

(Abroad) Official trip report

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Purpose of trip	Rapporteur team of Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2013

The Prince Mahidol Award Conference is an annual international conference hosted by the Royal Thai Government, the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation, and other relevant International Organizations, Foundations and Civil Society Organizations. The Conference serves as an international forum for sharing evidence for health related policies and strengthens social commitments for health development. This conference is linked to the annual Prince Mahidol Award for public health and medicines, one of the most prestigious international health awards.

There are two teams of the rapporteur. One is the Lead Rapporteur Team and another is the Session Rapporteur Team of the PMAC 2013. Expected deliverables from the Lead Rapporteur Team:

- To synthesize and reach consensus among the Lead Rapporteur Team on the final text focusing on issues arose, solutions and recommendations from all sessions of the Conference to be reported in the Conference Synthesis Session
- To synthesize and finalize the Conference Proceeding for PMAC 2013

I was a rapporteur of session 2.2 Ecosystems, Wildlife and One Health. The key message from my session were

- Ecologists, wildlife biologists, and environmental scientists have not been sufficiently included in the One Health concept
  - It has mainly been a medical field mantra
- The most important resources to humans come from the environment: air, water, and food
  - Land and water need to be properly managed
- Health Leadership should be shared at all levels of organization
  - From local to national to international, because the problems affect everyone

Then, the suggest solution were

- Create case-study models to show people that One Health-based approaches are feasible and cost-effective
- Bring solutions directly to locals and policy-makers

- The science needs to be crunched down to what will benefit the people on a personal and on a community level
- Educate children to instill a different mindset in the next generations

