THE NEXT COMING 4TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF ASEAN+3 FIELD EPIDEMIOLOGY TRAINING NETWORK (FETN)

In response to growing EIDs in the Western Pacific and Southeast Asian region, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Plus Three Countries formed a network, ASEAN+3 FETN, to build national/regional capacity through strengthening field epidemiology training (FET). The network is governed by the Steering Committees which meet twice a year. This is the 4th Steering Committee Meeting. The steering committee will follow-up on the progress of the action plan and initiate new idea that is relevance to the mission of the FETN. At present, the travelling inside the ASEAN plus three Region is increasing due to tourism. Travelers may be caught illness from one place and return to their countries, so there is a need to discuss on how FETN can initiate a frame work for event-based surveillance and necessary investigation related to tourism. *The Meeting will be held at Bagan, Myanmar during 2-3 September 2013 under the theme "Collaborative cross-country investigation related to tourism"*

Objectives:

- Create framework in collaborative of cross-country investigation related to tourism.
- Continue nurture the spirit of commitment among network of FET programs among ASEAN+3 Countries by exchange of staff, trainee, and program management.

Expected output/outcome:

- Framework for collaboration for investigation of important events which include exchange of event-based surveillance and voluntary investigation in each own country of that same event such as food poisoning among tourist, imported case of particular diseases, etc.
- Exchange of applied FET or practical experience to improve field training.

Budget: Cost-sharing principle. Host country will take care of meals, reception and meeting operation cost. Member country will be responsible for travelling and hotel accommodation.

Cultural visiting at the remains of over 2200 temples and pagodas
[Photo taken from http://tourism-myanmar.com/bagan/]