



Wrap-up for Session 3

Session 3 heard about

- The importance about the environmental health
- Dioxin contamination levels in Vietnam
- Lead and dust exposure, indoor and out door air quality in Myanmar
- Pesticide use, residues in fruits/vegetables, exposure and effects in Thailand
- Arsenic exposure and risk analysis in Cambodia
- Air pollution and their effects in Mongolia
- Air pollution, haze, situation in Lao
- SDG (6.1) on safely managed drinking water
- Heat stress in urban cities in Asian countries

In the panel discussion, speakers discuss about research gaps in their situation. Identified gaps are:

- Personal exposure measurements
- Human resources and capacity building
- Accurate data correction and sharing
- Mechanism studies
- Responses to unexpected events
- Community engagement through communication
- Vulnerable population such as children

It is time to create an environmental research **network between NIES and Asian countries** to build young generation of researchers. We also suggest delegates at the seminar ask governments in Southeast Asia and international organizations to pay more attention to environmental health and to make reasonable investments in this area.

Proposal: Establish **Environmental Health Research Network** within CLVMT + MJ to

- Cultivate joint research opportunities
- Promote capacity building and technology exchanges
- Share knowledge
- Contribute to upgrade public health to next version, e.g. Public Health 3.0
- Ultimately meet the SDGs

