The 1st Thailand Stop TB Partnership Meeting

National TB Program of Thailand (NTP), with the cooperation of Bureau of Tuberculosis and RaksThai Foundation, held The 1st Thailand Stop TB Partnership Meeting on 30 June – 1 July 2010 at Miracle Grand Convention Hotel, Bangkok. The objectives are for sharing experiences on activities related to TB care and control among stakeholders of the National TB Programme, presenting the progress and challenges in TB control according to the Stop TB strategy and brainstorming and identifying possible strategies for TB control in 2011.

Dr. Yuttichai Kasetchareon, NTP Program Manager, presided over the meeting and gave a lecture on current situation of TB in Thailand and the way forward. Moreover, Non-Government Organizations including World Vision Foundation of Thailand (WVFT), RaksThai Foundation (RTF) and Thailand – USA collaboration (TUC) presented the progress in TB project. In addition, the attendants had brainstormed in topics titled “Policy driven research in TB control” which was leaded by Dr. Somsak Akasilp, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health. They also discussed on “Harmonization and Alignment of Activities under Office of Disease Prevention and Controls & NGOs with NTP” and “Empowering Community in stopping TB”.

After the meeting, there are various guidelines brainstormed in how to prevent TB disease. In addition, the attendants have suggested the way to develop indicators in National TB control strategies in 2011 – 2015 that is the government should put TB control task to be one of the main tasks in hospital and develop it to be more explicit.

The meeting got a good feedback from all the attendants and brought about to the good relationship between the public and private sectors. Consequently, Bureau of Tuberculosis hopes this kind of conference can be held for the next time with great cooperation.