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Press Release

Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) awarded 16 cities and 2 individuals for their efforts in healthy cities movement

October 29, 2006 --- At Health Night of the Second General Assembly and Conference of AFHC, October 28, 2006, Suzhou, China, the Chairman of the Award Committee of the Alliance for Healthy Cities, Professor Albert Lee, from the Centre of Health Education and Health Promotion, Chinese University of Hong Kong, announced the award winners under the three categories.

Sharing the Healthy Cities concept and project characteristics ensures a common platform for Healthy Cities to exchange their experiences. AFHC presented the following three awards in the recognition of diverse practices, progress based on the process evaluation, and pioneers' work or good practices of Healthy Cities.

Award for Good Practices of Healthy Cities

There are many creative developments and good practices by Healthy Cities worldwide. This award recognized good practices reflecting diverse socio-cultural, environment, and development backgrounds. This year, 5 cities received this award.

Sai Kung District in Hong Kong SAR, China for their practice on partnership for encouraging active life; Wujian City in Jiangsu Province, China for their practice on ensuring agricultural product safety; Owariasahi City, Japan, for their practice on uniting the people and communities; Las Piñas City, Philippines, for their practice on creating One-Stop-Shop for promoting women's health; and Hue City, Vietnam, for their practice on arranging healthy settlements for boat people.

Award for Progress of Healthy Cities

When long-term development projects are evaluated during the first few years, the focus should be on processes rather than outcomes because improvements in health status are only likely to change in a long term. One of the following awards were given with recognition of the city's progress on their reports. This year, the progress award was given to 11 cities that showed the evidence of progresses.

Award for Progress of Healthy Cities with Great Potential were presented to 5 cities: Townsville Healthy Cities, Australia; Changshu city from Jiangsu Province, China; Yeongi County from Chungnam Province, Korea; Parañaque City, Philippines; and Hue City, Vietnam.

Award for Progress of Healthy Cities with Good Performance were presented to 5 cities: Sai Kung District from Hong Kong SAR, China; City of Suzhou, China; Ichikawa City, Japan; Owariasahi City, Japan; and Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.

One city was nominated for the *Award for Progress of Healthy Cities with Outstanding Performance*. The awardee was Marikina City, Philippines.

Award for Pioneers in Healthy Cities

Healthy Cities need constant pioneering spirits and efforts to make things happen in the real world. This award recognizes individuals/groups who have more than 10 years of Healthy Cities related experiences.

This year, this award was honorably presented to 2 academicians, 1 city, and 2 NGOs, for their contributions on expanding healthy cities world-wide.

The awardees were: Professor Takehito Takano, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Japan; Professor Fran Baum, Flinders University, Australia; Kuching Healthy City, Malaysia; Healthy City, Noarlunga, Australia; and Healthy City Illawarra, Australia.

The AFHC Award Ceremony at Health Night, held at Suzhou International Conference Centre was hosted by Suzhou Municipality and over 400 participants from 20 countries from all over the world appreciated Suzhou City's warm-hearted hospitality.

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