

CURRICULUM VITAE

Professor Dr Tin Tin Su, Malaysia

Professor Dr Tin Tin Su is an acting director of South East Asia Community Observatory. She is Professor of Public Health in the Jeffrey Cheah School of Medicine and Health Sciences at Monash University, Sunway Campus – a position she has held since 2018. Prior to that held the head of the Center for Population Health (CePH) at University of Malaya.

Tin Tin Su is a clinically qualified & active public health physician. She graduated from the Institute of Medicine (I), Yangon in 1991. She has a Master of Community Health and Health Management degree (2001) and a Doctor of Medicine (2006) from the School of Medicine, Heidelberg University, Germany. She has working and research experiences in Myanmar, Germany, Nepal, Burkina Faso and Malaysia. Her research interest are social epidemiology, cancer awareness and health literacy, health system and policy, implementation research, and community health development.

Tin Tin Su was a principal investigator of the first nationwide, population-based, study to benchmark cancer awareness in Malaysia. The study showed a low awareness of cancer symptoms and risk factors, as well as negative attitudes and beliefs about cancer treatment and screening. Based on the finding of the study, the Promoting Awareness of Cancer and Early Diagnosis (PACED) initiative was developed with the Ministry of Health and the National Cancer Society Malaysia. Be Cancer Alert campaign (BCAC) was part of PACED initiative project. This is a first mass media campaign in Malaysia which can measure the effectiveness of the campaign systematically. There is a promising potential of using finding of the study for cancer control policy in Malaysia. Leveraging this work, Tin Tin Su and her colleagues have been awarded a MRC grant to study colorectal cancer screening in greater detail in SEACO.

Tin Tin Su led the PARTNER (Participatory Action Research Through Negotiation and Empowerment of Residents) project. The PARTNER project aimed to improve health and well being of a low income urban community using community health development and community engagement approaches. One of study findings indicated that one out of every five low-income urban dwellers has high, 10-year risk of developing CVD. The results drew

the attention of local politician to improve the health status of urban low-income. In recognition, she was conferred the “UMCares Certificate of Excellence Award 2014” by the University of Malaya. Tin Tin Su was a co-investigator in the first Malaysian adolescent cohort study (MyHeart) and the breast cancer survivor cohort study (MyBCC).

She was one of the founding members of Asia Health Literacy Association (AHLA) and elected vice president 2014- 2016. AHLA promotes health literacy as an effective way to improve healthcare quality and reducing health disparities between communities, groups, and nations in Asia. Tin Tin Su obtained the Yufong International Health Literacy Award (2017) and Health Literacy Leadership award (2018) from AHLA. Based on the experience and success of AHLA, the International Health Literacy Association (IHLA) was founded to advocate for health literacy and promote health literacy continuing education and professional development. Tin Tin Su is an executive board member of International Health Literacy Association (IHLA), and she chairs the practice and standard Committee.