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 its member 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, operational support and information sharing for rapidly and effectively controlling Public Health Threat.

MBDS REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

MBDS has published the “Health System Challenges: A Developing Country Perspective” authored by H.E Dr. Myint Htwe from Myanmar. This book has 21 chapters and includes health literacy, managing the epidemic, preparedness for future wave of COVID-19, supply chain management, challenges in hospital management, and hopes for health status of the population. It also discusses the development and multinational coordination mechanisms, and how to develop a national health plan for preventing outbreaks. This book 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. Can be assessed at MBDS website.

Dr. Rattanaxay Phetsouvanh, Director General, (MBDS Board), Dr. Viengsavanh Khitthiphong, Chief of Surveillance Division (MBDS Country Coordinator) and Dr. Malyvanh VONGPANHYA, Technical Officer Surveillance and Response Division (MBDS focal), Ministry of Health, Lao P.D.R have participated in “EOC and IMS training for Savannakhet Province (15 Districts)” at Savannakhet Province, Lao P.D.R on 24-26 January 2022.

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Sincerely yours,

MBDS Foundation Secretariat

Mr. Suphot Ruttanaphian, MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Trat Provincial Health Office, Thailand has attended the “Provincial Communicable Disease Committee Meeting”. The objective of the meeting is to determine preventive measures to control the spread of Covid-19 at Trat Province, Thailand on 24 January 2022.

6 January 2022: MBDS Secretariat has meeting with 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 for MBDS, and Cold Case Exercise experiences, as well as challenges and lessons learned from programs which are implemented by MBDS.

26 – 27 January 2022: MBDS Secretariat has participated together with multilateral organizations at “Moving towards all-volunteer collaboration committee for provincial,沉睡和综合和可用性紧急应对措施”, which is hosted by Office of International Cooperation (2011), National library of Public Health. The meeting has identified the practices for collaborate with local and national stakeholders’ organizational in these fields, all regular global strategy, technology, and vital exercise steps for cross-border information flow and information exchange to strengthen public health practice. This meeting also reveals that MBDS Secretariat has promoted about 100 workplace on almost 20 countries.

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.

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