

Course Title: International Training Course on STIs/HIV Laboratory Diagnosis

Thailand is one of the leading countries in this region which has implemented national STIs prevention and control effectively for more than 40 years. The STIs Cluster, formerly known as STD Division of the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, has therefore accumulated experience and expertise in the laboratory diagnosis of the STIs and HIV. Innovative interventions and program implementation which has placed Thailand's effort in the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and STIs in the forefront where achievements are concerned. Short and medium term international training courses were designed and have been conducted regularly by the experienced resource persons who are staff from within the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and teaching universities since 1977 to share knowledge and expertise as well as strengthen capacity of laboratory technicians and related medical staff from countries within the Asia region and other regions.

A two-week international training course on STIs/HIV Laboratory Diagnosis is designed to provide knowledge and updated skills of major STIs, appropriate laboratory testing techniques and correct diagnosis. Meanwhile it is also focusing on increase capacity of participants to correct understanding and skills in STIs/HIV laboratory diagnosis for their future application at their workplace which can eventually have impact on the precise and more accurate diagnosis for control of STIs/HIV in their country and regional as a whole. A small group of 10 participants who are laboratory technicians and medical staff will be accepted to the course which will ensure greater time and attention at laboratory practice sessions. The target countries are Republic of Botswana, Republic of Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Uganda, Republic of Zambia and Thailand. The financial support for nominated participants is provided by Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs who forwarded the official invitation to the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate in their countries. The training course consists of classroom lectures, presentations and demonstration and follows by laboratory practices as the reinforcement and strengthening of skills.

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