WHO Awards for Healthy Cities 2008 October 25, 2008

WHO gives Healthy Cities awards to fourteen outstanding cities in Asia-Pacific.

At the Third Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities, held Ichikawa City, Japan, the World Health Organization commended fourteen cities for outstanding achievements and good practices in Healthy Cities projects.

Dr Shigeru Omi, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific, led the awards ceremony on October 25, 2008.

(1) Good practice awards:

Active ageing and health security in cities

Changshu, China;

Ichikawa, Japan

Seongbuk District, Seoul, Republic of Korea

• Public sanitary conveniences

Seongbuk District, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Jinju, Republic of Korea

• Climate change and health in cities

Marikina, Philippines

Tajimi, Japan

• Comprehensive tobacco control in cities

Singapore Health Promotion Board

Taicang, China

Wonju, Republic of Korea

• Preventing violence in healthy cities

Noarlunga, Australia

Health emergency preparedness and response planning

Logan, Australia

(2) Best proposal awards:

Climate change and health in cities

Wonju, Republic of Korea

• Comprehensive tobacco control in cities

Chanwon, Republic of Korea

• Preventing violence in healthy cities

Geumsan, Republic of Korea

(3) Regional Director's award for outstanding healthy cities:

Marikina, Philippines Suzhou, China