

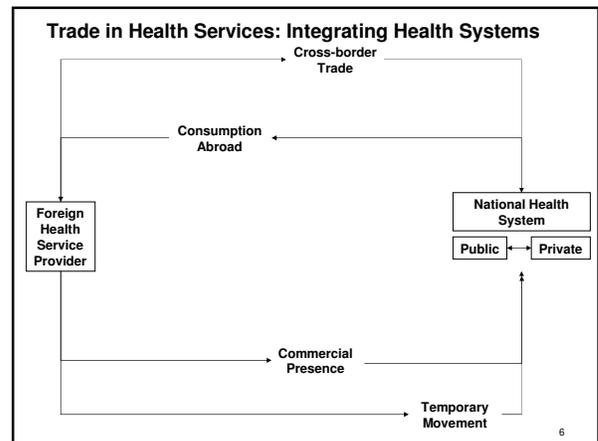
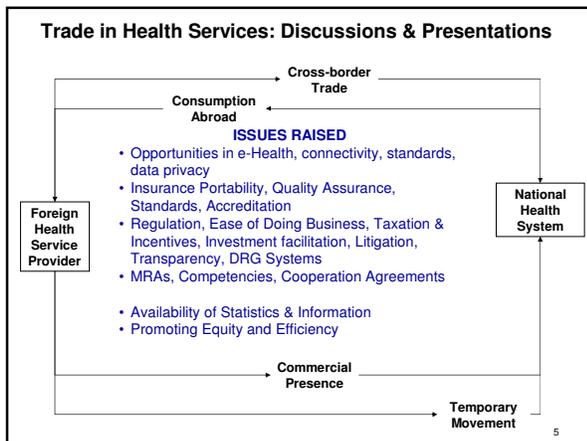
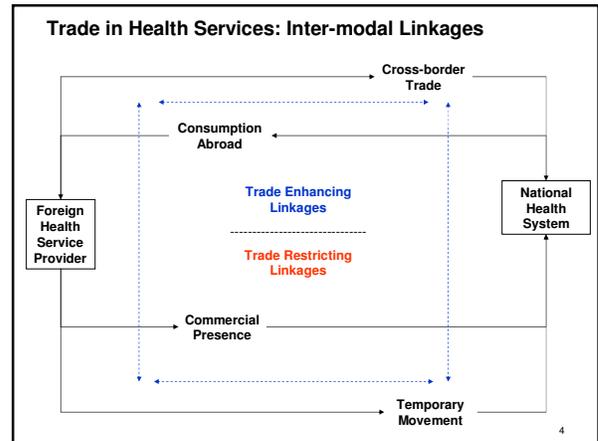
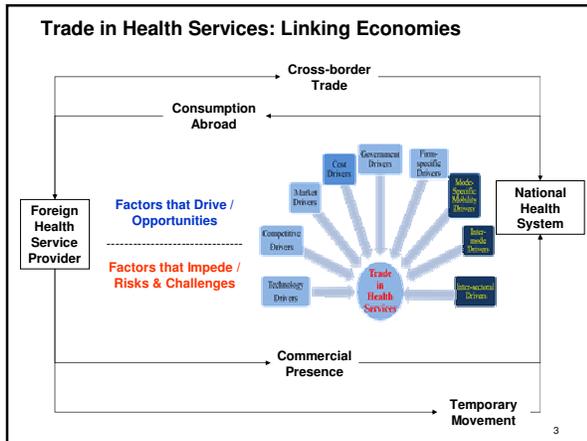
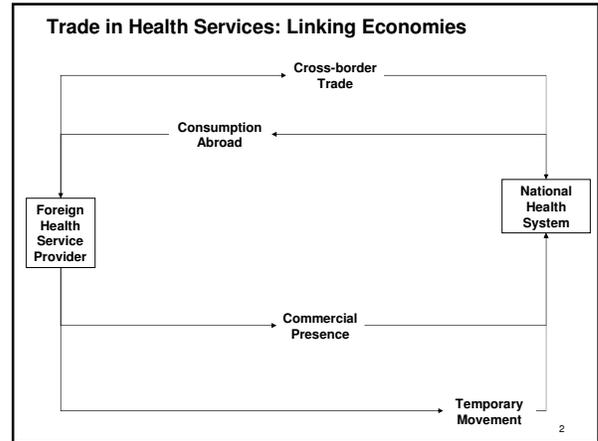
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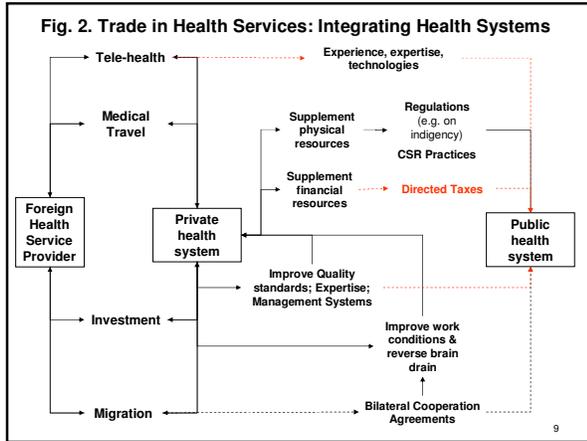
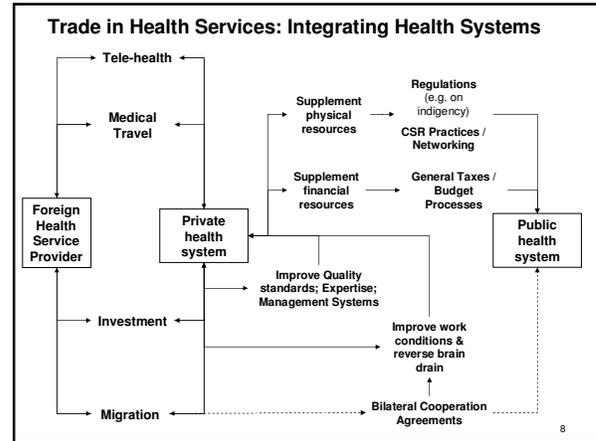
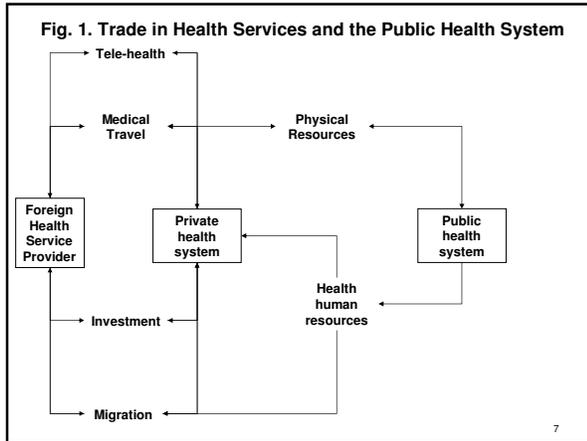
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- Key Challenges**
- Harnessing linkages among the different modes of supplying trade in health services
 - Fostering trade and cooperation among economies
 - Integrating health systems (public and private)

