A collaboration among HTA organizations in Asia

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The HTAsiaLink

- Established: Sep 2010
- Objective: collaboration between not-for-profit HTA agencies in Asia
  - Capacity strengthening of member organizations
  - Exchange of information, experiences and resources
  - Encourage the use of HTA findings in decision making
- No membership fee
Organizational members

- **China:**
  - Division of Health Policy Evaluation and Technology Assessment, China National Health Development Research Center (CNHDRC)
  - Tienjin International Joint Academy of Biotechnology and Medicine (TJAB)
- **Japan:** National Institute of Public Health
- **Korea:** National Evidence-based Health Care Collaborating Agency (NECA)
- **Malaysia:**
  - HTA Section, MOH (MaHTAS)
  - Pharmaceutical Service Division, MOH
  - School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)
- **The Philippines:** National Center for Pharmaceutical Access and Management (NCPAM), MOH
- **Singapore:** HTA Division, MOH
- **Taiwan:** Center for Drug Evaluation (CDE), MOH
- **Thailand:** Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP), MOH
Organizational Members:

- National Evidence-based Healthcare Collaborating Agency (NECA), Korea
- Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP), Thailand
- HTA division, Center for Drug Evaluation (CDE), Taiwan
- Discipline of Social and Administrative Pharmacy, University Sains Malaysia, Malaysia
- Pharmaceutical Services Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
- Malaysian Health Technology Assessment (MaHTAS), Malaysia
- HTA unit, Ministry of Health (MOH), Singapore
- National Institute of Public Health, Japan
- China National Health Development Research Center (CNHDR), China
- Tianjin International Joint Academy of Biotechnology and Medicine (TJAB), China
- The National Center for Pharmaceutical Access and Management (NCEPAM), Department of Health, the Philippines

Associated Members

- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE international), UK
- The Health Policy Advisory Committee on Technology (HealthPACT), Australia

Network of the networks

- INAHTA
- HTAi
- ISPOR
- RedETSA
Network activities

• Research
• Information exchange
• Conferences & meetings
• Training courses

Learning from each other
Research

Values for QALY in 4 Asian countries

• Duration: Jan 2011 – Aug 2013

• Research teams: NECA (Korea), U. of Tokyo (Japan), USM (Malaysia), HITAP (Thailand)

• Objective: examine the values for QALYs associated with improvement in quality of life (mild, moderate and severe conditions, and terminal illnesses)

• Discussion: how to connect this research with policy?
Information exchange

• Website: http://htasialink.org
• HTAsiaLink newsletter
• Group mail
• HTAsiaLink Database
First issue: June 2011
Disseminate the information on the Network and its activities; enhance understandings on HTA and use in decision making
Target audiences:
- HTA agencies
- Policymaking bodies
- HTAsiaLink members
Publicly accessible - electronic files
Editorial team: HITAP
Three issues a year
Conferences/side meetings

The HTASiaLink Annual Conference
- Academic forum, invitation only
- Opportunity:
  - researchers’ presentations
  - comments from experts and peers
  - networking, engagement
- Host: 2012-HITAP (Thailand), 2013-USM (Malaysia), 2014-CNHDRC (China)

Side meetings at international conferences
- Introduction to the HTASiaLink
- Specific issues on HTA
- Technical workshops: economic evaluation
Future steps

- Joint research: Modifying EQ-5D for measuring quality of life in Asian population
- Database: Cross Country Comparison of Coverage and Pricing decisions-4Cs

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- Policy movement: HTA development through WHO mechanisms (Executive Board, WHA 2014)