

## **The Central Theme of the Conference is Healthy Urbanisation - Healthy People**

The Conference will engage people from Cities and Communities from around the world in expanding the Global WHO Healthy City Program in partnership with the Alliance for Healthy Cities across the Asia Pacific Region.

Throughout the world and particularly in the Asia Pacific Region there is a period of significant rapid and unprecedented urbanisation. The WHO Healthy City Program has existed for more than two decades and is being expanded to address the issues that can affect the quality of life of people and factors that preserve natural environmental assets and create sustainable futures for people living in cities, towns and villages. These problems are becoming more and more global in nature – the causes lie beyond the scope of various local government actions.... Cities and Communities need all the support they can get to work towards well-planned and managed urban and regional communities and enhance places where people can happily live, work and play. In partnership let's explore Healthy Urbanisation and Healthy People concepts, plans and programs

### **Overview of the AFHC**

The Alliance for Healthy Cities is an international network aiming at protecting and enhancing the health and liveability of cities and communities. The Alliance is a group of over 150 cities and other organizations including supporting Universities that try to achieve this goal through an approach called "Healthy Cities". We believe that international cooperation is an effective and efficient tool to achieve the goal and we promote the interaction of people who are in the front line of solving complex well-being, health and environmental issues.

The Healthy Cities Approach was initiated by the World Health Organization in order for local governments to cope with the adverse effects of an urban environment on people's health and well-being, the WHO has been promoting the approach worldwide.

As an increasing population lives in cities amid global urbanization, we hope that our international network will help make strides in the promotion of health of the people living in cities.

As Secretary of the AC AFHC I look forward to meeting you again especially in Logan City, the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Brisbane Cities, Australia where we can continue our important work in building healthy cities and communities in partnership with key local governments and their local agencies, the private sector and individuals in communities on this important Conference agenda focusing on the implementation of appropriate health in urban and regional settings.



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