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Invitation for International Symposium on Migrant Health Policy and Research in China

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Dear Dr. Farid Younos,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, composed of the National Health and Family Planning Commission, Guangdong Provincial Communist Youth League and Sun Yat-sen University, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the “**International Symposium on Migrant Health Policy and Research in China: Health Equity, Social Integration and Health Outcome**” to be held in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, from September 6 to 8, 2015.

We expect 60~80 participants included academics, researchers, administrators, policy makers, industry sectors, migrant workers and stakeholders from key governments and non-government organizations (NGOs) to attend this symposium. This symposium will provide a knowledge exchange platform for researchers in various disciplinary to present findings of research on migration and health, and for policy makers, social organizations to engage with researchers.

To register for this symposium, please fill in the registration form attached and send it to cmhp@mail.sysu.edu.cn before July 31, 2015.

We look very much forward to your participation in Guangzhou, China soon.

Yours Sincerely,

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(中国流动人口卫生政策与研究国际研讨会:公平、社会融合与健康)

1. Introduction

Migrant population in China, which mainly consists of rural-to-urban migrant workers, is the outcome of the economic social transformation and the massive market reform, industrialization and urbanization in the recent decades. By 2013, there were 245 million migrants in China, accounting for 18% of the total Chinese population, and making up about 1/4 of the migrants in the world. It brings great challenges to public health: the migrants' health risks are significantly higher than those of the local residents', due to the lack of basic medical health services and labor protection. Migrants are the main force of labor markets, and their health are vital to not only the harmony and stability of migrants themselves and the society, but also the long-term sustainable development of China. Studies on migrant health and policy in other immigrant nations have long history. Conceptual frameworks have been constructed in related research field. However, academic researches, policy development, and social intervention on migrant health in China have long been neglected. Until recent years, the government and society increasingly concerned about these issues, and the central government enforced a series of laws and policies to promote equalization of basic public health services and social integration of migrants. At the same time, migrant health policy in China has attracted



widespread attention at home and abroad, and gradually developed into an emerging independent research field.

In order to promote evidence-based policy making in migrant health, to improve migrant health status and to promote social harmony and stability, Sun Yat-sen Center for Migrant Health Policy is going to host the “International Symposium on Migrant Health Policy and Research in China”, cooperating with National Health and Family Planning Commission and Guangdong Provincial Communist Youth League. The overall theme of the symposium is “Health Equity, Social Integration and Health Outcome”. Under this theme, four proposed sessions related to migrant health issues will be organized, which are:

1. Health policy and health regulation on migrant population (session 1)
2. Mental health, community based health care and social disadvantages (session 2)
3. Innovative research and methodologies and health outcome (session 3)
4. Multi-sector efforts and health promotion (session 4)

The aim of the symposium is to provide a platform for researchers in various disciplines to present findings of research on migration and health, and for policy makers, social organizations to engage with researchers. The specific objectives are:

1. to summarize current evidence on migrant health policy researches (MHPRC) in the context of China and learn from lessons and experiences in other countries.
2. to promote a better understanding of migrant health issues.
3. to identify knowledge and context-specific policy gaps and challenges related to migration and health.
4. to propose a research agenda for reducing migration-related inequalities and promoting their social integration and well-being.
5. to establish a platform for ongoing collaboration, encourage more young scholars to engage in



migrant health policy research.

This is a small symposium with anticipated 60~80 participants from the following institutes: World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Johns Hopkins University, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of British Columbia, Bielefeld University, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Peking University, Renmin University of China, Sun Yat-sen University and other academic institutions, Global Fund, China Medical Board (CMB) and other foundations, relevant government departments and social organizations.

The target audiences include academics, researchers, administrators, policy makers, industry sectors, migrant workers and stakeholders from key government and non-government organizations (NGOs). This international conference will provide a knowledge exchange platform for researchers in various disciplinary to present findings of research on migration and health, and for policy makers, social organizations to engage with researchers.

2. Conference overview

Organizing committees

Organizers:

National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC)

Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU)

Guangdong Provincial Communist Youth League

Co-organizers:

Sun Yat-sen Center for Migrant Health Policy (CMHP)

Health and Family Planning Commission of Guangdong Province

Date:

September 6 – September 8, 2015

Venue:

Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China



3. Preliminary Programme

Date	Time	Programme
September 6, 2015	8:30-13:30	Registration
	14:30-17:30	Opening ceremony, plenary session 1
September 7, 2015	8:30-12:30	Session 1
	14:00-17:30	Session 2
September 8, 2015	8:30-12:30	Session 3
	14:00-16:00	Session 4
	16:15-17:30	Plenary session 2, closing

4. Call for Abstracts

We will invite Chinese central government officials to share their current endeavors and plans in promoting migrant health policy. The CMHP will also present the results and findings from the National Health Services Survey among Migrant Population, which is in the final stage of data collection now, and other research outputs. We encourage all interested researchers to contribute to and help shape the symposium through paper and proposal submissions, which will be blind peer reviewed by competent reviewers.

Submission guidelines:

The solicit articles include following aspects related to the conference themes and main topics:

1. General and specific health problems of migrants and disease burden.
(e.g., occupational health, infectious disease, sexual and reproductive health, mental health, etc)
2. Health service demands and utilization of migrants.
3. Public health service management of migrants in communities.
4. Public health service equalization and social integration of migrants.
5. Study on public health policy and social security of migrants.
6. Public health law and government regulation of migrants.



7. Health equity, insurance and financing.
8. Tracking method on migrants, cohort study, research methodologies and innovation.
9. Multidisciplinary, multi-sectoral cooperation mechanism of migrant management and study.
10. Public health management of international migrants.
11. Health service and policy of international migration.
12. Other public health problems of migrants.

To submit an individual oral presentation, an abstract (300 words limit) must be submitted by sending E-mail to cmhp@mail.sysu.edu.cn before June 15, 2015.

The abstract should include the following parts: a purpose statement, hypotheses or research questions, method description, results and conclusions or implications. Citations and a list of references are optional. A list of references will not count towards the word limit.

5. Registration

We hope to attract more cooperation partner, provide more communication opportunities for young scholars and encourage them to engage in the field of migration and health research.

To register for this symposium, please download the registration form, fill it with your personal information and send it to cmhp@mail.sysu.edu.cn before July 31, 2015.

6. Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission: June 15, 2015

Abstract notification: July 15, 2015

Deadline for registration: July 31, 2015

Final manuscripts/presenting material collection: August 15, 2015

Conference date: September 6 – September 8, 2015

7. Accommodation

The symposium will be held at the Yuexiu Hotel, Guangzhou (Add: 198 Xiaobei Road, Yuexiu



District, Guangzhou, China). The organizing committee has negotiated a preferential rate for the rooms; however, it does not offer online reserve for conference rate. Please see the attached file for the price list of different types of rooms, and kindly reply us with your preferred room. And we will make overall reservations for you.

8. Tourist Sites

Guangzhou is a great city with many amazing and beautiful landmarks that should not be missed. Please click the following link for a short list of the most interesting points of interest organized into three categories: Parks and Natural sites, Historical sites and Museums, and Shopping and Dining.

<http://cmhp.sysu.edu.cn/UploadFiles/file/pdf/201505/20150515162525343.pdf>

9. Contact us

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Looking forward to seeing you in Guangzhou!

