



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.

In collaboration with different Ministries and partners, MBDS member countries are trying to contain coronavirus pandemic situation with respective countries' National Action Plan, and Infectious Disease Act/ Law. Countries provide useful and up-to-date information to public on national portals such as Ministries' website, social networks, TV and Information Education Communication (IEC) materials.

There are National level committees for prevention, containment, control, settlement, information dissemination, public support and law enforcement. All member countries are preparing hospital case management facilities, quarantine facilities, PPE supply, dis-infection at public areas, border areas quarantine, strengthening lab testing capacity and logistics management for pandemic situation.

COVID-19 situation in Mekong Region (As of 30 November 2020)

Country	Total Cases	Active Cases	Critical	Recovered	Deaths
Cambodia	323	22	-	301	-
China	86,530	277	7	81,619	4,634
Lao P.D.R	39	15	-	24	-
Myanmar	89,486	18,658	-	68,910	1,918
Thailand	3,998	135	1	3,803	60
Vietnam	1,343	129	-	1,179	35

(Source: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>)

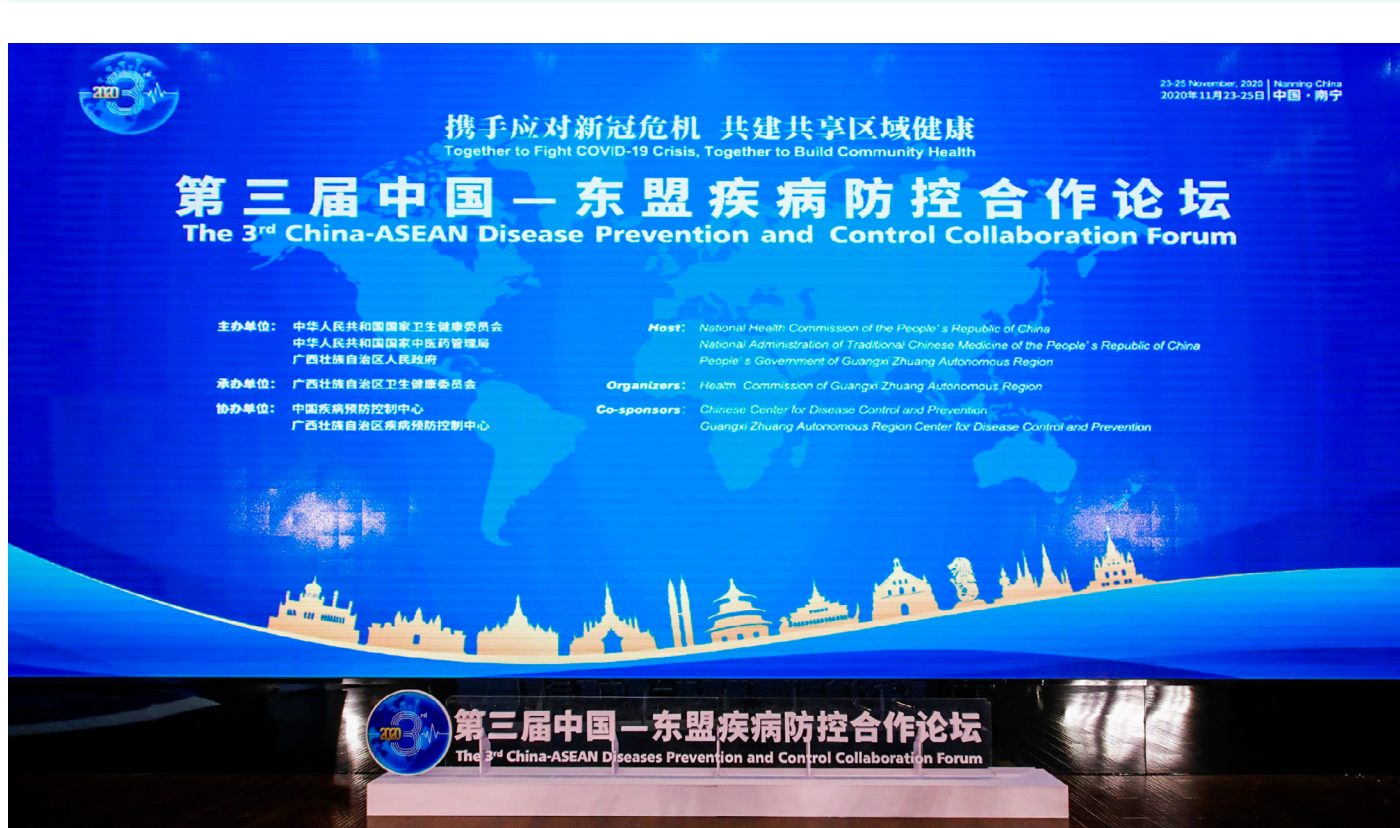
MBDS Foundation Activities

MBDS has organized "Regional Collaborative Event Base Surveillance Application Training" to 4 MBDS cross border provinces (Chiang Rai, Mukdahan, Nan and Nongkhai) at Chiang Rai Province, Thailand on 9 November 2020. Development of this application is to support the sharing of public health related event-based surveillance information in real time reporting at Cross Border Provinces from MBDS countries. The reporting of this mobile application including images and Geo-location of all events with Android operating system. The information also will be shared with email alerting system. This application development is initiated by Canada's Global Partnership Program for Cambodia, Lao P.D.R., Myanmar, and Vietnam (CLMV countries) and the expansion to Thailand Cross Border Provinces is supported by The Rockefeller Foundation.



Reported by Ms. Jittra Thajeen, Assistant Project Coordinator, MBDS Secretariat

MBDS Regional Activities



China MBDS Board Dr. Dong Xiaoping, Director, Center for Global Public Health, China CDC, Lao P.D.R MBDS Board Dr. Rattanaxay Phetsouvanh, Director General, Department of Communicable Disease Control, MOH Lao P.D.R and Myanmar MBDS Board Prof. Soe Lwin Nyein, Public Health Expert and Senior Advisor, MOHS Myanmar are participated in "The 3rd China-ASEAN Disease Prevention and Control Collaboration Forum" on 24 November 2020. The theme of the forum is "Work together for the prevention and control of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases". This forum has agreed to promote cooperation, communication on COVID-19 and developing long-term regional cooperation mechanisms for infectious diseases prevention and control between China and ASEAN countries.

Source: China CDC



MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Chiang Rai Provincial Health Office (Thailand) participated in the "Conference for the development of resources, quantitative synthesis and policy formulation at provincial level" on 18-22 November 2020 in Ubon Ratchathani Province, Thailand.

Reported by Mr. Narin Suriyon, MBDS XB Coordinator (Chiang Rai Province, Thailand)

Upcoming International Events

- MBDS Board Meeting (December)
- Establish and carry out a EQA program in CLMV countries, Hanoi, Vietnam (Oct – Dec 2020)
- Workshop on "Strengthening capacity of Quality assurance among ASEAN Member States", Hanoi, Vietnam (TBD)
- MBDS Partner Collaboration Forum, Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R (TBD)
- Launching of MBDS Real Time Event Base Surveillance Application, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (TBD)

Recent Update

MBDS Secretariat Office has been updating Regional and International disease information on [MBDS website](#)

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

