

**Report: 7th Asian Conference of Oral Health Promotion for School Children
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My poster presentation using data from 2003, 2007 and 2011 Nation Health and Welfare Survey, described utilization trend and different between children having Universal Health Coverage Benefit and Civil Servant Medical Benefit. The results interested participants from Cambodia which still has not insurance systems.

The presentation from other Asian countries stated their country profiles, oral health status, prevention program and related contents especially obstacles to deter people oral health improvement. Livings in hazard environments also make people are difficult to reach quality of lives. Like Cambodia, some countries (i.e. Indonesia, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam) still have not insurance systems therefore accessibility to primary oral care are main problem. Main service system that people use the care is private sector which available in urban areas according to ability to pay, while have no specific manpower policy to rectify service deficit in rural area. These simultaneous situations lead to inequity of the service utilization and oral health. However, to confront insufficient infrastructures in remote areas, relevant personnel tried to creatively use the existing deficit resource i.e. floating big bottles (bottles of aerate water) containing clean water and students could tilt them to pour the water when washing hand or tooth-brushing. Prevention programs for other groups were not explicit because only institution settings were mentioned on this conference such as kindergartens, schools and service facilities.

Comparing to our neighboring countries, Thailand is a leader of oral health promotion and prevention meanwhile it is familiar to Taiwan which will be the host of next two years meeting.

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