

SIEM REAP DECLARATION 2009

Be it known to all:

Whereas, there are 2.4 million children under 5 years dying each year from vaccine-preventable diseases;

Whereas, deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases are highest in countries in Asia;

Whereas, WHO has prioritized vaccination as among the most cost-effective measures to improve child survival;

Whereas, despite the WHO - Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) recommendations, access to vaccines remains limited in developing countries in Asia;

Whereas, inclusion of new and underutilized vaccines in National Immunization Programs of these developing countries, can help achieve the UN Millennium Development Goal 4 of reducing infant and child mortality by 2/3 by the year 2015;

Whereas, access can be improved through networking, partnerships, and sharing of best practices in immunization;

Now therefore, WE, the participants of the **First Asian Vaccine Conference** in Siem Reap on 22 August 2009, cognizant of the above conditions, hereby **declare**;

1. Our **commitment** to the improvement of child survival through vaccination;
2. Our **pledge** to continue efforts to work together to make vaccines accessible and affordable, and vaccination programs sustainable and
3. Our **call** for greater efforts to be undertaken by governments, non-governmental agencies, international organizations, academia and the private sector to ensure that each child is provided protection, as is his/her **RIGHT!**

Participating Organizations

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)

Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Disease (ASPID)

Asian Strategic Alliance for Pneumococcal disease Prevention (ASAP)

International Pediatric Association (IPA)

International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP-Ph)

National Pediatric Hospital (NPH)

Philippine Foundation for Vaccination (PFV)

World Society for Pediatric Infectious Disease (WSPID)

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Participating Countries

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Pakistan Philippines Singapore
Sri-Lanka

Taiwan Thailand

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