Dear MBDS Colleagues,

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized sub-regional network commencing 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 update the MBDS activities, upcoming international events, recent updates and useful links and thank you for all the support.

MBDS Six Countries Health Ministries are real-time updating COVID-19 related information in following web and social media links.

**CAMBODIA**
- Ministry of Health
- Communicable Disease Control Department (CDC)
- Cambodia CDC Facebook Page

**CHINA**
- National Health Commission of the People’s Republic (http://en.nhc.gov.cn/)
- Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- China CDC weekly

**LAO P.D.R**
- Ministry of Health

**MYANMAR**
- Ministry of Health and Sports
- Ministry of Health and Sports Facebook Page
- Myanmar CDC Facebook Page

**THAILAND**
- Ministry of Public Health
- Ministry of Public Health Facebook Page
- Department of Disease Control Facebook Page

**VIETNAM**
- Ministry of Health
- Vietnam News

**MBDS Regional Activities**

The first donation from the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to the COVID-19 Laboratory Diagnosis was made by Counselor (Ms. Yang Chengcheng) to the National Health Laboratory (Prof. Dr. Htay Htay Tin, Deputy Director General (MBDS AMR Lead)), Ministry of Public Health and Sport, Myanmar on 7 March 2020.

Dr. Htun Tin, Deputy Director General, MOHS Myanmar (MBDS Assistant Executive Board) and Dr. Nyan Win Myint, Director, MOHS Myanmar (MBDS Country Coordinator) from Ministry of Public Health and Sports, Myanmar has been participating a regular central coordination meeting on preparedness and response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Ministry of Health and Sports, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Nongkhai Provincial Health Office (Thailand) participated in the “Exchange situation of pandemic (COVID-19) in Point of Entry (POE) screening measures and surveillance cooperation on disease prevention and investigation meeting” and this meeting focus on joint prevent of the disease spread and affect of people in both Thai-Lao P.D.R border areas between Nongkhai (Thailand) – Vientiane Capital (Lao P.D.R) on 19 March 2020 at Nongkhai Provincial Health Office.

**Upcoming International Events**

- Workshop on “Strengthening capacity of quality assurance among ASEAN Member States”, Hanoi, Vietnam
- MBDS Partner Collaboration Forum, Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R
- Launching MBDS Real Time Event Based Surveillance Application, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Recent Update**

MBDS SO 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,

MBDS Foundation Secretariat

©2018 Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance Foundation | Rajptachasamasai Building 8, Ground Floor, Tiwanond Road, Nonthaburi, 11000, Thailand