



GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH COOPERATION

Webinar on Digital Health Solutions for COVID-19 Vaccinations in the Greater Mekong Subregion

Date: Tuesday, 28 September 2021

Background and objective

The COVID-19 pandemic has massively disrupted economies, movement of people and the health care system, but also provided the momentum to seek innovative and exciting solutions to new challenges, especially by using digital technology. As countries implement their National Vaccination Strategies, there is growing interest in understanding better how technology can be harnessed to track vaccine administration, implementation and vaccination certification, among others. Beyond the national landscape, there is ongoing debate about the feasibility, as well as pros and cons, of technologies across borders. While GMS countries face different land and air border restrictions, vaccination progress and levels of digital development, the region has great potential to seek regional solutions by building on long-standing experience and trusted partnerships. This webinar, organized by the GMS Health Cooperation Working Group and ADB, seeks to bring together GMS stakeholders to discuss evidence-based practices and achievements and challenges of using digital technology for COVID-19 vaccinations. Digital solutions will be showcased using examples from all over the world, with a view to identifying areas of regional collaboration for ADB support.

Outcomes:

- Cross-country learning on regional applications of digital technology for vaccinations
- Practical solutions digital health solutions facilitating regional collaboration during and post COVID-19

Key participants:

- Senior Officials from GMS countries (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Information and Communication)
- Representatives from UN agencies and development partners
- Representative from technical agencies and academic institution
- ADB staff and consultants



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AGENDA

Session	Timing (Manila)	Speaker	MC
Opening	9:00-9:05	Azusa Sato	Kyi Thar
Country presentations (10-15mins each)	9:05-10:20	Cambodia (Dr Ly Vichea Ravouth); Lao PDR (Dr Thepphouthone Sorsavanh); PRC (Mr Cao Lei); Thailand (Dr Parinda Wattanasri); Viet Nam (Mr. Pham Thanh Dat)	
Tourism group remarks	10:20-10:25	Steven Schipani	
Global standard setting for digital health	10:25-10:45	Smisha Agarwal	
Regional certification systems	10:45-11:00	Anit Mukherjee	
Challenges of digital privacy	11:00-11:15	Niall Dennehy	
Q&A/Closing	11:15-11:30	All/Azusa Sato	Azusa Sato