

A Name - School of Preventive and Tropical Medicine
Schools of Post-graduate Medicine
Rangoon, BURMA
Course started in 1966-1967

B Academic Staff - Full time and part time staff members were given in the list WHO provided visiting professors in the field of Epidemiology and child health Over and above full time staff members, honorary lecturers were appointed from personnel of Health Services in various fields numbering more than a hundred In other words, the school relies much upon heads of health departments in elucidating outstanding health problems In one way this method of approach of giving training in real atmosphere by the ones who are running the show is highly appropriate and desirable Double appointment from within the university, tapping an already existing resource avoiding duplicity of services, is also widely practised and to cite an example I am holding dual charge

C Student Body -

Duration of the course. One academic year.

Number graduated in 1973/74 -- 5
1974/75 -- 9
1975/76 -- 9
Number studying in 1976/77 -- 10 (enrolled)

All the candidates are Burmese national

We don't have any students from abroad.

D Teaching Activities -

Post-graduate school of Child Health is also regarded as one of the schools of Public Health A diploma course was offered since 1972 turning out yearly 6, 10, 7, 1, 10 graduates successively

A master degree course was introduced last year with two candidates attached to child health department

Plans to develop teaching of Epidemiology and Health Service Administration as elective subjects at a diploma level were underway, inspite of the awareness that we are short of teaching staff, though international assistance would be forthcoming. To solve this problem and to promote health services further while engaging in training programs, it is envisaged to adopt along the lines of open universities whereby the candidates would be rendering services, doing applied research while undergoing studies

E Research Activities - All the three health departments viz, Department of Health Services, Medical Education and Medical

Research are doing research projects in various fields and many are on joint venture basis and to cite few examples, (1) Peri-natal mortality and low birth weight studies carried out by Child Health Department in collaboration with Aung San Demonstration Health Unit* and Training Centre (WHO/SRUB project)

(2) Pilot studies in Health needs, demands and services in rural areas is done by Department of Preventive and Social Medicine in collaboration with A S D H U and T C , a national project for use by Country Health Programming Committee sponsorea by WHO

(3) Epidemiological study into an outbreak of Plague in rats and man is done by Aung San Demonstration Health Unit and Training Centre in collaboration with Rodent Control Demonstration Unit (WHO/SRUB project)

F Community Health Activities -

A community health centre was opened in Hlegu township since 1970 with a view to set up a model for other townships as well as for teaching purposes. Continual medical supervision on familywise basis is practised over and above health promotive activities in the field of nutrition and M. C. H.

G Cooperation and Coordination -

Close cooperation is achieved with other schools specializing in other clinical disciplines. Many of our schools and health departments are deeply committed in joint collaborative activities.

H Exchange of Staff and Students -

We didn't have exchange of teaching staff with other countries, nor exchange of candidates (save fellowship programs), neither teaching materials, books or documents (save through some published papers). Our school is closely linked to Public Health Section of Burma Medical Association in which we are active members.

I Objectives -

- 1 To help develop teaching staff from the potentials
- 2 To help develop research workers from the potentials
- 3 To help develop special campaign health workers.
- 4 To help develop administration health workers

(2)

* Field Training Centre for all the schools.

Our graduates are very useful in implementing health services programs, some of them are now actively taking part in country health planning. The relationship of the school with health service section is not only smooth but I should say harmonious for the simple reason that both the teaching staff and the candidates belong to the Department of Health, consumer co-operative effort has emerged out of sheer necessity and free will.

J Re-organisation and Re-structure -

There is no immediate need for reorganization within the department of Medical Education and we feel safe and secure within the ambit of post graduate clinical section of Medical Education, whereby we will be operating freely in concerted effort towards same objectives.

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