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TSUNAMI HITS SAMOA AND TONGA

On September 29, the southern coast of the most populated Samoan island of Upolu and Tonga's northern island of Niuatoputapu, were devastated by huge waves that followed an 8.0 magnitude earthquake close by in the Pacific Ocean.

The CNF has sent messages of support to the Samoa Nurses Association and the Tonga Nurses Association.

The thoughts and prayers of the Commonwealth family of nurses are with our Samoan and Tongan colleagues as they help to repair the damage and care for their people.

CNF PRESIDENT JOINS GLOBAL LEADERSHIP FORUM



Susie Kong, CNF President, has been invited to membership of the newly formed World Health Organisation *Global Leadership Consortium for Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers*.

The purpose of the Consortium is to influence health policy decisions, develop and implement programs, build capacity for nursing and midwifery leadership, enact WHO priorities, provide policy advice to Health Ministers for use at the World Health Assembly and ensure that progress is made toward relevant Millenium Development Goals.

8th CNF EUROPEAN REGION CONFERENCE

Advancing health through nursing
12-13 March 2010
Coral Beach Hotel, Paphos, Cyprus

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT AND PLAN TO BE THERE

Abstracts should be submitted to the Cyprus Nurses and Midwives Association cy.n.a@cvtanet.com.cy by Monday 14 December 2009.



JOIN THE COMMONWEALTH CONVERSATION



In preparation for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Trinidad and Tobago in November this year, and to review the first sixty years of the modern Commonwealth and to look forward to the next sixty years, the Royal Commonwealth Society is conducting a survey to ask how the Commonwealth can add value to the international community in the 21st century.

Called, *the Commonwealth conversation*, the survey can be found on its own website: <http://www.thecommonwealthconversation.org>. It consists of only ten questions and takes around ten minutes to complete.

The purpose of the conversation is to:

- * Gather the opinions of individuals and organisations across the world about the Commonwealth.
- * Identify key issues of international concern on which the Commonwealth should focus.
- * Help re-vitalise the Commonwealth and re-connect it to a new generation.
- * Present key recommendations to Commonwealth leaders and policy makers.
- * Raise awareness about what the Commonwealth is and does.

CNF MEMBERS ARE URGED TO VISIT THE WEBSITE, COMPLETE THE SURVEY, AND JOIN THE CONVERSATION

**TWO BILLION PEOPLE
53 COUNTRIES
ONE CONVERSATION
JOIN IN**

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ADVENTURES IN MALAYSIA

The second phase of the Malaysian Nurses Association governance and leadership training took place over the weekend of 3-4 October. The training was scheduled to take place on Pulau Tuba, a small island off Langkawi, an archipelago of 99 islands in the Andaman Sea, around 30 km off the mainland coast of northwestern Malaysia - a beautiful setting for learning.



Unfortunately, the electricity supply to the island failed and despite the best efforts of the nurses who took time out from their training to negotiate with the electricity workers to restore the electricity supply, the training had to be transferred to Langkawi. The nurses showed real leadership in dealing with the situation and are taking up the unreliable electricity supply with the Malaysian government on behalf of the local people.



COMMONWEALTH PEOPLE'S FORUM



The Commonwealth Peoples' Forum (CPF), held in conjunction with the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting, will be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago 22-26 November, 2009.

The CPF provides an opportunity for individuals and organisations across the Commonwealth to interact, network and share ideas around issues of concern and interest. Representatives of the CNF will be attending the CPF and presenting at some of the assemblies. The CNF will also be participating as part of the Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance. More information about the CPF can be found on the website of the Commonwealth Foundation:

<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com>.

COMMONWEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE FOR NURSING AND MIDWIFERY REGIONAL WORKSHOP

The 2010 Commonwealth Steering Committee for Nursing and Midwifery Regional Workshop is being held in Grenada from 15-16 February 2010. CNF members from the Atlantic region are invited to attend the workshop. Information about the workshop and registration forms have been sent to CNF members and are also available on the CNF website: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org>.

ABOUT THE COMMONWEALTH

The modern Commonwealth was formed 60 years ago in 1949 and consists of fifty three independent and equal members committed to democracy, development and diversity. The modern Commonwealth works to promote democracy and good governance; respect for human rights and the rule of law; as well as sustainable environmental, economic and social development.

In 2009, the modern Commonwealth is 60 years old. Find out more about the Commonwealth from the website of the Commonwealth Secretariat: <http://www.thecommonwealth.org>.



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