



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.

### COVID-19 situation in Mekong Region (As of 3 February 2021)

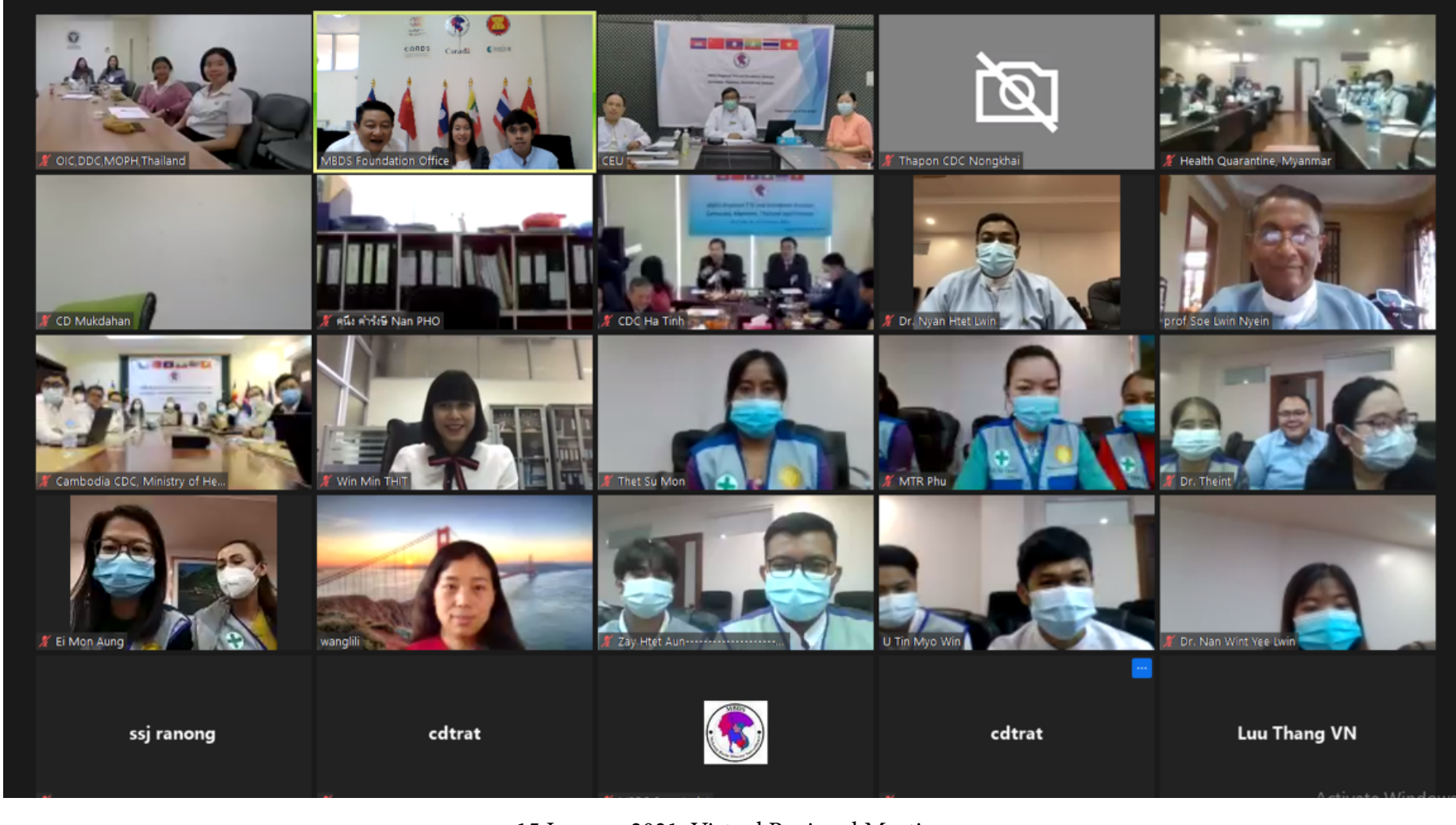
Country	Total Cases	Active Cases	Critical	Recovered	Deaths
Cambodia	466	19		447	
China	89,619	1,516	66	83,467	4,636
Lao P.D.R	44	3		41	
Myanmar	140,354	11,892		125,324	3,138
Thailand	20,454	7,158	1	13,217	79
Vietnam	1,882	387		1,460	35

