



Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance

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Collaborate to End Pandemics!

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Dear MBDS Colleagues,

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized regional network commenced since 2001. It is a collaboration effort among six Mekong Basin countries: Cambodia, China, Lao P.D.R, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam under The Health Ministerial MOU. It aims to strengthen national and regional capabilities in infectious disease surveillance, inter-regional collaboration, outbreak response and information sharing for rapidly and effectively control Public Health Threat.

MBDS Regional Activities

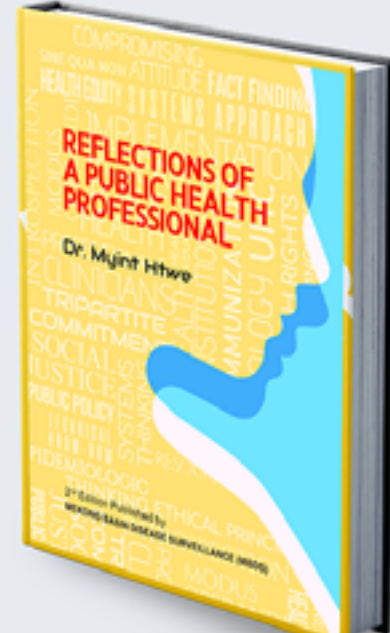
The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized regional network commenced since 2001. This year, MBDS celebrates 20th years of its existence in public health arena.

Beginning of 2022, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand will be Chair of MBDS, MBDS Secretariat has prepared MBDS Executive Board and Country Coordinators from Cambodia, China, Lao P.D.R, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam for the period 2001 – 2020 in short video. The video is uploaded in [MBDS YouTube channel](#).



MBDS has published the document for **“Reflections of A Public Health Professional”** at [MBDS website](#) which is developed by H.E Dr. Myint Htwe, Union Minister for Ministry of Health and Sports (2016-2021) from Myanmar, who has vast experience in various public health areas at the national and international levels.

The document is intended to strengthen public health mechanism, coordination mechanism, research institutions capacity and development of evidence-based interventions, especially for low- and middle- income countries.



COMING SOON



In addition to the **“Reflections of A Public Health Professional”** document, MBDS plans to publish another book from H.E Dr. Myint Htwe **“Health System Challenges: A Developing Country Perspective”** to commemorate the 20th years of MBDS.

This document is intended not only to strengthen public health development and multisectoral coordination mechanism, but also in improving management and administrative aspects of implementing the Health Care Delivery System.

Those two book published by MBDS are complementary and closely linked to each other. They can be used as references for strengthening public health system in the resource-limited setting countries.



MBDS 3 cross border provinces from Thailand (Mukdahan, Trat and Nan Provinces). Those photos showing Covid 19 screening for cross border travelers, surveillance at cross border areas and Covid 19 vaccination activity at border provinces, which are taking place during October 2021.

Photo credit to Mrs. Punchawee Sukbut, Mr. Suphot Ruttanaphian and Ms. Khanueng Khamrangsee, MBDS XB Coordinators from Mukdahan, Trat and Nan Provinces, Thailand



Mrs. Punchawee Sukbut, MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Mukdahan Provincial Health Office, Thailand has investigation the patients of Streptococcus suis on 9 December 2021 in Ban Khok subdistrict, Mueang, Mukdahan Province. This is the first time that found Streptococcus suis in Mukdahan Province and can read more details at <https://thainews.prd.go.th/th/news/detail/TCATG211212114352302>

