

The 2007 International Drug Abuse Prevention Conference

National Bureau of Controlled Drugs, Department of Health, Republic of China (Taiwan) organized “**The 2007 International Drug Abuse Prevention Conference**” in Taipei starting from 5-8 November 2007 at International Training Center.

The Opening Ceremony began with String Quartet of National Taipei University of Education. The 9 songs performed by 2 Violinists, Viola and cello. H.E. Ms Hsui Hung Wang, Deputy Minister of Health Department made the opening remarks to welcome distinguished guest from Brunei, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore Thailand, United States of America and participants from government and non-government organizations from Taiwan. She stated that drugs and substance abuse has long been a global issued especially designer drugs. The collaborative efforts among Asian countries need to be enhanced and shared. She also confident that this conference could be able to promote international interaction and cooperation in order to eradicate scourge of drug menace from global community. Outstanding Guest Speakers from NGOs were invited to share their experiences on drug and substance abuse prevention with local. Colleagues of Taiwan. The following Outstanding speakers are as follows;

1. Dato Haji Mustapha Ma. Honorary Secretary of IFNGO
2. Datin Hajah Masni Binti Haji Mohd Ali, President of BASMID, Brunei Darussalam
3. Mr.Sorasit Sangprasert. Secretary-General Asia-Pacific Non-Government Organization on Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention, ASPAC-NGO Thailand
4. Prof. Mahmood Nazar Mohamed, Deputy Director-General of National Anit-Drug Agency, Malaysia
5. Dr. Anthony Biglan, Director of Center on Early Adolescence, Oregon Research Institute, Eugene, USA
6. Prof. Dr. Taku Kondo, Tokai University, Japan
7. Prof. Dr. Masanoby Yamakawa, Osaka Kyoiku University Japan
8. Dr.Tong Kooi Lee, Deputy Director, Center for Forensic Science, Heath Sciences Authority, Singapore
9. Speakers from Taichung County, Kaohsiang City and Taoyuan County.

Distinguished Moderators

1. Mr. Frank L. Bartolatto, Pasto, Agape House Christian Counseling Center
2. Dr. Ya-Wen Hung, National Taipei University of Education
3. Dr. John Jen Tai, National Taiwan University

SUMMIT FORUM

On this special session, Dr.Chung-Sheng Chien Director General of National Bureau of Controlled Drugs-NBCD Chaired the session. Participants from overseas and Taiwanese national attended this special forum. The forum aimed to discuss:

1. The cooperation between the governments and Non-Government Organizations how to promote the cooperation and gear it into action of drug abuse prevention in the communities, how NGOs help government to execute anti-drug strategies and how to forge and consolidate the alliance of communities, and how to enhance cooperation through Regional, International, United Nations Bodies an a Regional consultation Networking.
2. The co-morbidity of HCV has been getting higher. Drug abuse has been getting higher. Drug abuse has relation with morbidity of HCV and HIV/AIDS. Recently, the morbidity of HCV has been getting higher than HIV. How does NGOs deal with this issue?
3. How to get funding and volunteers? Sharing experience the source of funding and volunteer come from?
4. ASEAN Drug-Free 2015 is the state we want and fight to reach. What kind of strategies of your organization and countries will be used to get it ?

The Outcome of Summary Discussion

The forum suggested that National Bureau of Controlled Drugs of R.O.C. Taiwan Take initiative to invite representatives of relevant interested bodied such as Religious Organizations, NGOs, Civil Society, Service Organizations, Rotary Club, Lion Clubs, Jaycees, Universities, Colleges and Academia, City of Taipei and Government Agencies to consider setting up a National All Taiwan Organization for the Prevention of Drug and Substance abuse The following name are suggested;

1. TAIWANFONGODAP or TAIFONGODAP = Taiwan Federation of N.G.O.s for Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention
 2. TAIWANCADSA or TAICADSA or TWCADSA = Taiwan Council Against Drug and Substance Abuse
 3. Or any other name or acronym of your own choosing
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