We are pleased to announce a course on **Private Sector and Private Hospitals as Partners for Universal Health Coverage**. This week-long intensive course in Bangkok, Thailand, is offered by the Asia Network for Capacity Building in Health System Strengthening (ANHSS) in cooperation with the World Bank, USA. The local organizer is the Centre for Health Economics, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, one of the founding members of ANHSS.

**Course Structure and Content**

This event will bring together experience and analysis from Asia and the world to guide those involved in policy setting and implementation in the changing health care markets of Asia. Participants will be exposed to a framework for private sector assessment, strategic goal-setting and implementation tools. They will also be presented with a mixture of concepts and tools which will be useful in their work on setting private hospital policy. The teaching approach will comprise a mixture of lectures, cases, group work and discussions.

**Goals**

The goal of the course is to provide participants with:

- An understanding of key UHC, health system and stakeholder concepts,
- An overview of the regional trends in moving towards UHC and the role and growth of the private health sector,
- Global knowledge regarding challenges encountered in engaging the private sector and private hospitals and the regional experiences in dealing with key issues, and
- An understanding of when and how to use the different available strategies and policy instruments for engaging the private sector, particularly in the context of countries in the Asian region

**Objectives**

By the end of the course, participants are expected to:

- Understand the challenges, strategies and options in engaging the private sector and private hospitals as partners towards UHC,
- Understand the structural and financial dynamics as well as the psychology of the private sector,
- Understand and apply the framework for engagement of the private sector within the larger health sector reform agenda,
Deadline for Applications
To secure a place for the training, applicants should complete the application form and return it to the local organizer no later than 15 October 2014. The application form and further information about the course is available at http://anhs.org/.

Visa
Applicants are responsible for obtaining a visa at the nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate prior to their departure to Thailand. Formal invitation letters from the local organizer may be needed and will be provided upon request. Early application is advised since the process may take some time. Please note that citizens of ASEAN countries may travel to Thailand without visa. Also, citizens of some countries are eligible to obtain a visa on arrival. Please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand for further information.

Venue
The course will be held at the Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Phayathai Road, Bangkok 10330, Thailand, or its vicinity.

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We would be grateful to have your assistance in forwarding this invitation to other prospective participants of this course. We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues in Bangkok.