

PREFACE

Thailand is preparing itself for the commencement of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), and education is one of the important sectors that need preparation to adapt to coming changes. The Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University, is aware of such a necessity in Pediatrics.

Training in Pediatrics varies across ASEAN countries. Some have a well-established curriculum. Others have just started developing such systems. Moreover, treatment in pediatrics presents with limitations in some countries due to the lack of human resources and access to medicines. Therefore, the Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University hosted the Chula ASEAN Pediatric Forum to address these challenges. The Forum invited distinguished pediatricians from ten ASEAN countries to contribute their unique experiences in pediatric training and delivering management and treatment of pediatric diseases in their countries.

This Proceedings compiles articles presented and discussed in this constructive Forum. It contains ten chapters that encompass a wide range of issues in pediatric training and management in various pediatric diseases, such as immunization practice in ASEAN countries, accident and injury prevention in children, ASEAN breast feeding initiatives, dengue infection, and childhood obesity in ASEAN countries. The editors wish to have this Proceedings used as a standard reference in pediatric training and treatment in the region—the effect of which would bring about harmonization and unity in the field. When united, we are stronger and more ready to compete in the world.

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