

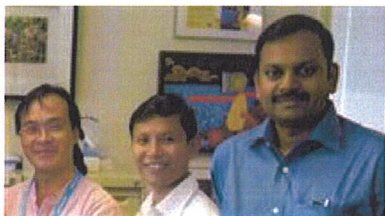
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Connect

Welcome to the April/May edition of AAMH: connect. Throughout the year this newsletter will update you on AAMHs programs, achievements of mental health professionals in the region, and information about other exciting opportunities. We would be pleased to include any contributions from you that would be of interest and useful to share with our colleagues. Please also feel free to forward this newsletter on to a friends and colleagues. We look forward to working closely with you in 2010.



Mental health leaders in the Asia Pacific

AusAIDs, Australian Leadership Awards Fellowships (ALAF) are for professionals with leadership roles that can influence social and economic policy reform. In January this year, AAMH was successful in securing 6 ALA Fellowships allowing us to work closely with mental health professionals from China, Cambodia, India, Mongolia and Vietnam to enhance leadership in Community Mental Health within their own countries. Read more about their Australian experiences and how it will enhance their leadership, see [our website](#)



Guangdong delegation visits Melbourne

A senior delegation of 27 hospital directors and mental health professionals from Guangdong province, China visited Melbourne in March 2010. Listen to an [interview](#) with Professor Jia Fujun, who talks about his experiences during the week-long visit and the growing relationship between Victoria and Guangdong in community mental health service.



National award for peer-based program

St Vincent's Mental Health has won a **prestigious national award** for the Postgraduate Overseas Specialist Training Program (POST). This is a unique training program which aims to increase the expertise of professionals in community mental health service. The award recognizes the importance and value of working with the international community, which is being celebrated through the National Community Participation Award being bestowed on the POST program. [Listen to some recent Fellows](#) talk about their experiences in Melbourne on the POST program.

Read more about the [POST program](#)



Asia Pacific Community Mental Health Development Project Update (APCMHD)

Community Mental Health service is based on successful partnerships. The second stage of the landmark Asia Pacific Community Mental Health Development Project (APCMHDP) will showcase best practice in building partnerships in 17 Asia Pacific countries. Publication of these best practice examples will be available in the second half of 2011.

At the 2009 Melbourne International Seminar in Community Mental



Health Development, representatives from 17 countries identified key qualities which make the APCMHDP network a useful channel to help address the challenges to building robust community mental health services. These included qualities such as **Diversity, Coherence, Shared Vision, Expertise and Experience.**



The Network met again in November 2009 in Taiwan. At this meeting, the plan of activities and timeline for project was developed, the roles of participating countries was clarified and agreed to and the Second Stage of this Project has commenced.

Any queries or ideas to share regarding the Second Stage of the APCMHDP project, please do not hesitate to contact [David Paroissien](#), Program Manager, Leadership and Community Health Programs.

Publication of this second report is due late 2011. Stage one publication is available to download from [AAMH](#).

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