MBDS Regional Activities

MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) 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 and response. 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 webpage.

Beginning of 2022, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand will celebrate 20th years of its existence at MBDS website which is developed by H.E Dr. Myint Htwe, Union Minister for Ministry of Health and Sports (2016-2021). In addition to the Commemoration document, MBDS plans to publish another book from H.E Dr. Myint Htwe “Reflections of A Public Health Professional”. This document is intended not only to strengthen public health collaboration, coordination mechanism, research institutions capacity and management and administrative aspects of implementing the Health Care Delivery System. MBDS has been updating useful links (Disease Surveillance Networks, Health Related Links, Links for Disaster Management, Research Links, Global Conference Alerts and Other Links) on MBDS website. MBDS has been updating National and Regional disease information on MBDS website and those updates are taking place during October 2021.

For cross border travelers, surveillance at cross border areas and Covid 19 vaccination activity at border provinces, which MBDS 3 cross border provinces from Thailand (Mukdahan, Trat and Nan Provinces). Those photos showing Covid 19 screening, measures and information related with public awareness. These regional alerts are available in this webpage.

In order to “Enhancing multi-sectoral collaboration capacities for prevention, detection, and response to public health emergencies”, MBDS Secretariat has participated with multisectoral stakeholders in the kick off meeting of project for coming 2022 which was organized by the Thailand Coordinating Unit for One Heath, Office of International Cooperation, Department of Disease Public Health Threat.

MBDS Secretariat has took part in the “High-Level France/Thailand One Health Meeting” which was organized by the Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Thailand and France on 17 November 2021. The meeting was opened by 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. The meeting is opened by H.E. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to Thailand, presided over the opening of the France/Thailand One Health high-level meeting. Dr. Pierre-Alain Morandat, Director of International Cooperation of France Ministry of Health, has opened the meeting. The meeting was hosted by GHSA Co-Unit Thailand, Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Thailand.

The meeting was 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. The meeting featured presentations from various stakeholders including the Director General of GHSA, the WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific, and representatives from the United States, United Kingdom, Japan, and others. The meeting also included discussions on how to strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration and enhance response capacity to detect and prevent diseases. The project will collaborate with local and international networks and organizations via regular working group meetings, Expert Group Meetings and Leadership Meeting which hosted by GHSA Co-Unit Thailand, Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Thailand.

MBDS Secretariat has participated with Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Thailand in the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) Steering Group (MBDS Executive Board) and Dr. Soawapak Hinjoy, Director, OIC (MBDS Country Coordinator), Thailand have moderated the meeting.

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During the meeting, MBDS Secretariat has shared MBDS multi-sectoral regional collaboration, capacity strengthening at MBDS Secretariat Office and National and Regional disease information on MBDS website and those updates are taking place during October 2021.

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