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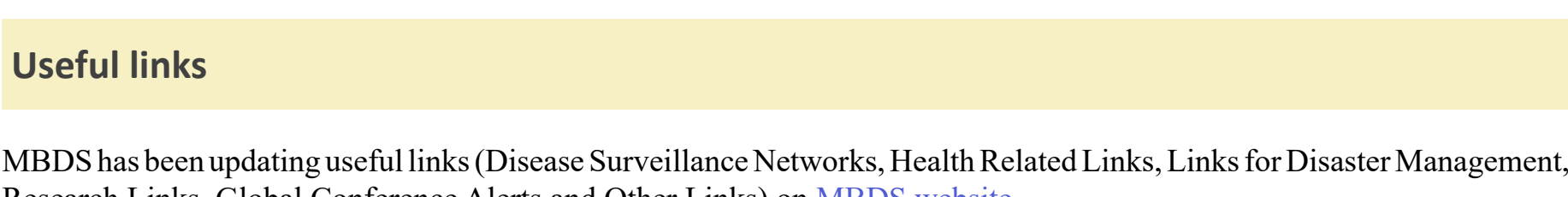
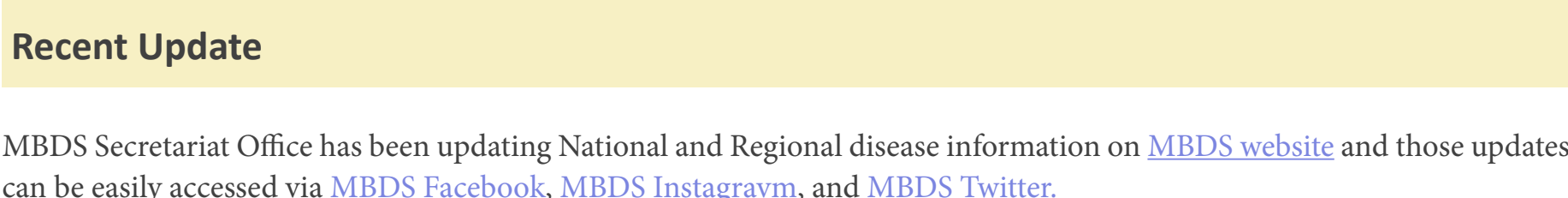
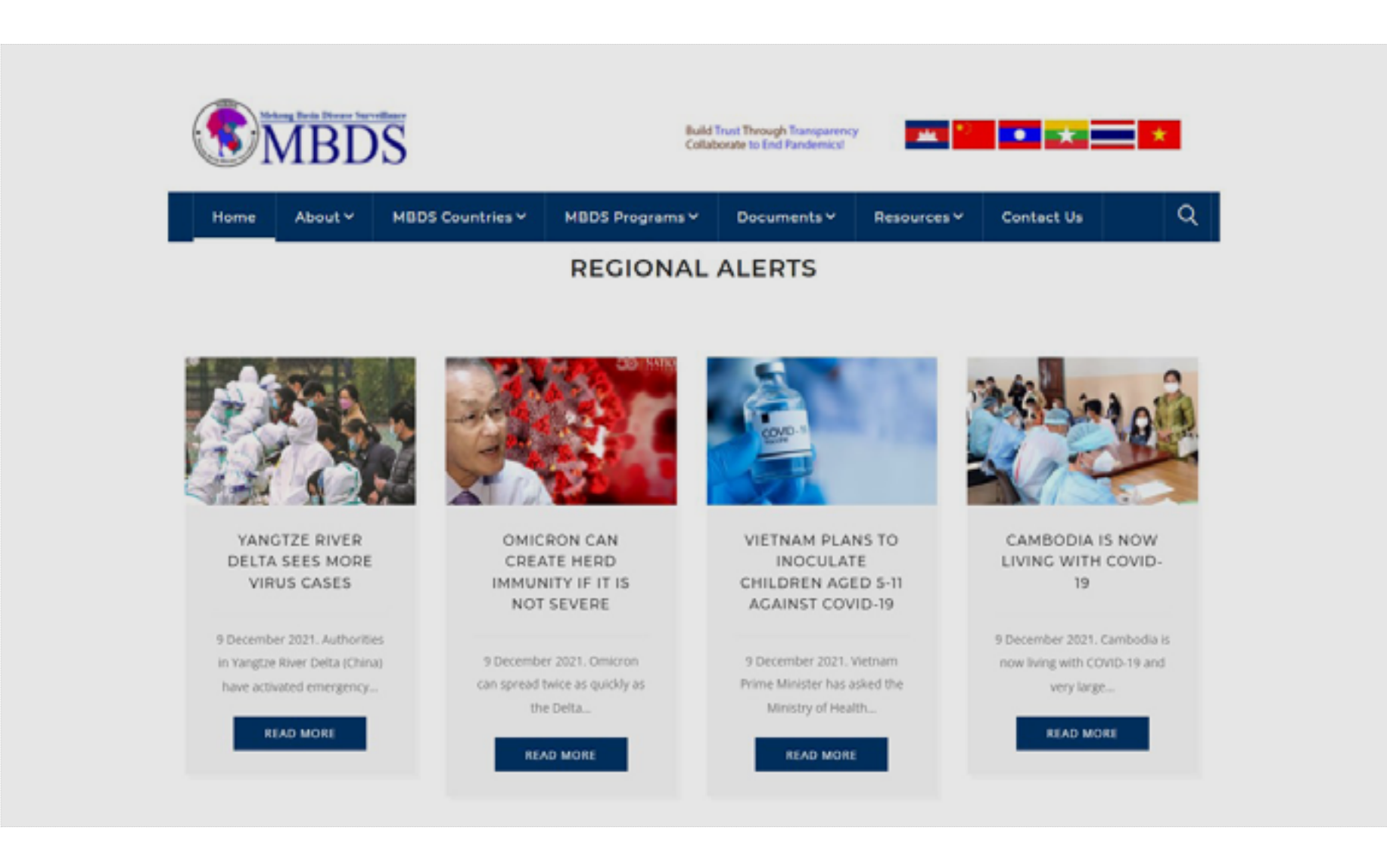
15 NOVEMBER 2021: MBDS Secretariat has participated the meeting with Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Thailand Ministry of Public Health and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) about Regional Border Health in the GMS. During the meeting, MBDS Secretariat has shared MBDS multi-sectoral regional collaboration, capacity strengthening and real time event based surveillance information reporting mechanism, as well as challenges and lesson learned to all participants.

