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## VIP Speaker Bios

**Margaret CHAN, MD** (People's Republic of China), *Director-General, World Health Organization*

Dr. Margaret Chan was appointed Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2006. She previously served as Director of Health for the Hong Kong Department of Health and is recognized for effectively managing the outbreaks of avian influenza and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). Since working for WHO, Dr. Chan has served as the Director of the Department of Protection and the Human Environment; Director of Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Response; Representative of the Director-General for Pandemic Influenza; and Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases. Dr. Chan holds a medical degree from the University of Western Ontario in Canada.