



## **Workshop Info Pack for Participants of Third ASEAN Military Medicine Conference 2021**

The Third ASEAN Military Medicine Conference (AMMC) is honoured to host two Workshop Facilitators from the Yale University, namely, Dr. Albert Ko and Dr. Sunil Parikh. Both Dr. Ko and Dr. Parikh have been playing key roles in the COVID-19 prevention, control and research efforts in Connecticut State (USA), which had a daily COVID-19 positivity rate of 63.56% in April 2020 and is currently at less than 1% (May 2021).

Bringing his experiences in addressing myriad issues surrounding public health and the state's economy as the Co-Chair of the Reopen Connecticut Advisory Group, Dr. Albert Ko will be delivering a workshop at the Third AMMC, titled "Addressing Pandemics through Population Health-based Approaches" on 25 May 2021, 10:50H (GMT+8).

Meanwhile, Dr. Sunil Parikh, who has collaborated with the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in studying the effectiveness of vaccines in nursing homes, will be delivering a workshop on "Innovation & Health Technology for Pandemics" with a special focus on vaccination-related issues on **26 May 2021, 12:50H (GMT+8)**.

**Both workshops will be hosted virtually from Brunei Darussalam and will last for an hour. Each workshop consists of three parts:**

- **Part A: Presentation by Workshop Facilitator (20 min)**
- **Part B: Small Group Discussions\* (30 min)**
- **Part C: Sharing Session Moderated by Workshop Facilitator (30 min)**

**\*Note: Participants will be automatically assigned to a virtual room for small group discussions according to the list on the next page. Each group will need to nominate one notetaker to record their discussion points and one presenter to share these discussion points to everyone in Part C. (Amended on 25 May 2021)**

**For a seamless virtual experience, all participants are required to have downloaded this "Workshop Info Pack" as well as to ensure webcam, microphone and speaker to be in good order prior to the workshops.**

For any enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact the AMMC Secretariat at [ammc2021.secretariat@mindef.gov.bn](mailto:ammc2021.secretariat@mindef.gov.bn) or via Whatsapp Group Chat for registered Tech POCs.

## VIRTUAL ROOM ASSIGNMENT For Part B of Workshop

### VIRTUAL ROOM 1 (COLOR CODE: WHITE)

ASSISTANT WORKSHOP FACILITATOR 1: CAPT AFIFAH

NO	ACCOUNT NAME	REPRESENTATIVE NAME	APPOINTMENT	ROLE
1	AUSTRALIA 3	Mr Alex Baxter	Assistant Director ASEAN, Department of Defence	Participant
2	CAMBODIA 1	Lt Col Somrith Chan Sopheak	Department of Health Ministry of National Defence, Cambodia	
3	JAPAN 1	Yoshida Roran	Director, Indo Pacific Regional Policy Division, Ministry of Defence, Japan	
4	NEW ZEALAND 1	Commander Karen Ward	Director Health Workforce and Partnerships, Defence Health, New Zealand Defence Force	
5	PHILIPPINES 3	Col Ibuna	Armed Forces of The Philippines	
6	SINGAPORE 2	ME4 Toh Zi Xiang Jonathan	Singapore Armed Forces	
7	THAILAND 1	Lt Col Puttinan Kongtham	Chief of Planning Section, Operations and Intelligence Division, Royal Thai Army Medical Department	
8	USA 1	Commander Amber Biles	Deputy Director, Global Health Engagement (GHE)/ MILIMED, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)	
9	VIETNAM 1	Lt Hoang Long	Staff Officer, Foreign Relations Department, Ministry of National Defence, Viet Nam	
10	MALAYSIA 4	Mr Mohamad Muzzamil	Ministry of Defence, Malaysia	Observer
11	ASEAN ORG 1	Dr Ferdinal M. Fernando	ASEAN Secretariat	

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### VIRTUAL ROOM 2 (COLOR CODE: YELLOW)

