The challenges facing public health systems in East and South East Asia are formidable. The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS has identified this Region as particularly vulnerable to a significant increase in HIV/AIDS infection. Recent public health crises such as those arising in relation to SARS and avian influenza have highlighted the need to strengthen public health policies and responses; to improve education and training for all health care workers and personnel; and to develop capacity building at all levels.

A better educated and trained health workforce will be of significant benefit to all countries in the Region. Without this workforce, advances in treatment and care in areas such as HIV/AIDS cannot be translated into practical measures of help for affected or at risk populations. The programmes offered by the CENTRE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH will emphasise practical application of the skills learned and will equip increasing numbers of health care planners, policy makers and workers to provide critically needed leadership at all levels.

The CENTRE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH will work closely with all governments and major international aid and development agencies in the Region to meet these challenges with an emphasis upon forging genuine, lasting and practical partnerships.

Further details: may be obtained by contacting the Assistant Director: philm@uow.edu.au

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Students may enrol in the following programme in 2007:

Graduate Certificate in HIV/AIDS: enrolment is open to applicants who do not possess a prior degree but who meet other minimum entry standards. This course can provide a formal qualification for HIV/AIDS workers or can be a highly relevant entry point to future work in the field of HIV/AIDS.

CAIH Advanced Programme: available from the commencement of the 2008 academic year leading to:

Graduate Diploma in HIV/AIDS: Builds on the structure of the Graduate Certificate with more advanced coursework and skills training. This course is offered only on a contract basis, with enrolment open to candidates with appropriate prior qualifications.

Masters Degree in International Health: Designed for experienced health professionals who wish to broaden their knowledge and experience of health into the international sector. This course combines coursework and professional practice placements in Australia and overseas.

All course awards are conferred by the University of Wollongong.

Fees: are set annually by the University of Wollongong and must be paid by the student or by an approved sponsor. Overseas students are responsible for obtaining a visa to enter and study in Australia.