

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Department continues to maintain strong ties with international health authorities through regular correspondence, bilateral visits and overseas conferences. In 2000, the Director of Health represented Hong Kong during the 51st Session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific Region of the World Health Organisation held in Manila and attended, as part of the China delegation, the 53rd Session of the World Health Assembly held in Geneva. The attendance of the Director at the Framework Convention of Tobacco Control in Geneva, International Congress on Traditional Chinese Medicine in Beijing, the 10th Conference on Health Problems Related to the Chinese in North America in San Francisco, the 11th World Conference on Tobacco or Health in Chicago and Meeting of Poliomyelitis Eradication in Kyoto as well as duty visits paid to various health authorities abroad helped to reinforce linkages between the Department of Health, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and her overseas counterparts.

Apart from the above, the Department also sent officers to attend overseas conferences and visits which covered a broad spectrum of areas, such as communicable diseases, disease prevention and screening, radiation health, environmental health, traditional Chinese medicine, travel medicine, regulation of drug, primary health care, dentistry and tobacco control etc. In 2000, about 60 overseas conferences/duty visits were attended.

國際聯繫

衛生署經常藉着通訊、派員出席互訪活動及到外地參加國際會議，與國際衛生機構保持密切聯繫。衛生署署長在二零零零年曾代表香港到馬尼拉出席世界衛生組織西太平洋區委員會第51次會議，並以中華人民共和國代表團團員的身分，出席在日內瓦舉行的第53次世界衛生大會。衛生署署長並出席在日內瓦舉行的煙草管制架構會議、在北京舉行的國際傳統醫學大會、在三藩市舉行的第十屆北美洲華人健康問題會議、在芝加哥舉行的第11屆煙草與健康世界會議及在京都舉行的消滅脊髓灰質炎野株病毒會議，亦曾多次遠赴海外考察，為加強香港特別行政區衛生署與外地衛生機構的聯繫而努力。

除此以外，衛生署亦派員參加國際會議及到外地訪問，內容廣泛及包括不同論題如傳染病、疾病預防及普查、放射衛生、環境健康、中醫藥、旅遊健康、藥物監管、基層健康服務、牙醫學及控煙等。於二零零零年，衛生署共參與約60個海外會議及訪問。