MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE CONFERENCE

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to be part of the SEAOHUN 2022 International Conference. On behalf of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy and the Southeast Asia One Health University Network, we look forward to discussing the state-of-the-art of higher education, research and practice in One Health. We bring to you this mega-event together with institutions who are with us in the spirit of One World, One Health and One Welfare -- the South East Asia Veterinary School Association; Monitoring and Surveillance Center for Zoonotic Diseases in Wildlife and Exotic Animals (MoZWE) of Mahidol University; and the Thai Association for Laboratory Animal Science (TALAS).

Our theme for the SEAOHUN conference is "Catalyzing One Health Citizens of the Future". We selected this theme because we intend to highlight how health is a concern for all, and that we all have impacts upon our wellbeing and that of other living things by the choices we make.

The experience from the COVID-19 pandemic and growing problem of antimicrobial resistance of microorganisms to the medicines used to manage them are signs that our lives and welfare are connected to our "interactions" with plants and animals. This may not be immediately apparent, and so the conference will draw lessons from what we have experienced with these complex health challenges, discuss policy gaps and capacity building programs, and identify our roles for promoting One Health.

I also thank the U.S. Agency for International Development and Chevron Corporation for your valuable support into the organization of this conference.

To all delegates: We offer our experience as a growing network of 95 universities in eight Southeast Asian countries who have been collectively working towards the goal of One Health to tackle these and other significant health challenges. Please join us in Bangkok and work together to make our world better One Health at a time.

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