the mailing list). They likewise promised to consolidate the conference output and report back to the community.

Countries offer to host next AeHIN Activities

Eager to contribute to AeHIN's four strategic area points, Maldives, Indonesia, and Malaysia graciously offered to host future meetings.

The Maldives is made up of 1,190 coral islands formed around 26 natural ring-like atolls and lies just across the equator. Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world comprised of 17,504 large and small tropical islands. Malaysia is the only country with territory on both the Asian mainland and the Malay archipelago

MONGOLIA

Mongolia commences capacity-building on Enterprise Architecture

AeHIN, in collaboration with WHO, will be providing support to the Mongolian Ministry of Health and other sector leaders to undergo a certification course on enterprise architecture. This is a result of a previous mission by WHO to provide technical assistance on EA to the ministry. The participants from Mongolia will take the TOGAF course offered by the Open Group. TOGAF is one of four EA development methodologies (www.opengroup.org).

LAO PDR

Networking at its best

AeHIN facilitated a side meeting between the delegation from Lao PDR, led by Dr. Founkham Rattanavong, Global Fund, WHO, and DHIS2. The meeting allowed each stakeholder to appreciate the current status of eHealth in the country and think of ways on moving forward.

"Lao PDR is eager to join the ASEAN community. We hope that our eHealth strategy can help us advance our goals more quickly and more efficiently", said Dr. Founkham.