



Australian and New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion  
East Asia, Pacific Islands Travel Awards

TRAVEL AWARD RECIPIENT REPORT

Location of Meeting: Adelaide, South Australia

Dates of Meeting: 18-21 October 2015

Travel Award Recipient Name: Dr, Chea Sokhim, Awarded by ANZSBT from the ISBT sponsorship.

Background of Recipient:

My name is Chea Sokhim; Medical Doctor and MSc in Health Care Administration. My Current Position is Deputy Director of National Blood Transfusion Centre-NBTC.

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My main responsibility: Assist NBTC Director in the following areas

- Increase number of Voluntary Non Remunerated Donors
- Management, Policy and Strategy Development
- Coordinate development partners/International Relations
- Quality Management System and GMP, Internal Auditing and Accreditation,
- Policies Planning and strategy
- Training
- Supervision and Evaluation
- Hemovigilance assessment and research
- Other assignment by NBTC

Educational activities at the meeting:

1. Oral Presentations

I covered the overall program of 4 days focussing on blood transfusion with lectures by experienced researchers and experts. The topics covered included patient management in bleeding and coagulopathy, haematology, problems post transfusion, paediatric transfusion practice

and aplastic anaemia. The information I gained as a blood service manager, will be shared with colleagues at the blood centres in my country. I will be able to improve understanding of blood service and of treatment with physicians at the hospitals by sharing this knowledge

## 2. Poster Presentations

I saw all the posters exhibited by a variety of organizations related to blood services and researchers which focused on all aspects of blood transfusion, Patient management, bleeding and coagulopathy, haematology, problem of post transfusion, paediatric transfusion practice and aplastic anaemia. These also provided me with more knowledge that I can bring back to share with colleagues at the blood centres and all physicians from hospitals to understand and open discussion to improve both the blood service and treatment at hospital.

## 3. New Technology / Trade exhibition

I hope I can tell my colleagues about new technology that can help to improve production of blood in blood service, and treatments that will contribute to quality and high expectation from both donor and patients.

## 4. Information / knowledge gained from attending the meeting

I expect that all information and knowledge that I gained from attending this valuable HAA Conference will assist me as additional input in policy and strategy development in blood services and linking with hospitals to build up coordination in blood service to provide care with safety to patient.

## 5. Overall experience

My experience is areas of Quality System Management and Assessment in health system strengthening including blood services. I hope I can benefit from relevant professionals lecturers.

## Comments and feedback

I would like to suggest for the next event, there should be greater balance between the supplier side, as blood services provide blood and its components to hospital as the demand side. For example, in developing country such as my country, Cambodia, we have to work closely together on the issue of treating by blood and its components. And for next time it would be useful to select at least two from one country, one working at blood service and another one, Physician working within a Hospital, so they can discuss wisely during the meeting. Our challenges faced by blood bank include emerging infectious disease and transfusion, and blood support for rural and remote practice.

In summary, I have learnt and benefited from the HAA conference from the expertise from researchers, scientists in hematology, clinical practices in hematology treatment and particularly in blood service such as “The advancement of knowledge in blood transfusion and transfusion medicine”. Other topics including the promotion of improved standards in the practice of blood transfusion and the collaboration with international and other regional societies interested in blood, the promotion of interest in research into blood transfusion and allied subjects and the formulation of guidelines in key areas of transfusion practice were particularly interesting