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Report

Period of visit: October 29 to November 7, 2016

Host: Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology
Kyoto University School of Public Health

Visiting scholars: Kriengkrai Srithanaviboonchai and Arunrat Tangmunkongvorakul

Institute/University: Research Institute for Health Sciences (RIHES), Chiang Mai University

Research title: Research collaboration between the Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology, Kyoto University School of Public Health and Research Institute for Health Sciences, Chiang Mai University

Dr. Kriengkrai Srithanaviboonchai (Head of the Research Center for AIDS and STIs) and Dr. Arunrat Tangmunkongvorakul (Senior researcher) from Research Institute for Health Sciences, Chiang Mai University visited the Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology, Kyoto University during October 29 to November 7, 2016. The summary report of the visit is as follows.

During the stay, the visiting scholars had a meeting with the Kyoto University School of Public Health team which included Dr. Masahiro Kihara, Dr. Masako Ono-Kihara, Dr. Teeranee Techasrivichien, and Dr. Patou Musumari to discuss the collaborative works during 2015 and 2016 as well as to plan for future activities. The team acknowledged the evidences of achievement of research collaboration between the two institutes as two manuscripts have been accepted for publication in the international peer-reviewed journals; the first one ‘Prevalence and Correlates of HIV Testing among Young People Enrolled in Non-Formal Education Centers in Urban Chiang Mai, Thailand: A Cross-Sectional Study’ Published in PLOS ONE and the second one ‘Patterns of Sexual Behavior in Lowland Thai Youth and Ethnic Minorities Attending High School in Rural Chiang Mai, Thailand which was also in press at PLOS ONE. The future collaborative work based on the ongoing research in Chiang Mai was also agreed upon during the meeting. These included: the study on contemporary lifestyles and sexual relations of in-school teenagers in urban Chiang Mai (WYSH Project–Chiang Mai); the second phase study on health behaviors, health status, and quality of life of older adults living with HIV; the study on health behaviors, quality of life and use of health services of migrant workers living with HIV in Chiang Mai; and the study on prevalence of depression, quality of life, and sexual and reproductive health of HIV-infected Thais and migrant workers during pregnancy or within 1-year postpartum.

Dr. Kriengkrai and Dr. Arunrat spent most of the time while staying in Kyoto worked with Dr. Patou and Dr. Teeranee on two manuscripts; revised the manuscript per the comments of the reviewers for the first one (Risky Sexual Behavior and HIV Testing among Unmarried Out-of-school Thai and Non-Thai Youth in Urban Chiang

Mai, Thailand) and finalized the manuscript for another one (Sexual behavior, perceptions of love and relationships and use of youth friendly health services of young migrant workers in urban Chiang Mai, Thailand: A mixed methods study). Dr. Patou, during the meeting, also agreed to be the first author on a new manuscript to be developed. This article would focus on quality of life of older adults living with HIV and would use the data from the study that was conducted in Chiang Mai.