TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WHO SOUTH-EAST ASIA
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH RESEARCH

To advise the Regional Director in the following areas:

- **Formulation and implementation of health research policies and health research agenda** in the region in line with the resolutions and policy guidance of World Health Assembly, Executive Board and the Regional Committee, and also within the overall framework of the global WHO research policy.

- **Coordination and harmonization of health research activities** of various national health research bodies/councils/departments, institutions with those of WHO, with the purpose of **strengthening of national research capability and research management** for health development.

- Development, management and improvement of **health research information system**, including **research monitoring and evaluation**, for evidence based decision making.

- **Collection, analysis, and dissemination** of existing health research findings on emerging scientific knowledge and technology, with a view to promote and foster **research application and practices** at the national and institutional level.
Criteria of SEA-ACHR Memberships

Recommendation

WHO SEA-ACHR should continue to meet annually towards the end of April, as had been the practice, and also on an ad-hoc basis if required. Members of the SEA-ACHR should serve in their personal capacities, and include:

(a) eminent scientists who are well-versed with scientific developments, and

(b) representatives from medical or health research councils (and analogous bodies), who have the knowledge and experience on strategic issues of health research in countries of the Region.

(Recommendation made at 24th Session of SEA-ACHR held in Yangon, Myanmar 20-23 April 1999)