ASSISTANT WORKSHOP FACILITATOR 2: LT DR HAZMAN

NO	ACCOUNT NAME	REPRESENTATIVE NAME	APPOINTMENT	ROLE
1	BRUNEI 1	Lt Col Dr Fetty Ruziyana bte Hj Aliuddin	Medical Officer, Royal Brunei Armed Forces	Participant
2	CAMBODIA 2	Col Radin	Department of Health Ministry of National Defence, Cambodia	
3	INDONESIA 2	Col Dadang Syaeful	Analyst for Medical and Health Policy, Indonesia Ministry of Defence	
4	JAPAN 2	Kaku Koki	Professor, National Defense Medical College	
5	LAO 1	Col Sithavong Bounpasong	Deputy Director General, Military Medical Department, Lao PDR	
6	MALAYSIA 1	Lt General Dato' Dr Zulkeffeli bin Mat Jusoh	Director General, Health Services Division, Malaysia Armed Forces	
7	MYANMAR 1	Brig Gen Khin Aung Htun	Rector of Defence Services Medical Army, Directorate of Medical Services	
8	SINGAPORE 3	SLTC(DR) Colin Tan	Head General Staff, SAF Medical Corps, Singapore Armed Forces	
9	USA 2	Rear Admiral Miller	Command Surgeon, US Indo-Pacific Command	
10	ASEAN ORG 2	Ms. Jennifer E.Dela Rosa	ASEAN Secretariat	Observer
11	ASEAN ORG 3	Mr. Jim P. Catampongan	ASEAN Secretariat	

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### VIRTUAL ROOM 3 (COLOR CODE: BLUE)

ASSISTANT WORKSHOP FACILITATOR 3: LT DR NAQIBAH

NO	ACCOUNT NAME	REPRESENTATIVE NAME	APPOINTMENT	ROLE
1	AUSTRALIA 1	AIRCDRE Lumsden	Senior Consultant - Air Force Health Services, Australian Defence Force	Participant
2	INDIA 1	Colonel Vishal Vir Sharma	Medical Management Expert, Indian Army	
3	INDONESIA 3	Lt Col Imam Suryo Cahyono	Indonesia Ministry of Defence	
4	JAPAN 3	Prof Masanori Fujita	Division of Environmental Medicine, National Defense Medical College Research Institute, National Defense Medical College	
5	LAO 2	Lt Col Ammala Phongpheakham	Military Medical Department, Lao PDR	
6	MALAYSIA 2	Brigadier General Dr Mohd Arshil bin Moideen	Director of Management and Operation, Health Services Division, Malaysian Armed Forces	
7	MYANMAR 2	Lt Col Thet Naing	Directorate of Medical Services	
8	PHILIPPINES 1	Maj Paul Albano Mac	Chief Medical Corps, Office of the Surgeon General, Armed Forces of The Philippines	
9	USA 3	Christopher Merritt	USASEAN	
10	ASEAN ORG 4	Mr. Michael Glen	ASEAN Secretariat	Observer
11	ASEAN ORG 5	Ms. Trisya Rakmawati	ASEAN Secretariat	

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### VIRTUAL ROOM 4 (COLOR CODE: RED)

ASSISTANT WORKSHOP FACILITATOR 4: MAJ DR RAHEEMAH

NO	ACCOUNT NAME	REPRESENTATIVE NAME	APPOINTMENT	ROLE
1	AUSTRALIA 2	WGCDR Lauren McHardy	Southeast Asia Branch, Australian Defence Force	Participant
2	INDIA 2	Lieutenant Colonel Vipra Mangla	Public Health Expert, Indian Army	
3	INDONESIA 1	Col Oktaheroe Ramsi	Deputy Director for Multilateral Cooperation, Indonesia Ministry of Defence	
4	JAPAN 4	Harada Ayako	Deputy Director, Health and Medical Division, MOD	
5	LAO 3	Capt Malayvanh Lao	Military Medical Department, Lao PDR	
6	MALAYSIA 3	Major Dr Ericson Netto	Staff Officer 1, Epidemiology, Health Services Division, Malaysian Armed Forces	
7	MYANMAR 3	Capt Win Htut	Directorate of Medical Services	
8	PHILIPPINES 2	Col Darlene D Flores Nc (GSC)	Chief, Plans and programs Branch, OTCN, Nurse Corps, Armed Forces of The Philippines	
9	SINGAPORE 1	COL(DR) Lo Hong Yee	Chief of Medical Corps, Singapore Armed Forces	
10	ASEAN ORG 6	Mr. Randy Adrian	ASEAN Secretariat	Observer

# **WORKSHOP 1:**

## **Addressing Pandemics through Population Health-based Approaches**

### **25 May 2021, 10:50H (GMT+8)**

#### **About the Workshop:**

The workshop will focus on providing a framework for decision making and policy implementation of population health-based responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first part of the workshop will review guiding principles for pandemic response policy and use the example of the COVID-19 response in the US state of Connecticut to highlight these themes. Participants will then identify salient features of the pandemic response policies in their countries and delineate key steps in how evidence informs decision making with respect to population health-based interventions to COVID-19.

