



DR TRAN IS THE FIRST VIETNAMESE CANDIDATE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF WHO REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC.

She is a strong, dynamic leader with three decades of public health and health diplomacy experience at national, regional and international levels. Dr Tran currently serves as Director of Division of Programmes for Disease Control in the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO). She has a proven track record in understanding the challenges faced by Member States, and leading WPR teams to think critically and identify innovative approaches to tackle these challenges.

Her vision is: **“Building a Healthier Future Together: Leaving no one behind”**. This vision emphasizes the importance of strengthening primary health care and transforming the health system to reach vulnerable populations and achieve universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals in the Region.

Dr Tran is a supportive, caring, and inclusive leader who aims to bring a new dynamic to WHO Western Pacific Region. She aims to address barriers that prevent all WHO employees from realizing their full potential in supporting Member States, inspire the next generation of female leaders and foster inclusivity and diversity in decision-making.

Join the Journey with Dr Tran:

Embark on this transformative journey towards a healthier future under Dr Tran's leadership. Be a part of the WHO Western Pacific Region's success story as it continues to set new benchmarks for global health standards. Together, we can build a brighter, healthier tomorrow for all.

I AM COMMITTED TO LEAD THE WPRO WORK SUPPORTING MEMBER STATES BY FOCUSING ON FIVE KEY PRIORITIES AS FOLLOWS:

Priority 1

Transform health systems, especially primary health care, to improve people's health outcomes, with the focus on vulnerable populations to achieve universal health coverage.

Priority 2

Improve capacity to prepare and respond to health emergencies through strengthening surveillance and early warning systems, increase preparedness and response capacity and strengthen cooperation among Member States on health emergencies.

Priority 3

Promote healthier population as a central goal of society across different sectors and levels of government; accelerate the implementation of health-enabling policy to address the social determinants of health; establish the co-benefits with other sectors on climate change and environmental health, and address population ageing.

Priority 4

Create a motivating and supporting working environment and foster a respectful workplace culture; strengthen the effectiveness of WPRO's workforce and enhance coordination across three levels of the organization to fully utilize WHO's potential to support Member States.

Priority 5

Strengthen partnerships - including with sectors beyond health - and establish new partnerships to support Member States in implementing global and regional strategies and policies at both national and sub-national levels and facilitate knowledge sharing and exchange among Member States.



See more information about Tran Thi Giang Huong - M.D, M.P.H, Ph.D (DR TRAN)

CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF WHO REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF VIET NAM

For the term **2024 - 2029**



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BUILDING A HEALTHIER FUTURE TOGETHER: LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

MESSAGE FROM H.E. BUI THANH SON, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

"As a proactive and responsible member of the international community, Viet Nam is committed to contributing to international public health. We are proud to put forward Dr Tran Thi Giang Huong as a candidate for the post of WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific Region Office (WPRO). Indeed, we believe Dr Tran Thi Giang Huong is the leader the WPRO needs at this critical moment – an effective, visionary and inclusive leader with determination to achieve results. She has proven her exceptional capacity to serve people in the Western Pacific, one of the most diversified and dynamic Regions, to lead and support WPRO's workforce, and to collaborate closely with Member States and relevant stakeholders for a healthier future for all people in the Region."

MESSAGE FROM H.E. DAO HONG LAN, MINISTER OF HEALTH

I proudly present the candidature of Dr Tran Thi Giang Huong to serve as the next Regional Director of the WHO for the Western Pacific for the term 2024 - 2029. Dr. Tran will bring invaluable experience and vision to the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific to fulfill its vital mission. She is a strategic and inclusive leader with a track record of success who will continue to improve the effectiveness of the WPRO to deliver better health outcomes for the people and Member States in the Western Pacific Region.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- **Director, Division of Programmes for Disease Control**, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO), Manila, Philippines.
- **Director General**, Department of International Cooperation Ministry of Health of Viet Nam.
- **Deputy Director General**, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health of Viet Nam.
- **Official**, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health of Viet Nam.
- **Medical Doctor (Pediatrician)**, Viet Nam National Children's Hospital.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

- **Ph.D in Public Health**, National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Viet Nam.
- **Master of Public Health**, University of New South Wales, Australia.
- **Doctor of Medicine**, Ha Noi Medical University, Viet Nam.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Alternate Member of the WHO Executive Board, World Health Assembly.
- Chair of ASEAN Senior Official Meetings on Health Development (SOMHD).
- Chair of APEC Health Working Group.
- Vice Chair of Country Coordinating Mechanism of Viet Nam, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.
- Chair of Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance (MBDS) Network on communicable disease surveillance in Mekong Basin Region.
- Member of Regional Steering Committee for The Global Fund's Regional Artemisinin-resistance Initiative (RAI).

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS BY DR TRAN THI GIANG HUONG

1. COVID-19 RESPONSE EXCELLENCE

During the critical period of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr Tran worked as the acting Regional Emergency Director (RED), WHO Health Emergencies Programme/Director, Division of Health Security and Emergencies (DSE). She played a pivotal role together with WHO colleagues, Member States and partners in shaping Regional COVID-19 guidance that contributed to the lowest morbidity and mortality rates related to COVID-19 of any Region.

2. SPEARHEADING VACCINATION SUCCESS

As the Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Working Group, Dr Tran supported Member States in the Western Pacific Region, working with COVAX and other partners to support COVID 19 vaccination and attain high COVID-19 vaccination coverage, particularly among priority groups, including in Pacific Island countries, and low middle-income countries.

3. DRIVING HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

Dr Tran is dedicated to the implementation of "Reaching the Unreached" and has driven the development of a new strategy endorsed by Member States to operationalize this "For the Future" priority, in line with WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work. This work paves the way for transforming the Western Pacific into the world's healthiest and safest Region.

4. PIONEERING INNOVATION IN DEVELOPING REGIONAL FRAMEWORKS

Dr Tran's visionary leadership led to the development of future-oriented Regional Frameworks on noncommunicable diseases and mental health. She has envisioned and promoted a shift from a "sick system" to a "health system" in these frameworks and has engaged communities and fostered multisectoral partnerships to create healthier environments and populations.

5. A SYNERGY OF PERSPECTIVES

Dr Tran's past experiences have uniquely positioned her as a leader with a dual perspective. She blends her national, regional and global experience and expertise, towards the goal of making a healthier Western Pacific Region.

National Leadership - Ministry of Health, Viet Nam:

Dr Tran has previously worked as a distinguished figure at the Ministry of Health of Viet Nam. She actively engaged in health policy and strategy development and implementation in Viet Nam. Her role as the Chairperson in the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meetings on Health Development (SOMHD) was instrumental in developing strategic plans and action agenda for health development across ASEAN countries.

International Engagement - World Health Organization (WHO):

Dr Tran served as an alternate member of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization from 2016 to 2019. This prestigious position allowed her to represent Viet Nam and other countries of the Western Pacific Region, and actively participate in global health decision-making.



1 Reaching the Unreached: Delivering prophylaxis malaria drugs to a forest goer in a village in Attapeu Province, Lao PDR.

2 Visiting a community health center providing integrated health services, West New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea.

3 Meeting with Barangay health volunteers in Ilo Ilo Province, Philippines.

4 Meeting with a health worker who delivers outreach health services for nomadic families in Khentii Province, Mongolia.

5 Visiting the National Diabetes Center in Suva, Fiji.

6 Meeting a mother with her son of Dao ethnic minority on immunization day at Dai Son Communal Health Center, Van Yen District, Yen Bai Province, Viet Nam.