- Potential Cooperation Projects**
- Sharing of experiences, information & Networking mechanisms (councils, health services business fora, etc.)
 - Studies, Seminars, & Capacity Building (especially for Health Ministries, to enhance participation on Trade in Health Services)
 - Statistics & Information
 - Standards, quality assurance and accreditation
 - Others . . .

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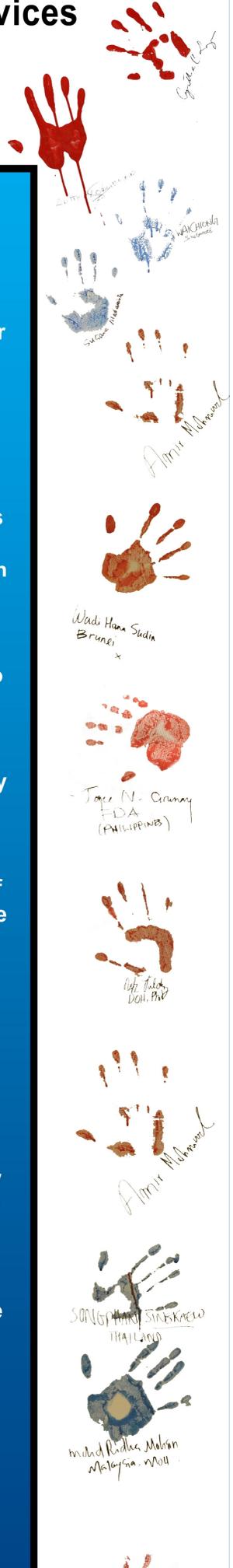
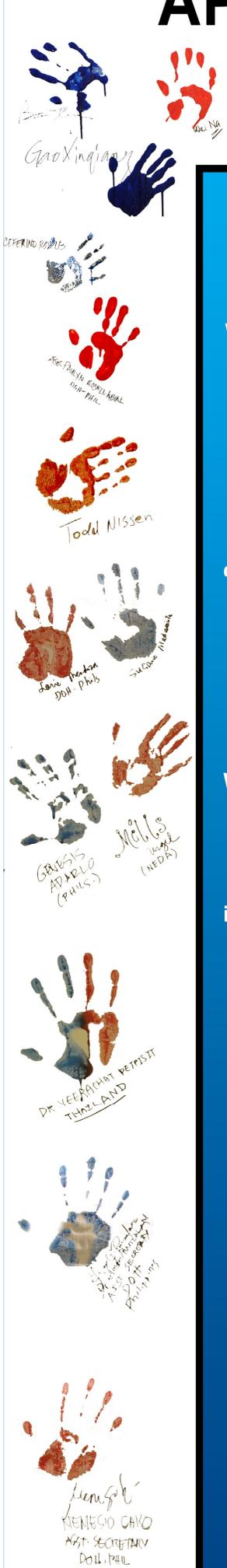
We, the undersigned, who attended this APEC Seminar on Trade in Health Services, recognize the deepening relationship between trade and health services, specifically of both the opportunities and risks presented by trade in health services to national health systems.

We agree to foster cooperation among APEC members by actively pursuing projects that ensure the optimal development of international trade in health services in a manner that significantly contributes to the overall improvement of national and APEC-wide health systems, in terms of providing safe, high quality, effective, affordable, and accessible health services to all, especially to the disadvantaged segments of society.

We support the full-implementation and success of any of the following cooperation projects agreed to in this APEC Seminar on Trade in Health Services:

- Mode 1: Cooperate to responsibly develop the use of information and communication technology to promote access to health services across wider geographical areas and populations.
- Mode 2: Cooperate to develop and promote medical travel not only to harness its economic potentials but, more importantly, to maximize its positive impact on health systems of APEC members and of APEC in general.
- Mode 3: Cooperate on projects that promote the flow of foreign investments to countries and sectors which are especially in need of additional financial and technological resources.
- Mode 4: Cooperate to better address and manage the temporary movement, rights and welfare of health human resources in APEC economies, ensuring that the health situation of sending and receiving economies are enhanced.

Signed on 11 February 2010, in Mactan, Cebu,
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CLOSING REMARKS

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We have come to the final activity for this Seminar. Final yet, we know that this is just the start of more work that needs to be done to pursue better, improved health amid development in trade.

After the two eventful days, I hope that we were not exhausted from the technical discussions, and I hope that as we listened, explored out issues, we found new ideas and learned lessons. We all agree that we have been able to come to sound recommendations and actions in order to ensure the health and well-being in our Region and in each of our economy for whom we have dedicated our careers.

I would like to express grateful appreciation to all of the APEC member economy representatives, resource speakers, guests and colleagues for their valuable presence.

We are especially thankful to each and everyone for your commitments to work on the cooperation projects you have suggested. We all take these forward and we will jointly ensure that these projects are indeed implemented and the outcomes we envision here in Mactan are eventually felt in the whole APEC Region.

Thank you and we wish you safe travel back home. MABUHAY!