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

### MBDS Regional TTX and Simulation Exercise

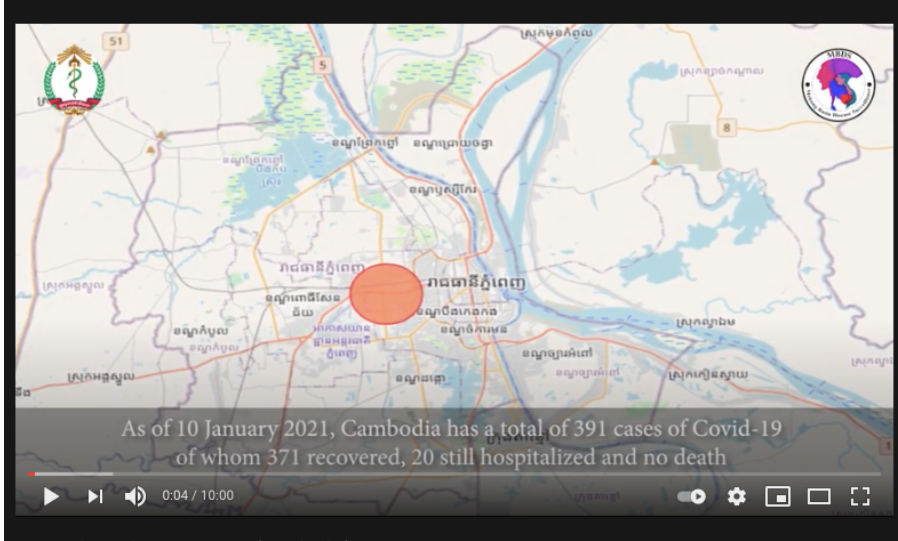
MBDS has been conducted a regional virtual tabletop and simulation exercise on the 14 and 15 January 2021, supported by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). The objectives of the meeting were to contain the spread and transmission of Covid-19, to identify each country's ability to share information on outbreak transmission, individual and collective responses, case management and stakeholder collaboration and to deploy human and material resources to control the simulated outbreak.

On 14 January, national and regional health officials in Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam took part in the tabletop and simulation exercise based on same scenario in parallelly and simultaneously. The next day, health officials from 4 countries met virtually to discuss the outcomes of the scenario and presented the multi-media which are focus on airport point of entry (POE), ground crossing point of entry (POE), overall of COVID management plan. China COVID experience also presented in Day II. The meeting was chaired by MBDS Chair Dr. Htun Tin, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar.



15 January 2021: Virtual Regional Meeting

The videos of the simulation exercise in each country can be viewed on the MBDS YouTube channel:



TTX and Simulation Exercise (Cambodia)

Cambodia (Ground crossing POE from Thailand to Cambodia)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfgb2M9Mjx0&t=31s>



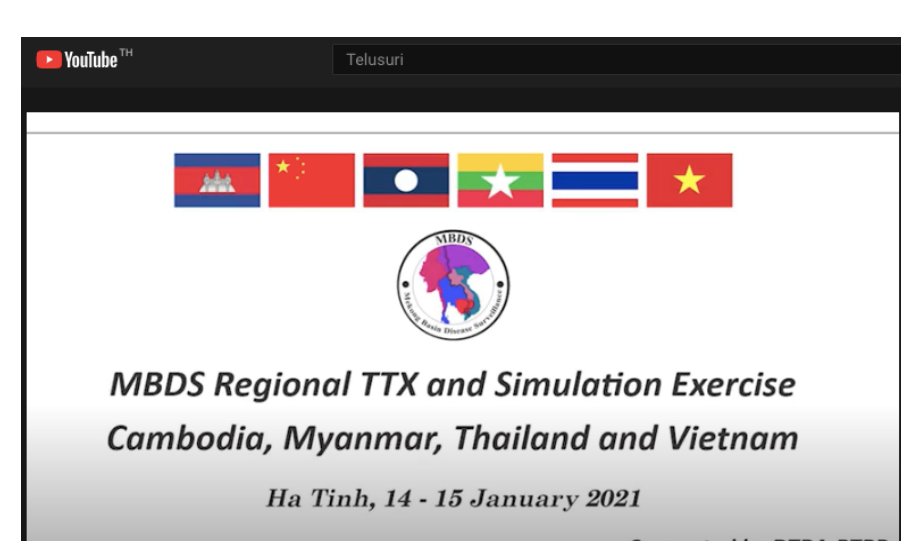
TTX and Simulation Exercise (Myanmar)

