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# LAUNCH

Monday 7 April 2008

World Health Day 2008  
“Protecting health from  
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## WELCOME TO UTS

Professor Ross Milbourne  
Vice-Chancellor and President, UTS

Professor Denise Dignam  
Acting Dean, Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Health, UTS

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## WHY SOUTH PACIFIC CHIEF NURSES WANT A COLLABORATING CENTRE AT UTS

Pelenate Stowers  
Chief Nurse, Samoa

Neti Herman  
Former Chief Nurse, Cook Islands

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## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN THE PACIFIC

Associate Professor Rajat Gyaneshwar

Area Director of Women's Health and Neonatology, Sydney South West Area Health Service, former Deputy Dean, Fiji School of Medicine and founding member, Pacific Society for Reproductive Health

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# **IMPLEMENTING COMPREHENSIVE HIV CARE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Geoff Clark

Technical Officer - Human Resources, WHO Papua New Guinea



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# **SUSTAINABLE FUTURES, HEALTH FUTURES**

Professor Stuart White

Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS

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# **INTRODUCTION TO THE CENTRE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND KEY STRENGTH AREAS**

Professor Jill White

Dean, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Sydney and  
UTS: WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development  
Advisory Panel Member

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### TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Centre's purpose is to:

1. Promote and support the national, regional and international development of nursing and midwifery health planning including HRH.
2. Build leadership capacity nationally, regionally and internationally by providing innovative research-based education and leadership programs for nurses and midwives.
3. Develop an innovative policy development centre for the promotion of improved quality of care including disease prevention at a regional, national and international level.
4. Strengthen existing relationships with national, regional and international consumers, regulators, governments, professional organisations, institutes and relevant bodies to develop sound health systems, including the regulation of nurses and midwives to ensure quality of care and protection of the public.



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### KEY STRENGTH AREAS

The Key Strength Areas will guide and motivate the Centre's activities.

- > Human Resources for Health - workforce, migration, ethical recruitment
- > Education - curriculum development, accreditation
- > Regulation - mutual recognition, competency development, protection of the public
- > Policy & Service Development - models of service delivery, quality and safety, preparedness and emerging diseases and other health service crisis
- > Capacity Building - equity, skills development and preparedness, leadership in all above areas
- > Research - design, implement and utilization.

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## **CEREMONIAL LAUNCH COLLABORATING IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC**

Professor Ross Milbourne, Vice-Chancellor and President, UTS

Kathy Fritsch, Regional Adviser - Nursing, WHO Western Pacific Region Office

The Hon. Reba Meagher, Minister for Health, Parliament of NSW

Adjunct Professor Debra Thoms, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer,  
NSW Department of Health

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# CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS AND CLOSING REMARKS

Michele Rumsey

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Delegates from the WHO Western Pacific Region Nursing and Midwifery Leadership Summit 2006 at UTS



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### EXTRACT FROM CONGRATULATORY LETTER

This is an auspicious moment for the University, for nursing and for Australia, and I congratulate the University on this outstanding achievement and for the extensive work that is being done in support of the World Health Organization's nursing and midwifery programmes particularly in Asia and the Western Pacific...

Australia is referred to as the “lucky country”. Lucky because it experiences among other things good health and long life expectancy. But Australia's health system does have problems and like many other countries throughout the world, governments are working hard to address issues of equity in health service provision particularly in rural and remote areas and to our Indigenous communities. We too suffer problems with access to services and workforce supply and distribution.

At times these challenges can seem insurmountable but we gain perspective when we consider the needs of our neighbours. That is why Collaborations such as this at UTS are vital as a means to support those countries who do not have the infrastructure and resources of those of us that are more fortunate...

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### **EXTRACT FROM CONGRATULATORY LETTER cont.**

...The Australian Government has identified nursing as a national priority area and is taking a number of steps to address workforce shortage in nursing. I am currently undertaking a recruitment process to appoint a Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer to provide the Minister for Health and myself with advice on a range of nursing and midwifery issues. The CNMO will take a leadership role at a national and international level to build and maintain strong working relationships with key stakeholders including State/Territory and other Commonwealth departments and agencies, academic institutions, professional organisations and employee associations...

Jane Halton PSM  
Secretary, Department of Health and Ageing, Australian Government  
President, World Health Assembly



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**CONGRATULATORY  
MESSAGE FROM WORLD  
HEALTH ORGANISATION**

Dr Jean Yan  
Chief Scientist Nursing & Midwifery  
Nursing and Midwifery Office  
Department of Human Resources  
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