

# Conference Announcement



**Thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) National Health Research Forum (16 -17 2019)  
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**Pre-conference- 4<sup>th</sup> Adolescent Research Day (15 October 2019)**

**Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR**

**Theme for the 13<sup>th</sup> National Health Research Forum:  
“Improving Quality of Care”**

**Theme for Pre-conference -4<sup>th</sup> Adolescent Research Day:  
“Adolescence: Gender Equality – Issues, Challenges and Way forward”**

The 13<sup>th</sup> National Health Research Forum is an annual event organized by the Lao Tropical and Public Health Institute (Lao TPHI).

This 2019 year is special occasion to link scientific sessions to the celebration the following anniversaries with the scientific communities such the 20 years anniversary of Lao TPHI (NIOPH and IFMT since 1999 to 2019), 20 years collaboration between Lao TPHI and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), 5 years EU-LEARN-MCNV project, 12 years collaboration between Lao TPHI and the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN) of Kyoto in Japan, 4 years support from UNFPA, 25 years AUF ASEAN Network, and 75 years anniversary of IRD. We believe that the 13<sup>th</sup> NHRF will improve effective collaboration and will be a forum to linkage between policy makers, public health institutions, relevant sectors outside health; health aids agencies, and civil society organizations and to set a platform to discuss the field of health researches that could be best enhancing and accelerating the achievement of the health sector reform in Laos by 2025. .

The theme-Quality of care improvement that not only increasing access to care, is necessary for the success of the Sustainable Development Goals and Universal Health Coverage as well as to enable the exchange of ideas and knowledge between the different disciplines for facilitating research and clinical interdisciplinary collaborations focusing on various health problems, including policy dialogue for health related challenges.

The Pre-conference Adolescent Research Day-the link to Noi Framework 2030 will get more insight to the issues, challenges and way forward related to gender equality among adolescents. The research network within and between countries can be strengthened and enhanced. In addition it will be also as an assessment of the implementation of the adolescent research agenda in Lao PDR that we developed in the first adolescent research day.

**Date and venue:** the 13<sup>th</sup> National Health Research Forum and Pre-conference Adolescent Research's day will be conducted in Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR for three days (15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019), and will dedicate for oral and poster presentation. Key note speakers, Policy dialogues, and key stakeholders panel discussion.

Open for abstract submission: **1 July 2019** via <https://www.nioph.gov.la/en/>.

Deadline for all submissions: **31 August 2019**

Speakers and presenters will be informed by **15 September 2019**

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