17 NOVEMBER 2021: MBDS Secretariat has took part in the “High-Level France/Thailand One Health Meeting” which was organized by the Thailand Coordinating Unit for One Health, Office of International Cooperation, Department of Disease Control with the Embassy of France in Thailand. The objective of this meeting is to mobilize government leadership to support One Health and translate this integrated approach at the national, regional and global levels. In the meeting H.E. Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health, Thailand together with H.E. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to Thailand, presided over the opening of the France/Thailand One Health high-level meeting. Dr. Pasakorn Akarasewi, Senior Advisor (MBDS Foundation Board), Dr. Sopon Iamsirithaworn, Deputy Director General, DDC (MBDS Executive Board) and Dr. Soawapak Hinjoy, Director, OIC (MBDS Country Coordinator), Thailand have moderated the meeting.

17 - 19 NOVEMBER 2021: MBDS Secretariat has participated in the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) Steering Group and Leadership Meeting which hosted by GHSA Co-Unit Thailand, Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Thailand Ministry of Public Health in Phuket Province, Thailand. The meeting is opened by H.E. Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health, Thailand. MBDS has committed to provide technical support and collective contributions in GHSA activities, to enhance regional partnership and information sharing to support the GHSA priority areas, and to engage the development partners in the planning, implementation, advocacy, and communication processes in line with GHSA activities.

9 DECEMBER 2021: MBDS Secretariat has participated with multisectoral stakeholders in the kick off meeting of project for “Enhancing multi-sectoral collaboration capacities for prevention, detection, and response to public health emergencies along border areas”, which is hosted by Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Thailand Ministry of Public Health. The project will collaborate with local and international networks and organizations via regular working group meetings, training workshops and table top exercises for data and information exchange to strengthen cross-border surveillance and response capacity to detect and prevent diseases.

MBDS is regularly updating regional alerts related to public health events including COVID-19 situation, progress of vaccination, measures and information related with public awareness. These regional alerts are available in this [MBDS webpage](#).



Sincerely yours,

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