#### **Questions for Small Group Discussion:**

1. What metrics do your countries use to drive policy decision making for COVID-19 response in your country? Why were these metrics chosen? How is surveillance designed to measure these metrics during pandemic?
2. What are public health interventions that comprise the COVID-19 response policy in your country and what triggers or thresholds are used to phase in or phases out these interventions during the evolution of the pandemic?

#### **About the Workshop Facilitator:**

Dr. Albert Ko, an infectious disease physician, is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases at Yale School of Public Health and collaborating researcher at the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazilian Ministry of Health. His research centers on the health problems that have emerged as a consequence of rapid urbanization and social inequity. Dr. Ko leads a research and training programme on urban slum health in Brazil which combines multidisciplinary approaches to identify prevention and control strategies for emerging infectious diseases such as Zika, Dengue and Leptospirosis. He is also a program director for the National Institute Health-supported Global Health Equity Scholars Programme which provides training opportunities for fellows and students at 21 international sites. Dr. Ko serves as a member of the World Health Organization Research & Development (WHO R&D) Taskforce for Zika virus and WHO R&D Blueprint Working Group on clinical trial design. During the COVID-19 epidemic, he mobilized a team of investigators at Yale for the goal of implementing clinical and translational research, developing new diagnostics, and preparing cohorts for intervention trials. Dr. Ko was called upon by Connecticut's Governor Lamont to serve with Indra Nooyi as Co-chair of the Reopen Connecticut

Advisory Group and continues to advise the state on its COVID-19 prevention and control plan.

You may read/ watch more about Dr. Albert Ko here:

- <https://medicine.yale.edu/news-article/public-health-professor-plays-key-role-as-connecticut-recovers-from-pandemic/>
- <https://www.nhregister.com/news/coronavirus/article/Yale-s-Ko-and-the-lessons-of-COVID-Heroism-15999609.php>
- <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/videos/2021-03-15/fear-the-covid-variants-yale-s-dr-ko-video>

# **WORKSHOP 2: Innovation & Health Technology for Pandemics 26 May 2021, 12:50H (GMT+8)**

## **About the Workshop:**

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought immense suffering but has also necessitated innovations in medicine and public health. Advances in SARS-CoV-2 testing, genomic surveillance, telehealth, critical care, and numerous other areas have been seen. Most striking was development of COVID-19 vaccines already in clinical usage. We will provide an overview of available COVID-19 vaccines and follow with a discussion of the challenges that have been encountered in access, misinformation, and acceptance. In our small group sessions, we will focus on vaccine-related challenges in the military, and how the military can ensure the safety of its personnel and the civilians they protect.

## **Questions for Small Group Discussion:**

1. Based on your experience with the COVID-19 vaccination in your respective country/organization, do you think the military should mandate vaccination for all personnel?
2. Consider the existing challenges in military peacekeeping operations, should the military have a role in deploying vaccines to displaced populations or conflict zones? If yes, how do you think the military can combat vaccine misinformation?

## **About the Workshop Facilitator:**

Dr. Sunil Parikh is an Associate Professor in Epidemiology and Medicine at the Yale School of Public Health. He is an infectious diseases physician-scientist, and has been working in the area of global health and malaria for two decades. Dr. Parikh obtained his medical degree at Johns Hopkins University, completed medical residency at the Beth Israel in Boston, obtained an infectious diseases fellowship at the University of California-San Francisco, and a Masters in Public Health at the University of California-Berkeley. At Yale, his work focuses on malaria epidemiology and control in sub-saharan Africa, focusing on highly vulnerable populations, namely young children, pregnant women, and those with comorbidities. He has active projects in Burkina Faso, Uganda, and Cameroon, though has worked in countries outside of Africa, including Peru, Haiti, and Bhutan. Since the onset of COVID-19, he has led a joint taskforce with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, focused on improving surveillance and outbreak control for COVID-19 in long-term care facilities, the hardest hit demographic in the United States of America. His work has been done jointly with the public health agencies to inform policy, and has focused on evaluating the role of various testing algorithms, as well as co-leading the first vaccine effectiveness study of the Pfizer-Biontech vaccine in elderly residents of nursing homes.

You may read more about Dr. Sunil Parikh here:



- <https://news.yale.edu/2021/03/15/new-study-finds-covid-19-vaccines-highly-effective-nursing-homes>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7011e3.htm>
- <https://www.courant.com/coronavirus/hc-news-coronavirus-nursing-home-study-yale-20210317-qfj2by5d3nnd5jacauvfpjuie-story.html>