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WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

**International Workshop on
Migration and Health in Asia**

Organized by
Asian MetaCentre
for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis

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Date
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Venue
Singapore - Bintan

Context and Scope

This workshop focuses on the relationship between 'migration' and 'health' in the context of Asia. Over the last few decades, the mobility of people across borders in Asia has both increased in volume and diversified into multiple streams, with different gender, class or race structures, and of different degrees of permanence. Not only do migrants crossing borders grapple with a wide range of social, cultural political and economic issues, their presence also have important impacts on receiving societies. The 'health' of migrants – defined not just in terms of physical health but also psychological terms – and their health-seeking behaviour are often affected by their relocation; in turn, the 'health' of receiving populations may also be influenced by presence of migrant others.

This workshop welcomes the opportunity to consider research papers on the following themes within an Asian context. Papers may be theoretically oriented or based on empirical research (using either or both quantitative and qualitative methodologies).

- Conceptions of health meanings across different diasporas in Asia;
- Differential access to health and social services among migrants and locals;
- Differential health status among migrant and non-migrant populations;
- Illegal migration and health issues;
- Gender, body politics and health needs among migrants; and
- Migration and vectors of diseases.

Invitation to Submit Abstracts

The workshop will include both invited and submitted papers. The organizers invite submissions in the form of abstracts for their proposed contribution of about 500 words, or full-length papers. Interested participants should also submit their Curriculum Vitae (include research projects and publication record), together with their abstracts to:

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Applicants are encouraged to send in their abstracts via email. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **31 December 2002**. Notification of acceptance of papers can be expected by 15 January 2003.

Application For Funding Support

Participants are expected to find their own funding to attend the workshop, but limited funding to cover economy-class return airfare, and accommodation for the duration of the workshop is available for the best abstracts selected on a competitive basis to successful applicants. Registration fees will be waived for successful applicants.

If you are applying for funding support from the Asian MetaCentre, please indicate clearly in your cover letter whether you are applying for full support or a partial subsidy (in which case indicate the type of support needed (e.g. accommodation only)).

All participants supported in part or in full are required to give first right of refusal to the organizers to publish their papers, after revisions if necessary, in a book or journal special issue (planned at the discretion of the workshop organizers) for the workshop. All abstracts/papers submitted with corresponding partial or full funding must be unpublished and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In the case of self-supporting participants, registration fee will be waived if your paper is accepted for presentation at the workshop. Information on accommodation options will also be made available in our subsequent announcements.

Applications should reach us by **31 December 2002** and the results can be expected by 15 January 2003.

Registration Fee

For those who will not be presenting papers but would like to attend the workshop, registration fee of **S\$250** inclusive of 3% Goods and Services Tax is applicable (4% GST rate is applicable from 1 January 2003). The registration fee covers the workshop papers and meals (lunches, tea-breaks and a welcome dinner only) for the 3-day event. Applicants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Interested applicants should send in their cheques or bank drafts of \$250 in Singapore Dollars, made payable to the “**National University of Singapore**” together with a completed registration form (attached below) to our corresponding address. Please state your name and “Migration and Health Workshop” on the reverse side of the cheques or bank drafts. Interested applicants are to respond by **30 August 2003**.

Directions

Overseas participants of the workshop who are travelling to Singapore by air will arrive at the Singapore Changi Airport. He can then travel to the Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal where he can board the ferry to Bintan.

Overseas participants travelling by land will arrive in Singapore via either the Woodlands Checkpoint or Tuas Checkpoint. He can then travel to the Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal to board the ferry to Bintan.

The schedule of the available ferry timings will be made available to the participants nearer the workshop period.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact Ms Verene Koh at fax: 65-68746797 or email: popnasia@nus.edu.sg. Correspondence address: Asian MetaCentre, c/o Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 5 Arts Link, Shaw Foundation Building, AS7, Singapore 117570.