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PANDASIA participates in the EU-Thailand research and innovation fair 2025

The PANDASIA Project proudly participated in the recent workshop on Promoting Cooperation on Research and Innovation between the European Union and Thailand which was jointly organized by the Delegation of the European Union (EU) in Thailand and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI).



The workshop was held on August 12, 2025, at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre in Bangkok. As part of the MHESI Science Fair 2025, the event carried the theme, “Creators of Tomorrow”. Building on the examples of successful partnerships between Thailand and the European Union, the discussion in the workshop highlighted successful initiatives to strengthen cooperation on research and innovation under the European Union’s Global Gateway. The Global Gateway is the external investment strategy of the European Union to strengthen cooperation, networks and peer learning between the European Union and its partners in climate, green energy, sustainable transport, digitalization, health, education, and research.

Significance of the MHESI Conference to PANDASIA

The MHESI Conference provided an invaluable platform for PANDASIA to showcase its efforts in advancing pandemic preparedness in Asia. The project leaders, Dr. Boripat Siriaronrat, Dr. Kanokwan Suwannarong, and Dr. Cecile M. Lantican highlighted the project’s purpose, critical research activities, current challenges faced, and lessons on improving the pandemic literacy about the risks of viral zoonotic spillover in Southeast Asia. Their presentations shared the importance of understanding zoonotic pathways to enhance pandemic prevention strategies and improve pandemic literacy. Participating in this conference is an opportunity for PANDASIA to align its relevance with the European Union’s Global Gateway investment strategy, which aims to strengthen cooperation on health, education, and research.

The discussions at the conference centered on collaborative efforts to improve public health frameworks, making it a perfect venue for PANDASIA to exchange knowledge and foster partnerships with other research initiatives.

The Value of Research, Innovation, and Technology

Research and innovation play a crucial role in improving the quality of life for people around the globe. By integrating cutting-edge technology into public health strategies, projects like PANDASIA may provide effective solutions to complex health challenges. The development of advanced diagnostic tools, effective communication strategies, and community-based interventions empowers individuals and communities to better understand and respond to health threats. Furthermore, the collaborative nature of research fosters the sharing of knowledge and resources, which can lead to rapid advancements in healthcare practices. Innovations developed through such partnerships not only enhance pandemic preparedness but also contribute to the overall resilience of health systems. This is particularly vital in regions like Southeast Asia, where diverse ecosystems and human interactions can pose unique health risks.



Strengthening Research Collaboration

The conference also featured various sessions that facilitated knowledge sharing among researchers, scientists, and policymakers. PANDASIA's involvement in the session focusing on health-related projects underscored the project's commitment to addressing pandemic risks through collaborative research efforts. The interactions during the conference are expected to expand PANDASIA's visibility in the scientific community, enhance partnerships, and contribute to the project's long-term sustainability and impact.



In summary, the EU-MHESI workshop was a pivotal event for the PANDASIA Project, reinforcing its mission to enhance pandemic preparedness and response strategies in the region. The collaborative dialogue initiated at the conference hopefully may set to pave the way for future research partnerships and innovations that will benefit both Thailand and the broader Southeast Asian region, ultimately improving health outcomes for all.

