About APHN

The Asia Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Network (APHN) is dedicated to promoting hospice and palliative care in Asia and the Pacific. Our purpose is to empower and support organizations and individuals committed to alleviating suffering from life-threatening illness. The Network promotes education and skills development, enhances awareness and communication, and fosters research and collaboration. We encourage established programmes to assist less experienced and more isolated colleagues.

On March 1, 2001, APHN was officially registered in Singapore and later achieved charity status in 2003. The APHN started with 14 Founding sectors including Australia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. Founding Sectors will be permanent sectors of the association.

18 sectors
250 Organisational members
1800 Individual members
Founded since 2001

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On the 15th October 2015, a resolution was passed by the 15th APHN Council to accept Mongolia as the 15th Sector of the APHN. This was a new milestone for us as Mongolia was the first Sector to join the APHN since 2001. In 2019, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka joined APHN as Sectors, bringing our total number of Sectors to 18. More Sectors will be invited to join the APHN in the future as hospice palliative care services are established in other Asia Pacific regions.

Asia Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Conference

A major knowledge-sharing event of the APHN is the biennial Asia Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Conference (APHC). Working together with the host country, APHN ensures each conference attains a high professional standard bringing the latest development and news of the field to all participants. These conferences not only give regional palliative care workers a chance to congregate, share experience, and form friendships, but they also stimulate the host country to coordinate palliative care activities. APHN provides travelling bursaries to deserving members to attend the biennial APHC.
The APHN Webinar Series

APHN hosts quarterly collaborative webinars across the Asia Pacific region. The webinar sessions feature distinguished speakers delivering lectures on palliative care topics. We recognise the need for eLearning options as we believe that such informative material should be easily accessible to everyone. We enabled partners over the region to join us as host sites to screen the webinars at their institutions. To date about 300 to 500 participants have benefited from this series.

Palliative Care Observership

APHN aims to promote access to quality hospice and palliative care for all in the Asia Pacific region. We organise the observership for developing palliative care workers, a chance to learn alongside with the palliative care experts. They will get the chance to attend clinical attachments at the local palliative care hospitals and hospices, in-patient and home care hospice services. In addition, participants will get to network with local clinicians, administrators, patient families and volunteer groups as they share about their experiences in community.

Lien Collaborative for Palliative Care Project

LIFE ASKED DEATH highlights the scale of pain and suffering that needs to be urgently addressed in Asia, and offers insights into the positive outcomes that can be achieved even in resource-limited countries. The documentary brings viewers to Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka to witness how Lien Collaborative’s specialist volunteers bring palliative care and training to these countries. When international experts and local stakeholders work together to develop palliative care capacity in the government-run health systems, the barriers to pain relief and humane care can be removed.

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