Myanmar (Airport POE)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqI\\_7QFdkmM&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqI_7QFdkmM&t=4s)



TTX and Simulation Exercise (Thailand)

Thailand (Overall action for COVID)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xc6jMuxHBS0&t=1s>

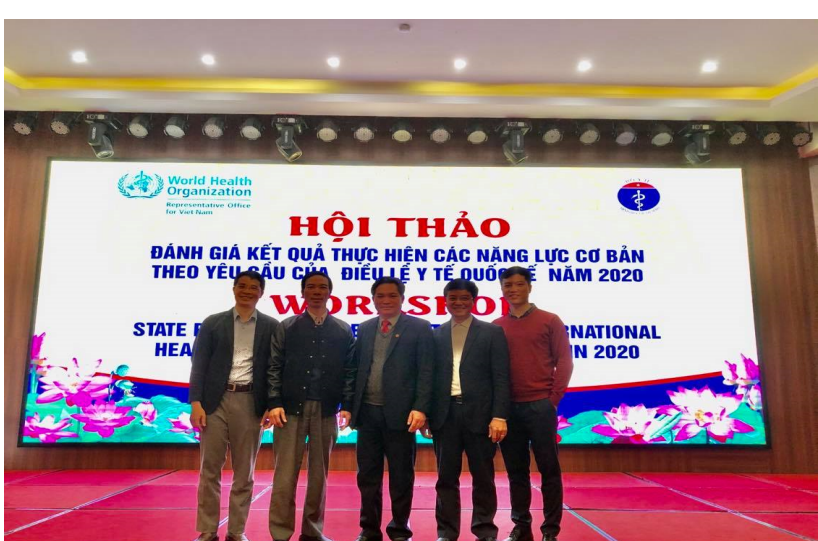


TTX and Simulation Exercise (Vietnam)

Vietnam (Ground crossing POE from Laos to Vietnam)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GfcjonkpAg>

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

### MBDS Regional Activities



STATE HEALTH SECURITY NATIONAL IN 2020

Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Dang Vung, MBDS Foundation Board & Country Coordinator from Vietnam has attended the "Workshop on State Party Self-Assessment of the IHR 2005's Capacities in 2020" in Hanoi, Vietnam on 12 January 2021.

- Shared by Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Dang Vung, MBDS Foundation Board & Country Coordinator from Vietnam

Dr. Ly Sovann (MBDS Executive Board), Director CDC Department and Mr. Sok Samnang (MBDS Country Coordinator), Deputy Director of CDC Department, MOH Cambodia have participated "Framework design workshop of strengthening health security through Public Health Emergency Operation Center" in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 18-19 January 2021.

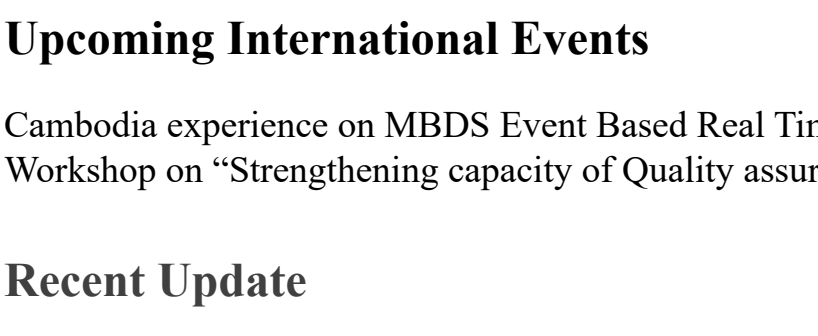
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### Upcoming International Events

Cambodia experience on MBDS Event Based Real Time Surveillance Application (TBD)  
 Workshop on "Strengthening capacity of Quality assurance among ASEAN Member States", Hanoi, Vietnam (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 and Others Links) on [MBDS website](#).

Sincerely yours,

MBDS Foundation Secretariat

