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## Dr. Ailan Li

Director, WHO Health Emergency Programme  
WHO, Regional Office the Western Pacific,  
Manila, Philippines



Name: Dr. Ailan Li      Nationality: Philippines      Age: 53 Years

Educational from Graduate Studies, Mahidol University  
Master of Arts (Health Social Science), Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities  
Year of Graduation: 2005

### Current position

Director, WHO Health Emergency Programme  
WHO, Regional Office the Western Pacific, Manila, Philippines

### Summary of significant achievements in compliance with the category

*Dr. Li Ailan serves as Regional Emergency Director (RED) for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme since July 2016. She is Director, Division of Health Security and Emergencies, the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office since September 2012. She has been leading, managing and advising the work of health security and health emergencies, in particular, through health system strengthening at country level, as well as enhancing regional and global surveillance and response systems.*

*Dr. Li, who joined WHO in 2002, has been working in the various technical and programme areas of work, including vaccine - preventable diseases, communicable disease surveillance and response, pandemic influenza preparedness, health security, emergency and humanitarian action, food safety, and health emergency management. Since October 2004 until September 2012, Dr. Li served as Medical officer responsible for the International Health Regulations or IHR (2005) in WPRO. She has been leading, coordinating and providing technical support in IHR implementation, including the development and implementation of the Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases and Public Health Emergencies (APSED). APSED serves as a regional framework for action to meet IHR core capacity requirements towards national, regional and global health security.*

*Dr. Li has been working on outbreak and emergency preparedness and responses since 2003. As a public health specialist, she provided her technical, operational, managerial support and leadership in WHO's response to a number of significant emerging disease outbreaks, health emergencies and disasters including SARS, avian influenza, pandemic influenza, Great East Japan earthquake, Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, MERS outbreak in ROK, cyclone disasters in the Pacific Island countries, dengue, cholera, Ebola, and Zika.*

*Before joining WHO, Dr. Li was Associate Professor at the school of Public Health, Peking University and Programme Officer at China Ministry of Health.*

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