

Presentation Ceremony for Princess Chichibu Memorial TB Global Award

It is a great pleasure for me to present the “Princess Chichibu Memorial Tuberculosis Global Award.” I would like to thank The Union for its long-term collaboration with the Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

Dr. Mao Tan Eang, the winner of this year’s award, led the National Tuberculosis Programme of Cambodia, which reduced tuberculosis incidence rates by more than half in 10 years.

One of the keys to this success was a nationwide expansion of DOTS to the primary care levels. In order to achieve this in a short period of time, Dr. Mao Tan Eang established clear policies and created clinical guidelines based on scientific research. He mobilized resources, strengthened partnership with other agencies, and developed human resource. It is notable that he and his colleagues trained staff, who in turn trained local staff, and his motivation and essential skills were thus transmitted to each staff member who worked in health centers in local communities. He also made numerous efforts to empower women through involving and building capacity of female volunteers for community-based DOTS.

Dr. Mao Tan Eang, I sincerely wish for your good health and continued contributions to the fight against tuberculosis and the promotion of the health of the people of Cambodia and of the world.

On behalf of the Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association and The Union, I would like to present the Princess Chichibu Memorial Tuberculosis Global Award for 2022 to Dr. Mao Tan Eang for your outstanding contributions to preventing tuberculosis and raising care level in your country.

Congratulations!