

# AAAH Newsletter



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## AAAH 2nd Annual Conference, Beijing

The **Second AAAH Conference** will be organized on 12-14 October, 2007 at Fragrant Hill Empark Hotel in Beijing, China. It will be co-hosted by the Health Human Resources Development Center of Ministry of Health, P.R.China (HHRDC) and the AAAH. The theme of this year will be on **“Health Workforce for Rural Health and Primary Care”**. All 15 AAAH member countries, representatives from other countries in the region, international organizations



and regional health workforce alliances and platforms are invited to attend.

The **goal** of the Conference is to provide a platform for the alliance members and global partners to closely work together to formulate strategies to strengthen country capacity in the management and development of HRH for rural health and primary health care.

### Conference Objectives

The Conference has four specific objectives:

1. To follow up on HRH activities in member countries at the regional and global level after the 1<sup>st</sup> conference held in 2006, and to review the progress the countries have made in reaching the objectives established in “The AAAH Workplan 2007-2008”.

2. To identify the challenges and constraints facing the development and management of rural HRH and community health workers in the Asia-Pacific region, and to understand to which extent those barriers could inhibit



the regional progress toward the goal of “equity health for all” and MDGs.



3. To share frameworks, tools and experience on the development and implementation of national rural HRH strategic plans as well as the achievements in promoting and supporting the community health workers in the primary health care system in the member countries and others.

4. To share experience generated from WHO and other international agencies, platforms or alliance (eg. Global Health Workforce Alliance, GHWA) on assisting the countries to accelerate the development of rural HRH and the building of primary health care system.

### Registration and Financial Support

If you are interested in participating in the 2nd AAAH Conference in Beijing, please contact the AAAH Secretariat at [secretariat@aaahrh.org](mailto:secretariat@aaahrh.org) for additional information and registration form. With support from the Global Health Workforce Alliance and the World Health Organization (SEARO and WPRO), limited amount of financial support for travel and local expenses will be available to selected participants with priority given to those who prepare case studies to be presented at the Conference. Please check the Call for Case Studies on page 3 for more information on the submission process.

