34th Meeting of Iranian Stop TB Committee

34th Meeting of Iranian Stop TB Committee was held in Massih Daneshvari Hospital on 6th May 2012. The main approvals of this meeting are as below:

- The Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation will give food basket to all TB patients of the country who starts their treatment. TB coordinators of CDC office will supervise this process.
- A TB ward for TB prisoners will be built at Massih Daneshvari Hospital area with the cooperation of CDC office and Prison Organization of Iran. This building will be ready within the next 20 months.
- NRITLD will hold three International Course on clinical management of Multi-Drug Resistance Tuberculosis for Afghanistan NTP managers with collaboration of JICA. The first course will be held on July 2012 for 18 physicians.
- A letter will be sent for Health Commission of Iranian Parliament to request and emphasize 5% tobacco tax allocate to national TB program.
- Dr. Nasehi, NTP manager, declared 10 CME grade is allocated to National Guideline of TB treatment.
• The activities of The Asian African Society of Mycobacteriology were appreciated in this meeting and the latest International Journal of Mycobacteriology was distributed among Stop TB members. This journal was sent to WHO HQ, Stop TB office and EMRO office too.
• Dr. Nasehi reported that the Public-Private Mix program for TB care and control is running as pilot in Alborz province.
• In order to avoid TB transmission among Pilgrimage to the Mecca, it is supposed to organize a meeting with the head of “Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization” in order to emphasize the TB pilgrimages who are smear positive, will not travel for Hajj.
• Then the head of Prison Organization reported about the training workshops of this centre which was held for physicians, Nurses and health workers who are working as coordinators in prisons. The guideline for TB/HIV treatment in the prisons was written. These activities were respected by Stop TB Committee.