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Hosted by: Ministry of Health Mongolia, Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency

Organized by: National Center for Communicable Diseases (NCCD), Korean National Tuberculosis Association (KNTA)

Format: In-person

Venue of the Joint Opening Ceremony: The Government Palace, Great Hall

Conference Venue: Blue sky hotel Diamond conference room

Day 1: 15 September, 2026 (Tuesday): 08:00-18:00

Day 2: 16 September, 2026 (Wednesday): 08:00-17:00

Day 3: 17 September, 2026 (Thursday): 09:00-14:00

DAY 1. 15 September, (Tuesday): 08:00-18:15 Morning: Plenary Session - Venue: Blue Sky Hotel, Diamond Conference Room		
08:00~08:20	Registration	Conference Organizers
08:20~08:30	Conference Orientation & Introduction of Key Participants	S. Enkhbold , General Director, National Center for Communicable Diseases (NCCD), Mongolia
Session I: TB Control Strategies and National Plans in High-burden Countries in Asia Chair: Fukushi Morishita , Technical Officer, Integrated Communicable Disease Control Unit, World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific, Manila, Philippines Co-chairs: B.Azjargal , Deputy Director, National Center for Communicable Diseases (NCCD), Mongolia		
08:30~08:45	Achievements and Plan of the National Tuberculosis Control Policy in the Republic of Korea	Park Jang-ho , Deputy Director, Division of Tuberculosis Policy, KDCA, Republic of Korea
08:45~09:00	Transition of Mongolia's Tuberculosis Policy: Findings from the Programme Review and Transition Plan	G. Gantungalag , Head of the Tuberculosis Surveillance and Research Department, NCCD, Mongolia
09:00~09:15	The Russian federation on the Path to TB elimination	Vadim V Testov , Deputy Director, National Medical Centre of Phthisiopulmonology and Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health, Russian Federation
09:15~09:30	Lao PDR TB Situation and Control Practices	Suthepmany Sakhone , Director of the National Tuberculosis Centre (NTC), Lao PDR.
09:30~09:45	The achievements and progress of the National TB Programme	Naveen Prakash Shah , Chief Consultant Chest Physician, Department of Tuberculosis Control, National Tuberculosis Control Center, Thimi, Nepal
09:45~10:00	Active Case Finding: Making It Work – Translating Strategy into Urban Operational Practice	Shazelin Binti Alipitchay , Public Health Medicine Specialist, Communicable Disease Division, TB /LEPROSY SECTOR, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
10:00~10:15	Population level reduction of tuberculosis after comprehensive	Kunchok Dorjee , Associate Professor, Medicine and International Health Lavinia Currier Next

	tuberculosis screening and preventive treatment in congregate settings in Asia	Generation Center for Innovative Medicine Scholar Johns Hopkins University, USA
10:15~10:20	Q&A/Discussion	Session Chair
10:20~10:35	Subnational Spatial Heterogeneity of Tuberculosis Notification in Bangladesh: Findings from National Surveillance Data	Syed Shafiq Tamal , Public Health Expert/ Medical Officer, National Tuberculosis Control Program, Directorate General of Health Services, Bangladesh
10:35~10:50	The Cost-Effectiveness Assessment of the Active Case Finding Report	L.Munkh-Erdene , Deputy director, Planning and Finance, Mongolia-Japan Hospital Associate Professor, Department of Health Policy, School of Public Health, MNUMS, Mongolia
10:50~11:05	Combat TB from a single region to the whole nation; strategy in Myanmar	Myo Su Kyi , Director of Disease Control, Department of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Myanmar
11:05~11:20	TBD	TBC, Democratic People's Republic of Korea
11:20~11:25	Q&A/Discussion	Session Chair
11:25~11:45	Tea/Coffee Break	All Participants
11:45~12:00	Move to the Government Palace (Great Hall)	All Participants
DAY 1 Afternoon: Joint Opening Ceremony - Venue: The Government Palace, Great Hall		
12:00~12:50	Security Check-in & Arrival at the Conference Hall	All Delegates and Participants
12:50~13:00	The conference hall will be fully occupied	All Delegates and Participants
13:00~13:45	Will be held with a special program	All Delegates and Participants
13:45~13:50	Group Photo	VIPs and Participants
13:50~14:00	Move to the Blue-Sky Hotel	Moderator
14:00~15:10	Lunch in Blue-Sky Hotel	All Participants
Session II: Innovative TB Technologies in Asia Chair: Satoshi Mitarai , Head of Department of Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory and Research, the Research Institute of Tuberculosis, Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association (JATA) Co-chairs: Tao Li , Deputy Director, Department of Surveillance and Early Warning, National Center for Tuberculosis Control and Prevention, China CDC		
15:10~15:25	Implementing MIC-Based Drug Susceptibility Testing to Support Optimal Tuberculosis Treatment in Mongolia	Shiomi Yoshida , Senior Researcher/Chief Scientist, Department of Mycobacterium Reference and Research, Research Institute of Tuberculosis, Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association, Tokyo, Japan
15:25~15:40	Advances in Research and Application of TB Laboratory Diagnostics in China	Xichao Ou , Deputy director of National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory/Researcher, National Center for Tuberculosis Control and Prevention, China CDC
15:40~15:55	Laboratory-Based Surveillance of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis	T. Oyuntuya , Head of the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory, NCCD, Mongolia

