



Strengthening Asia-Europe Collaboration on Migrants' Health

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The Asia-Europe Foundation's (ASEF) Public Health Network held a Seminar on "Strengthening Asia-Europe Collaboration on Migrants' Health" on Friday, 7 November 2014 in Manila, the Philippines. The event was co-organised by the Yuchengco Center, De La Salle University.

Mr Hiroyuki UCHIDA, Minister for Economic Affairs of Embassy of Japan, mentioned in his opening remarks: "Today's topic of discussion "Migrants' Health" requires involvement of multi-stakeholders and international collaboration. It is absolutely necessary that all players working in the field of global health and migration combine their efforts to tackle the migrants' health issues in order to maximise the outcome."

3 publications were launched during the seminar:

Staying Healthy in Italy: How to Better Use the Italian Healthcare System, a health booklet in English and Tagalog designed for Filipino migrants departing for and living in Italy. It contains information to raise awareness of Filipino migrants on the Italian health system so that the migrants can better access the available system.

Policy Brief: Ways to Improve the Utilisation of Health Services and Intake of Prescribed Medicines provides government officials and policy makers in the Philippines and Italy with recommendations based on the ASEF Public Health Network's research, *Health Dimension of Asian Migration to Europe*, published in 2013.

Migrants and Healthcare: Social and Economic Approaches presents migration policy analysis with a focus on migrants' access to healthcare, stakeholder analysis and case studies in Austria, Italy, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Mr Julio AMADOR III, Assistant Director of Foreign Service Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, highlighted: "Migrant workers greatly contribute to the societies and economies not only of the sending countries but of the receiving countries. [Therefore] it is crucial for governments to stay committed and further strengthen their commitments to protect the migrants and promote their welfare".

The seminar also presented highlights of the above-mentioned research projects and discussed how collaboration between Asia and Europe could contribute to improving the health of migrants.

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About ASEF Public Health Network:

Since 2011, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Public Health Network has promoted collaboration between Asia and Europe on migrants' health. In this endeavour, ASEF facilitates exchange of information and sharing of knowledge among representatives from international organisations, governments, academia and non-governmental organisations through joint research as well as a series of workshops.

About the Organisers



The **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)** promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, economy, education, governance, public health and sustainable development. ASEF is a not-for-profit intergovernmental organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

Together with about 700 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 650 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 17,000 Asians and Europeans have actively participated in its activities and it has reached much wider audiences through its networks, web-portals, publications, exhibitions and lectures.

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The **Yuchengco Center of De La Salle University** in the Philippines has for its mission the contribution to public knowledge and awareness on political, economic and social policy concerns in the Philippines and the Asian region; and the enhancement of its roles as a think tank where research results are regularly transmitted to the end users for evidence-based legislation, policymaking and programming. Therefore, its activities include: research; conference and seminar organization; publication; program and project evaluation; and capacity-building of educators, planners and policymakers in four thematic areas of globalization; regional security and foreign relations; governance and democratization; and human security, particularly health and education. Through the years, it has undertaken studies on Philippine-Japan relations, international migration, regional economic integration, aging, health, gender issues, climate change, poverty alleviation, social policy, governance, regional cooperation, political economy, corruption, transnational crimes, agriculture, and free trade agreements.

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