

# HEALTH INNOVATION

## Stories from Communities

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# Introduction

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The National Health System Reform Office (HSRO) has the duty to support the process of Health Assembly, in order to facilitate all sectors in the society to take part in the development of health public policy, as well as in the exchange of learning for the well-being promotion on health, in all extensive dimensions.

In 2004, the budget is supported by the Thai Health Promotion Foundation to HSRO, in order to carry out the innovative synthesis on health promotion, of which the common people of Thailand jointly build up in various aspects. These will lead to the exchange of learning through a variety of channels.

HSRO has assigned the scholars and the freelance writers to synthesize 57 experiences from the health innovations nationwide, and 20 of them are drawn for translation. All of the experiences pass through the learning process with the communities. The group of synthesizers, scholars and local intellectuals learn

and exchange their ideas in order to fulfill the various conceptual viewpoints and experiences from various points of view.

This book not only gives the experiences from each story, but also includes the overall synthesis by Dr. Seri Phongphit, the highly experienced expert on community, from the Village Foundation, as appeared in the first part of the book.

HSRO would like to express the appreciation for the owners of information, writers, and those who take part in the working process and in the well-being of community. Special thanks are also given to the people who own the stories, for dedicating their lives and spirits in collecting the body of knowledge and experiences. They will be valuable lessons for Thai society.

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