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COVER STORY

Attend regional forum

Prof. Alex Molasiotis, Dr Regina Lee and Ms Cherry Au represented the Centre to attend the First Regional Forum of WHO Collaborating Centres in the Western Pacific on 13 and 14 November 2014 in Manila, the Philippines. Over 170 participants from different WHO CCs in the Western Pacific Region attended the forum. The forum offered a valuable opportunity for collective deliberation to achieve more effective and accountable partnerships. It also served as a platform for WHO CCs of different subjects to explore new ways of working together and strengthening the strategic nature of the partnerships between WHO and its collaborating centres.



From left: Prof. Alex Molasiotis, Dr Young-soo Shin, Regional Director of WHO Regional Office for Western Pacific, and Dr Regina Lee.

The 2nd Biennial Regional School Health Congress

WHO CC co-organized with the Association of Macau Nurses for holding the 2nd Biennial Regional School Health Congress 2014, which was held on 24 to 26 October 2014 in Macau.

Themed "A Continuum of Child Care from Hospital to the Community", the congress aims to raise the awareness of the public and the policy makers on the health care needs of children and adolescents, and to provide suggestions for enhancing child and adolescent health. Over 200 local and international scholars, health care professionals, academics, students, and school teachers joined the congress.



Prof. Alex Molasiotis, Dr Regina Lee, Dr Kin Cheung and students from PolyU School of Nursing joined the event and presented their research and community projects.

Member provides advisory role in AIDS and STI meeting

The School was invited by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) to participate in the National HIV/AIDS and STI Programme

Managers' Meeting for Selected Asian and Pacific Island Countries from 1 to 2 July 2015 in Manila, the Philippines. Mr Edmond Tong attended the meeting as a temporary advisor to review the national and regional progress towards HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) goals and to consult on the WHO's and UNAIDS' draft global HIV and STI strategies for 2016-2021.

Mr Tong was also invited to serve as the rapporteur to deliver the conclusion and key recommendations. The recommendations such as intensifying HIV testing and retesting among key populations and the exploration of pre-exposure prophylaxis were highlighted. The report will be prepared and circulated among Western Pacific countries upon completion.



By implementing the WHO's mandate, the Centre has played a proactive role in strengthening evidence-based community health services and improving the health outcomes of local, regional and global populations since the designation in 2007. In December 2011, the School of Nursing of PolyU was re-designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services with the following terms of reference:

- To provide educational opportunities and programmes, as well as professional consultation for nurses to strengthen evidence-based service provision in community care;
- To develop and sustain an electronic data base to serve as a resources for training, research and collaboration in community health services development;
- To develop and test models of care in community health service provision, through collaboration with national and regional colleagues, research and evidence-based practice;
- To support the WHO and its member states' policies and programmes in matters relating to health service provision.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Summer Programme on HIV/AIDS: Public Health & Infection Control

Led by Mr Edmond Tong, and with the support of our colleagues Ms Kitty Chan, Ms Suki Ho, Mr Rick Kwan, Mr Timothy Lai, Ms Ivy Wong, Ms Annie Yip, and Ms Renee Leung, the School's WHO CC collaborated with the School of Nursing of Peking Union Medical College (PUMC) WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Policy-Making and Quality Management and Beijing Ditan Hospital (BDH) WHO Collaborating Centre for Comprehensive Management of HIV Treatment and Care to organise the summer programme on HIV/AIDS: Public Health and Infection Control. This was a very rare opportunity that three collaborating centres joined together organising such a course for undergraduates to develop their competencies in HIV prevention and care. The programme was one of the initiatives of the WHO Network for HIV and Health in the Western Pacific Region.

Dr Lan Zhang, WHO Advisor, officiated the opening ceremony of the summer programme and she gave a speech on international and national policy on HIV infection. Around 100 nursing students (including 20 nursing students from PolyU) from Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan joined the programme, which was held in Beijing from 4 to 12 August 2014. The programme aimed to enhance students' understanding on the concept of public health, epidemiology, infection prevention and control; strengthen students analytical skills to apply epidemiological data, identify risk factors and measures for the management of communicable and non-communicable diseases; and give an update on the latest HIV treatment and management, and the policy on HIV infection. The summer programme was proudly sponsored by the Ms Dorothy Wong and was the fourth programme running in Mainland China.



Dr Lan Zhang (mid), WHO China office and members of the three WHO collaborating centres (From left to right: Prof. Keyi Xu (BDH), Ms Wenyan Qu (BDH), Prof. Huaping Liu (PUMC) and Mr Edmond Tong (PolyU)) at the opening ceremony.

Health Ambassador Scheme

The Health Ambassador Scheme of WHOCC aims to cultivate the social responsibility of nursing students through community service learning projects. It is funded by the Hang Seng Bank Best Sustainable Service Project Award 2013/14.

Health Ambassador Scheme Award Ceremony was held on 24 October 2014 at the PolyU campus in order to recognize the efforts of the primary schools in supporting the scheme. In the ceremony, Dr E. Angela Chan gave a welcome speech and Dr Regina Lee introduced the Health Ambassador Scheme to the audience. Dr Howard Sobel, Regional Coordinator, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health, Director, Building Healthy Communities & Populations of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific was the guest of honour to present the prizes to the awarding schools. Ms Winnie Lee, Associate Head, PolyU's Office of Service Learning presented a certificate of accomplishment to our nursing students.



More than 100 primary school students, teachers and principals attended the event.

Under the supervision of Dr Regina Lee, three SN students, Mr Hung-nam Cheng, Mr Hang-chun Leung, and Mr Tommy Tsz-Man Hung led twenty Year 1 nursing students to organise an on-campus two-day summer camp from 8 to 9 July 2014 to enhance the health knowledge of the health ambassadors and celebrate their graduation of the WHO CC's 'Health Ambassador Scheme'. Primary school principals, teachers and our nursing students talked about the positive outcomes of this mentoring project.



Over 70 primary school students shared their experience of being a health ambassador in the camp.

Continued support to Happy Bear Hospital

WHO CC supports the Happy Bear Hospital activity which is organised by Playright Children's Play Association annually. This event aims to teach children about different medical tests and treatments through simulated medical procedures, and raise fund for play service in hospitals. Every year, more than 100 nursing student volunteers participated in this annual charity event. The activity is considered as a primary health care project that provides community service learning opportunity for our nursing students.



Happy Bear Hospital event held on 8 March 2015



Nursing students teach hand washing techniques to the children on 23 March 2014

OTHER ACTIVITIES



19-21 August 2015

The 6th International Collaboration on Community Health Nursing Research in Seoul, Korea



15-23 May 2015

Mentoring Health Ambassadors for School Communities (SN2S04) ZhengZhou, Mainland China.



20 January 2015

The 3rd Advisory Committee Meeting & the 1st HK WHOCCs Representatives Meeting



23-25 July 2014

The 10th Conference of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres (WHO CCs) for Nursing and Midwifery in Coimbra, Portugal

29 July 2015

Dr Jacqueline Lo, Coordinator of HIV, Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections Unit, Division of Communicable Diseases, Regional Office for the Western Pacific (2nd from left) visited the WHO CC Hong Kong Office.



18 May 2014

Disaster risk reduction first aid training course at the Youth Activity Center located in Yingxiu town (映秀镇), Sichuan.

