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ラオス・ビエンチャンに日本から看護助産免許制度の改善のための指導調査団来訪

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Laos, Japan team up to improve licensing of nurses, midwives

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Health officials are looking at how they can improve the quality of nursing and midwifery services through more efficient licensing and registration of personnel.

More than 40 representatives from the Ministry of Health, Lao Medical Council, Lao Medical Association, University of Health Sciences, central hospitals and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) exchanged views at a workshop held in Vientiane last week.

Topics discussed included licensing and registration, aimed at identifying issues and reaching consensus on the licensing and registration system in Laos.

Director General of the Education and Sciences Research Department of the Ministry of Health, Associate Prof. Dr Sing Menorath, said that, even though Laos has many medical staff, continuous training to develop their skills is necessary to provide better medical services.

This workshop was the first meeting of those involved in licensing and registration in Laos on

regulating the quality of the health personnel who link with their Asean counterparts for the mutual recognition of professionals.

During the one-day workshop, participants were informed of the history and current state of the licensing and registration system for nurses and midwives in Japan.

They also discussed how such a system could be put in place in Laos. A JICA expert on the subject, Kazuko Iwasawa, who is Head of the Nursing Division of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan, provided participants with an overview of the Japanese system.

A lively exchange of views took place during the workshop, in which the various parties discussed the current state of licensing and registration, as well as issues and procedures that should be incorporated into the system. The workshop also provided the opportunity to establish new directions in the system, resulting in a highly meaningful meeting for all concerned.

President of the Lao Medical Council, Prof. Dr Bounhong Southavong, also attended the workshop which was supported by JICA.



Dr Sing Menorath (centre right) addresses the workshop.

ラオス人民共和国保健省に、JICA 専門家として日本から厚生労働省岩澤和子看護課長が来訪し、看護助産免許制度についての助言を行ったことが紹介されました。

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