



Dear MBDS Colleagues,

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized sub-regional network commenced in 2001. It is a collaboration effort among six Mekong Basin countries including Cambodia, China, Lao P.D.R, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. It aims to strengthen national and sub-regional capabilities in infectious disease surveillance and outbreak response, especially on 18 currently designated priority diseases including Ebola, MERS, Zika, Malaria and Dengue to rapidly and effectively control them.

We would like to updating MBDS activities, upcoming international events, recent updates and useful links and thank you for the opportunities you gave us to share them with you.

MBDS and ASEAN Activities



- ASEAN Secretariat hosted the “Coordination Meeting on ASEAN - Canada’s Global Partnership Programme (GPP) on the Mitigation of Biological Threats (Phase 2)” in Bangkok, Thailand on 17 – 18 September 2019. MBDS Secretariat is participated with representatives from ASEAN Member States (AMS), Canada’s Global Partnership Program (GPP), ASEAN Secretariat and other partners in this meeting.

| Reported by Ms. Jittra Thajeen, Ag Project Coordinator, MBDS Secretariat

MBDS Foundation Activities



- MBDS Secretariat has hosted Mr. Seiichi Igarashi, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Politics and Economics from Chiba University on 4 September 2019 for discussion about activities of the MBDS Cross Border program between Savannakhet Province (Lao P.D.R) – Mukdahan Province (Thailand).

| Reported by Ms. Jittra Thajeen, Ag Project Coordinator, MBDS Secretariat

MBDS Regional Activities



- Dr. Pasakorn Akarasewi, MBDS Foundation Board, Thailand and Prof. Dr. Soe Lwin Nyein, MBDS Foundation Board, Myanmar attended the “Twelfth Meeting of the South-East Asia Regional Certification Commission of Polio Eradication (PCCPE)” in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 18 – 19 September 2019.

| Reported by Dr. Pasakorn Akarasewi, MBDS Foundation Board, Thailand



- Dr. Htun Tin, Director (Epidemiology) of Department of Public Health (MBDS Assistant Executive Board, Myanmar) and Dr. Nyan Win Myint, Deputy Director (Epidemiology) of Department of Public Health (MBDS Co-Country Coordinator, Myanmar) attended the “Myanmar National Bridging Workshop on International Health Regulations and Performance of Veterinary Services (IHR-PVS)” in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 10 – 12 September 2019.

| Shared by MOHS, Myanmar



- MBDS Lao P.D.R Board Member (Dr. Rattanaxay Phetsouvanh), MBDS Country Coordinator (Dr. Viengsavanh Khithiphong) and MBDS Lao P.D.R Cross Border Coordinators are participated in the “Training of Trainers (TOT) for FET graduates and FET Coordinators” in Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R on 16 - 20 September 2019.

| Reported by Dr. Malyvanh VONGPONHYA, MBDS focal of Lao P.D.R



- Dr. Nyan Win Myint, Deputy Director (Epidemiology) of Department of Public Health (MBDS Co-Country Coordinator, Myanmar) attended the “16th Myanmar Health Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting” in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 18 September 2019.

| Shared by MOHS, Myanmar



- Dr. Malyvanh VONGPONHYA, MBDS focal of Lao P.D.R has attended the “Public Health Emergency Operations Centres Network (EOC-NET) Annual Meeting” in Chiang Mai Province, Thailand on 23 - 25 September 2019.

| Reported by Dr. Malyvanh VONGPONHYA, MBDS focal of Lao P.D.R

Upcoming International Events

MBDS Joint Outbreak Investigation, Khammoune Province, Lao P.D.R, 9 - 11 October 2019

MBDS Risk Assessment Workshop, Yangon, Myanmar, December 2019

Recent Update

MBDS Secretariat Office has been updating Regional and International disease information on [MBDS website](#) and those updates can be easily accessed via [MBDS Facebook](#).

Useful links

MBDS has been updating useful links (Disease Surveillance Networks, Health Related Links, Links for Disaster Management, Research Links, Global Conference Alerts and Others Links) on [MBDS website](#).

Sincerely yours,

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