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## **PANDASIA Holds Third Annual Meeting in Thailand to Strengthen Public Health Literacy in Southeast Asia**

CHANTHABURI, THAILAND | June 13, 2025 — PANDASIA, a European Union-supported project, held its third annual meeting in Chanthaburi, Thailand from June 4 to 6, 2025. The meeting, themed “Sharing Vision, Sharing Solutions,” reinforced the project's commitment to enhancing public health literacy concerning zoonotic diseases in Southeast Asia.”

Key representatives from the Chanthaburi Khao Soi Dao Wildlife Breeding Center, the Office of Natural Resources and Environment, and Rambhai Bani Rajabhat University participated alongside essential partners and stakeholders.

During the meeting, participants provided updates on critical fieldwork activities, including animal sample collection, advancements in laboratory and field analysis, and insights into ongoing mathematical modeling of disease spillover risks. They also discussed synergy of efforts and integrated contributions, communication support and management updates.

Dr. Hans Overgaard, PANDASIA's Principal Investigator, emphasized the importance of unified perspectives and collaborative efforts to ensure reliable health information is widely accessible.

As an invited guest speaker, Prof. Dr. David Hayman, a distinguished infectious disease epidemiologist, addressed the factors driving infectious disease emergence and highlighted the One Health High-Level Expert Panel's (OHHLEP) role in crafting strategies to prevent future pandemics. He advocated for a holistic approach that interlinks human, animal, and environmental health.

Another guest in the event, Prof. Dr. Serge Morand, a health ecologist, shared insights into One Health perspectives and his collaboration with Lao PDR and Thailand on the Health Disease, Ecology, Environment, and Policy (HealthDEEP) project, which aims to understand the interconnectedness of health, biodiversity, and environmental factors, promoting dialogue between science and policy for public health and ecological sustainability.

PANDASIA is dedicated to creating science-based solutions and community-led initiatives that address global health challenges, including pandemics, healthcare disparities, and misinformation.

This year's meeting reinforced PANDASIA's core belief: a fair and inclusive health future hinges on equal access to information. The consortium's collaborative efforts demonstrate that the most effective solutions emerge from the ground up, fostering trust and enhancing lives.

The PANDASIA project is a collaboration involving leading institutions from Europe and Asia. This includes Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU); Norwegian Veterinary Institute (NVI); Heidelberg University (HU); Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (Leibniz-IZW); Wolfson Institute of Population Health, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL); Umeå University (UM); NOVA Information Management School; Khon Kaen University (KKU); Mahidol University (MU); and SUPA71 Co., Ltd (SUPA71).

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