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THE 10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF VIETNAM PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (VPHA)
“For a better future of Vietnam Public Health”
Ha Noi, November 28, 2014

The 10th Annual Conference of VPHA was officially opened on November 28, 2014 at Cong Doan Hotel, Ha Noi. With the aim of “For a better future of Vietnam Public Health”, this annual conference of VPHA focused on urgent Public Health concerns in order to strengthen community health protection and care, and develop Public Health discipline in Viet Nam and integrate it into the region and the world.

Being a reliable forum in the field of Public Health during the past 10 consecutive years, this conference attracted over 100 delegates, presenters from Ministries, departments, research institutes, universities, organizations in three North – Central – South regions and international organizations.

Mr. Vu Duong Chau – Deputy Head of Organization and Personnel Board, Central Committee of the Vietnam Fatherland Front – delivered a speech at the conference. After the opening session, three keynote presentations on public health issues were presented: The priorities for research of Public Health and improve the quality of research (by Prof. Nguyen Cong Khan, Director of the Administration of Science, Technology and Training, Ministry of Health), “Vaccines for disease prevention: Achievements and challenges” (by Prof. Nguyen Tran Hien, Director of the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology) and “Role and action orientation of the Civil Society Organizations to meet the development
requirements of public health in Viet Nam” (by Dr. Tran Tuan, Research and Training Center for Community Development).

Among nearly 100 submitted abstracts, the Scientific Committee selected 30 oral presentations and 20 posters covering numerous public health issues divided into 5 parallel sessions, including: Environmental Health - Occupational Health, Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases, Social Sciences and Health problems, Mental Health and the Elderly’s Health, Public Health Issues in Viet Nam.

At the conference, a scientific research report entitled "Evaluation on health problems of the elderly in Tien Hai district, Thai Binh province" was presented by the Vietnam Public Health Association. This is one of the important research programs conducted by VPHA in the community over the past 4 years. One of the most attractive events in this conference was a photo exhibition to review several programs run by VPHA through its 10-year development and operation.

With many presentations of quality research reports covering various topics, the 10th Annual Conference of VPHA gathered a pool of research findings, technical experience, knowledge, policy recommendations in order to improve effectiveness of community health protection and care, thus contribute to building a sustainable future development of Vietnam Public Health.

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