



**Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2015
Side Meeting**

Remaining Challenge of Thai UHC in post 2015

**Monday 26 January 2015, 18.00-20.00
Centara Grand Hotel**

Meeting Title: Remaining Challenge of Thai UHC in post 2015

Organizers: Capacity Building on Universal Health Coverage (CapUHC)

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Meeting Duration: Monday 26 January 2015, 18.00-20.00

Background:

Thailand had achieved Universal Health Coverage (UHC) since 2002 after establishment of Universal Coverage Scheme. The UHC is under three schemes, one for civil servant or Civil Servant Medical Benefit Scheme, the other for formal private employees or Social Health Insurance and the last one for the rest of the population, or Universal Coverage scheme.

Apart from population coverage and financial protection, UHC covers all essential services ranges from immunization, maternal and child health, simple illnesses to high technology and high cost services like the antiretroviral therapy (ARTs), Renal replacement therapy (RRTs), Cancer treatment, and major surgeries. Good health outcomes especially maternal and child health (MCH) are also good evidence of universal access to MCH services and extensive investment in health delivery systems and human resources in the last three decades prior to the commencement of UHC.

Though Thailand had achieved UHC for more than a decade with quite good outcomes, there are still a few remaining challenges. From view of Thai researchers, challenges include inequities across the three systems and also within each system, and financial sustainability, as well as social and political challenges.

However, there are some more remaining challenges especially from the lens of international experts which can be a good input for Thai health system to move forward. In addition, it was agreed by all CapUHC partners that Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2015 provides good opportunity to solicit views from international experts. Therefore, a Side Meeting of PMAC 2015 on Monday 26 January 2015 during 18.00-20.00 will stimulate further discussion and action among Thai policy makers, health personnel and researchers.

Objectives:

- To identify and discuss what are the remaining challenges of Thai UHC
- To discuss on how Thailand should move to overcome the challenges

Expected outputs:

- A summary of further actions to improve Thai UHC

Target participants and estimated number of participants:

It is expected for 50-60 participants including policy makers, health personnel and researchers.

Room set up: 8 Roundtables

Type of meeting: Closed meeting for invitees only

Tentative Program: Monday, 26 January 2015, 18.00-20.00

17.30-18.00	Registration
18.00-19.00	Remaining challenges of Thai UHC Moderator: Dr. Nima Asgari <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Somsak Chunharas (TBC)• Prof Dame Anne Mills• Dr. Toomas Palu
19.00-19.30	General discussion: remaining challenges and solutions
19.30-20.00	Summary: further actions for Thai UHC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Viroj Tangcharoensathien

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