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INTRODUCTION

Since 1995 the Ministry of Public Health has published the report on “**Thailand Health Profile**” every other year. This report is the third in its sequence. This document has been prepared during the time after Thailand had gone through the economic crisis. It has been widely aware of the need for Thailand to introduce its social, economic, and bureaucratic system reforms. This includes the health system reform leading to a shift of health system paradigm in the Thai society. This report also presents relevant issues regarding the movement of health system reform and decentralization in Thailand.

In addition to the details of current health situation and health system, the contents of this report have been revised consisting of the following 13 Chapters:

- Chapter 1: Chakri Dynasty and Thai Public Health
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- Chapter 3: Image of Thai People’s Health and The Health Development Plan Under The 8th National Economic and Social Development Plan(1997-2001)
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- Chapter12: Civil Society and Health Development
- Chapter13: Future International Health Development in Thailand

The Ministry of Public Health hopes that this report on “**Thailand Health Profile : 1999 - 2000**” would serve as an informative reference in supporting the process of developing sustainable health of the Thai people in such a dramatic change of the current globalization.

Acronyms

AD	Anti Dumping Duty
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AEM	Asian Epidemic Model
AFTA	Asean Free Trade Area
AHB	Area Health Board
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ANC	Ante-Natal Care
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
APO	Autonomous Public Organization
ASEAN	Association for South-East Asian Nations
ASEM	Asia-Europe Meeting
ASH	Action on Smoking and Health Foundation
BCG	Vaccine against Tuberculosis
BIBF	Bangkok International Banking Facilities
BIH	Bureau of International Health
BIMST-EC	Economic Cooperation of Bangladesh, India, Myanmar
BMA	Bangkok Metropolitan Administration
BMN	Basic Minimum Needs
CA	Consumption Aboard
CB	Cross Border Trade
CBR	Community Based Rehabilitation
CCPDM	Consultative Committee for Program Development and Management
CODEX	Codex alimentarius
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases
CP	Commercial Presence
CPHCCs	Community Primary Health Care Centers
CSMBS	Civil Servant Medical Benefit Scheme
CSWs	Commercial Sex Workers
CVD	Countervailing Duty
DALYs	Disability Adjusted Life Years
DCDC	Department of Communicable Disease Control
Dept	Department
DMH	Department of Mental Health
DMS	Department of Medical Services
DMSc	Department of Medical Sciences
DOH	Department of Health

DRG	Diagnosis Related Groups
DPT	Vaccines against Diphtheria Pertussis and Tetanus
EC	European Community
EPI	Expanded Programme on Immunization
ESM	Emergency Safeguard Measures
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FCTC	Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GFATM	Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
GMP	Good Manufacturing Practice
GNP	Gross National Product
GPO	Government Pharmaceutical Organization
HB	Hepatitis B
Hct	Hematocrit
HDPs	Health Development Plans
NESDPs	National Economic and Social Development Plans
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HL	Hearing Loss Problem
HRD	Human resources development
HSRI	Health Systems Research Institute
HSRO	Health Systems Reform Office
HSV	Herpes Simplex Virus
ICHD	Intercountry Cooperation for Health Development
IDD	Iodine Deficiency Disorders
IHD	International Health Development
IHPP	International Health Policy Program
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MBDA	Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance Project
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MDT	Multiple Drug Therapeutic(for leprosy)
MFN	Most-Favored National
MOC	Ministry of Commerce
MOPH	Ministry of Public Health
MPR	Microfilaria Positive Rate

MTAs	Multilateral Agreement on Trade in Goods
N/A	Not Available
NAFTA	North America Free Trade Area
NCCP	The National Cancer Control and Prevention Program
NESDB	National Economic and Social Development Board
NGOs	Non-Government Organizations
NHSRC	National Health System Reform Committee
NP	National Person
NSO	National Statistical Office
OIHP	L'Office international d'hygiene publique
OPS	Office of the Permanent Secretary
OPV	Oral Polio Vaccine
ORT	Oral Rehydration Therapy(for diarrhoea)
PCMO	Provincial Chief Medical Office
PHC	Primary Health Care
PPHO	Provincial Public Health Office
SEAR	South-East Asia Region
SEARO	South-East Asia Regional Office
SPS	Agreement on Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Standard Sri Lanka and Thailand
STD	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
TAOs	Tambon Administrative Organizations
TB	Tuberculosis
TBT	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
TRIPS	Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TT	Tetanus Toxoid
UN	United Nations Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
VHCs	Village Health Communicators
VHVs	Village Health Volunteers
Wg.Ind.Prop.	Working Group on Industrial properties
WHA	World Health Assembly
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
YLLs	Years of Life Lost

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