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Webinar – “Transforming and Harmonizing Road Safety in Thailand”

Shared Spaces for Children, Pedestrians, Cyclists, and Vehicle.

Date: Thursday 15th May 2025 at 13:00-15:00 hrs. (BKK time)

Co-contribute by: Ministry of Public Health, Thai Health Promotion Foundation, UNICEF Thailand
ThaiRAP, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand Walking and Cycling Institute Foundation,
the Children and Youth Council of Thailand, ThaiPBS, and WHO CCS Road Safety.



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Participants: The Webinar is opened to the public; we expect participation from Thai and international audience, from a wide range from the general public to experts to local governments to policy makers.

Language: Thai and English (simultaneous interpretation available).

Road traffic injuries are a leading cause of death and disability worldwide, with nearly 1.2 million people killed and as many as 50 million people injured each year. They are the leading killer of young people aged 5-29 years. Globally, more than 1 of every 4 deaths occur among pedestrians and cyclists.

The 8th UN Global Road Safety Week offers an opportunity to spur action at national and local levels to make walking and cycling safe, by highlighting concrete and specific interventions that can be taken by different stakeholders – governments, international agencies, civil society, businesses and schools.

These actions will help promote and facilitate a shift to walking and cycling, which are more healthy, green, sustainable and economically advantageous modes of transport. This will also contribute, directly and indirectly, to the attainment of many Sustainable Development Goals.



When walking and cycling are safe, these modes of transport can contribute to making people healthy, cities, sustainable, and societies equitable.

Less than one third of countries have policies to promote both walking and cycling. Yet walking and cycling can impact favorably on health and the environment, through reductions in heart and lung disease, cancer and diabetes and decreases in air and noise pollution. These modes also contribute to sustainable urbanization, meaning cities that are built for the well-being of humans and the environment, and which enhance social connection. Safe walking and cycling also help to promote more equitable societies, where people of all socioeconomic levels have the same degree of access to what their cities offer.

Pedestrians and cyclists make up more than one quarter of all road traffic deaths.

According to the Global status report on road safety 2023, pedestrians and cyclists make up around 21% and 5%, respectively, of the 1.19 million road traffic deaths annually – nearly 310,000 deaths. During the previous decade 2011-2020, pedestrian deaths declined slightly, while cyclist deaths remained constant. Still, there were significant variations across regions. For example, deaths among pedestrians increased by 42% in the South-East Asia Region and deaths among cyclists increased by 50% in the European Region and by 88% in the Western Pacific Region. The International Road Assessment Programme highlights that only 21% of roads for pedestrians and 23% of roads for cyclists meet their 3-star or better rating for these groups.

Walking and cycling are an integral part of the multimodal transport systems advocated in the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2020-2030

It is anticipated that by 2030 around 70% of the global population will live in cities. In this context the rising demand for mobility is set to overwhelm transport systems, particularly those that rely heavily on private vehicles. Walking, cycling and public transport are integral to the multimodal transport systems called for in the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030. Such systems optimize the mix of motorized and non-motorized transport modes. They ensure equitable access to mobility for all, by favoring those modes that are safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable.

Thailand's 5th Road Safety Master Plan (2022-2027) incorporated recommendations of the international Road Safety frameworks, such as the Global Plan, the Safe System Approach, and the 12 Global Road Safety Performance Targets. The Master Plan's vision is **"Towards safe land transport for all"** with a particular mission to "improve and develop an environment that serves safe and sustainable transport for all road users". The target is to reduce road traffic related death rates to less than half by 2027 (25.92 per 100,000 in 2021 to 12 by 2027). With this ambitious goal, there is an urgent need for Thailand to address road safety for all, in particular, the vulnerable populations, such as pedestrians, children and young people.

In this Webinar, we will hear more on experts' viewpoints on how to **"Transforming and Harmonizing Road Safety in Thailand"** **Shared Spaces for Children, Pedestrians, Cyclists, and Vehicle**, *with a particular focus on the safety of children and young people.*



Moderator: Ms Nittaya Keeratisermisin, Journalist, Thai PBS

Speakers:

Time/Sequence	Speaker	Photo	Talk scope
13.00-13.05 (5 min)	Dr Jos Vandelaer, WHO Representative to Thailand		Opening Remarks: Global Plan of Action for Road Safety: Towards safe land transport for all
13:05-13:10 (5 min)	Dr Pongthep Wongwatcharapaiboon CEO, Thai Health Promotion Foundation (Thai Health)		Opening remarks: ThaiHealth's vision for Road Safety.
13:10-13:25 (15 min)	Prof. Kasem Choocharukul, Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University and leader of Thai Road Assessment Programme (ThaiRAP)		Safe Infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists, towards safe land transport for all.
13:25-13:40 (15 min)	Dr Silpa Wairatpanij Thailand Walking and Cycling Institute Foundation		Viewpoint from Road Users on Walking and Cycling towards safe land transport for all. Safe road use.

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"Road Safety: Protecting Our Children from Silent Killers"			
13:40-13:55 (15 min)	Dr Pongthep Wongwatcharapaiboon CEO, Thai Health Promotion Foundation (Thai Health)		ThaiHealth's initiatives for Road Safety in Children and Young People
13:55-14:10 (15 min)	Dr Pun Janpanich Deputy Director of the Injury Prevention Division and Public Health Technical Officer, Senior Professional Level Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health		Thai Safe YOUTH Project: Protecting Our Children from Silent Killers.
14:10-14:25 (15 min)	Ms Sirirath Chunnasart Adolescent Development Specialist UNICEF Thailand		UNICEF's perspectives on increasing road safety for children: Protecting Our Children from Silent Killers
14:25-14:40 (15 min)	Ms Nada Binroheem Advisor, the Children and Youth Council of Thailand (CYC)		YOUTH perspective towards safe transport for all
14:40-15:00	Q&A and closing		