15:55~16:10	Recent Advances in Bacteriophage Research for the Treatment of Tuberculosis and Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Infections	Gi Su Kang , Research and Development Center, Researcher, Team 1, Korean Institute of Tuberculosis (KIT), Korean National Tuberculosis Association (KNTA), Republic of Korea
16:10~16:20	Q&A/Discussion	Session Chair
16:20~16:40	Tea/Coffee Break	All Participants
16:40~16:55	Potential use of tidal breath for tuberculosis diagnosis	Satoshi Mitarai , Professor, Head of Department of Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory and Research, the Research Institute of Tuberculosis, Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association (JATA)
16:55~17:10	Mongolia experience in MDR-TB treatment trials: From STREAM to PRISM-TB	A. Oyunchimeg , Head of the DR-TB Department, Tuberculosis Clinic, NCCD, Mongolia
17:10~17:25	Closing the TB Detection Gap in Sarawak, Malaysia: Real-World Innovation from Detection to Prevention	Emmanuel Joseph Fong Tsung , Public Health Medicine Specialist, Sarawak Health Department, TB /LEPROSY Unit, Malaysia
17:25~17:40	Bridging the TB Diagnostic Gap in Cambodia	Chry Monyath , Acting Executive Director, Cambodia Anti-Tuberculosis Association (CATA)
17:40~17:50	Q&A/Discussion	Session Chair
17:50~17:55	Summary of Day 1	S. Enkhbold , General Director, NCCD, Mongolia
17:55~18:00	Announcements: Day 2 Programme and Other Notices	S. Enkhbold , General Director, NCCD, Mongolia
DAY 2. 16 September, (Wednesday): 08:00-17:35 - Venue: Blue Sky Hotel, Diamond Conference Room		
Time	Activity	Speakers
08:00~08:10	Registration	
08:10~08:20	Summary of Day1 & Overview of Day2	Ts. Bazarragchaa , Research and Innovation Lead, Mongolian Anti-TB Coalition, Executive Member of the Scientific Committee of the NCCD, Mongolia
Session III: Patient Support and Social Protection Programs Chair: Vadim V Testov , Deputy Director, National Medical Research Centre of Phthisiopulmonology and Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health, Russian Federation Co-chairs: Rodelyn Melad Marte , Executive Director of APCASO, Convenor of ACT! AP, Thailand		
08:20~08:35	Implementation Progress and Psychological Support Integration in the Tuberculosis Care Pilot Project in China	Eryong Liu , Deputy director, Department of Patient's Care Department, National Center for Tuberculosis Control and Prevention, China CDC
08:35~08:50	Enhancing TB Service Quality through Community-led Monitoring to Effectively Eliminate TB	Amara Quesada Bondad , Executive Director, Action for Health Initiatives, Inc. (ACHIEVE), Philippines

08:50~09:05	Comprehensive Support for Patients with Tuberculosis: Medical, Social, and Legal Mechanisms	Andrey Batomunkuevich Dorjiev , State Budgetary Healthcare Institution "Republican Clinical Anti-Tuberculosis Dispensary" of the Republic of Buryatia named after G. D.Dugarova, Russian Federation
09:05~09:20	Integration of social support into tuberculosis treatment in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia): a patient-centred model in the Far North	Svetlana P. Zorina , Organizational and Analytical Department, E.N. Andreev Scientific and Practical Center "Phthisiatry", Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Russian Federation
09:20~09:30	Q&A/Discussion	Session Chair
09:30~09:50	Tea/Coffee Break	All Participants
09:50~10:05	Implementing the TB Champion Model in Mongolia: Capacity Building and Peer-Led Support for TB affected communities	Kh. Davaajav , Community Advisory Board coordinator, Mongolian Anti-TB Coalition, Mongolia
10:05~10:20	Progress in numbers vs realities on the ground: community and civil society perspectives	Rodelyn Melad Marte , Executive Director of APCASO, Convenor of ACT! AP, Thailand
10:20~10:35	Factors Associated With Patient Delay and Its Economic Burden	B. Altanchimeg , Department of Infectious Diseases, MNUMS, SOM, Mongolia
10:35~10:45	Q&A/Discussion	Session Chair
Session IV Environmental and NCD Determinants of Tuberculosis: Integrated Responses and Post-TB Care Chair: Hojoon Sohn , Associate Professor of Medicine, SNU College of Medicine, Republic of Korea Co-chairs: Joowhan Sung , Assistant Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Republic of Korea		
10:45~11:00	Comorbidity Patterns and Impact on Treatment Outcomes Among Tuberculosis Patients in China, 2021–2025	Tao Li , Deputy Director, Department of Surveillance and Early Warning, National Center for Tuberculosis Control and Prevention, China CDC
11:00~11:15	The evolution particularities of drug-resistant tuberculosis on therapeutic outcome in patients with diabetes mellitus	Malic Alina , Associate professor, Department of Discipline of Pneumology and Allergology, N. Testemitanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Republic of Moldova
11:15~11:30	Prevalence of pathogenic non-tuberculous mycobacteria in the «human–environment system» with determination of the antibiotic resistance spectrum	Natalia V. Stavitskaya , Director, Novosibirsk Tuberculosis Research Institute, Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation
11:30~11:40	Q&A/Discussion	Session Chair
11:40~11:55	Distribution of Non-tuberculous Mycobacterial species identified at the National TB Reference laboratory: A retrospective study, 2016–2025	Erdenegere N , Physician/Specialist at the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory, NCCD, Mongolia

