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 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.

In collaboration with different Ministries and partners, MBDS member countries are trying to ensure such necessary surveillance systems. National action plans, International health regulations, WHO guidelines, the Indian Council of Medical Research, the National Institute of Communicable Diseases and others are sufficiently established.

There are nearly national level committees for prevention, control, containment, surveillance, information management and for intervention. A full-time pandemic officer is preparing hospital and emergency management facilities, quarantine facilities, facility governance, PPE supply, access to public areas, and support for national and sub-regional health systems in case of an epidemic or pandemic. The cooperation allows them to improve the response capacity and to strengthen the pandemic response capacity of a sub-region.

MBDS Six Countries’ Health Ministries are updating current COVID-19 pandemic related information in the following websites 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
• Office of International Cooperation, DDC MOPH Facebook page

VIETNAM
• Ministry of Health
• Vietnam News

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 Base Surveillance Application, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
• MBDS Secretariat is updating COVID-19 event from the region in MBDS website.

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.

Highlight
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