11:55~12:10	Model informed precision dosing in polypharmacy patients with tuberculosis	Jae-Gook Shin , Professor and Chairman, Department of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Institute of Pharmacogenomics and Precision Medicine, Center for Personalized Precision Medicine of Tuberculosis, Inje University College of Medicine, Busan Paik Hospital, Busan, Republic of Korea
12:10~12:25	TBD	TBD, Democratic People's Republic of Korea
12:25~12:35	Q&A/Discussion	Session Chair
12:35~13:35	Lunch	All Participants
Session V. Operational Research and Health Systems Innovations for Effective Tuberculosis Control Chair: Suthepmany Sakhone , Director of the National Tuberculosis Centre, Lao PDR. Co-chair: Egor S. Prokopyev , Director, E.N. Andreev Scientific and Practical Center 'Phthisiatry' Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Russian Federation		
13:35~13:50	From question to guideline: what makes operational research change tuberculosis policy in Asia	Fukushi Morishita , Technical Officer, Integrated Communicable Disease Control Unit, World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific, Manila, Philippines
13:50~14:05	AI-interpreted chest X-ray for tuberculosis screening: insights from four years of field implementation	Joowhan Sung , Assistant Professor of Medicine Division of Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Republic of Korea
14:05~14:20	Regional learning networks to accelerate the adoption of WHO-recommended DR-TB regimens in Asia	Eden C. Mendoza-Hisey , Head of PeerLINC, TB Alliance, Philippines
14:20~14:35	Spatiotemporal hierarchical Bayesian analysis to identify hot spots for tuberculosis and rifampicin-resistant tuberculosis in Mongolia	Raghavan RK , Associate professor Department of Pathobiology and Integrative Biomedical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine MU Institute of Data Science and Informatics, Department of Public Health, College of Health Sciences, University of Missouri, Columbia, USA
14:35~14:45	Q&A/Discussion	Session Chair
14:45~15:05	Tea/Coffee Break	
15:05~15:20	Active Case Finding Strategies Among TB Contacts in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	D.Naranzul , Epidemiologist, Tuberculosis Surveillance and Research Department, NCCD, Mongolia
15:20~15:35	Data quality assessment of the tuberculosis information system (TUBIS): strengths and gaps	M. Enkhnarar , Data manager, Tuberculosis Surveillance and Research department, NCCD, Mongolia
15:35~15:50	Clinical, Diagnostic and Outcome Profile of Tuberculous Pericarditis: A Single-Centre Retrospective Study and Comparison with International Cohorts	Ts. Rentsenmyagmar , Consultant, Department of Surgery, Tuberculosis Clinic, National center for communicable diseases, Mongolia
15:50~16:00	Q&A/Discussion	Session Chair

Closing Session		
16:00~16:20	Introduction to the Korean Initiative for Global Tuberculosis Cooperation and Call for Project Proposals	Hojoon Sohn , Associate Professor of Medicine, SNU College of Medicine, Republic of Korea
16:20~16:30	Wrap-Up and Closing Session Instructions	Ts. Bazarragchaa , Research and Innovation Lead, Mongolian Anti-TB Coalition, Executive Member of the Scientific Committee of the NCCD, Mongolia
16:30~16:45	Presentation of the Asian Young Investigator of TB Research Award and Award Ceremony of 2026 Winners	Award Presenter: Hon. Jigjidsuren Chinburen , Member of Parliament of Mongolia Hon. Shin Min-Seok , President of the Korean National Tuberculosis Association, Republic of Korea
16:45~16:55	Closing Remarks	S. Enkhbold , General Director, National Center for Communicable Diseases, Mongolia
16:55~17:00	Announcements: Day 3 Activities and General Notices	Ts. Bazarragchaa , Research and Innovation Lead, Mongolian Anti-TB Coalition, Executive Member of the Scientific Committee of the NCCD, Mongolia
DAY 3. 17 September, (Thursday): Field Trip (Optional)		
09:00~14:00	Visits to National Center for Communicable Diseases, Mongolia	NCCD Officials, KNTA Mongolia, Field Trip Applicants