During the meeting MBDS Secretariat has presented the project overview for Phase 3 MBT projects. ASEAN members are presented about their current progress for MBT project and MBDS Secretariat has also presented the project overview and progress for “Sustain and Strengthen Biosafety and Biosecurity in CLMV countries”. MBDS presentation has raised attention, discussions on sustainability and operational activities.

28 April 2022 – 6 – 7 April 2022: Under the Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program, MBDS Secretariat has discussed with the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE), Ministry of Health, Vietnam. The NIHE, Vietnam also has introduced about the Establishment of an EQA network among Southeast Asia Countries.

26 April 2022 – MBDS Secretariat has met with the NIHE, Vietnam for their leading activity of establishment of an EQA network among Southeast Asia Countries. The document is available to download at MBDS website.

31 March 2022 – Under the Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program, MBDS Secretariat has meeting with MBDS Board to discuss the MBDS strategic plan for the next fiscal year and to share the progress. The meeting is supported by Canada’s WTRP. The NIHE, Vietnam also has introduced about the Establishment of an EQA network among Southeast Asia Countries.

24 March 2022 – MBDS Secretariat has organized virtual training for “Regional Collaborative disease surveillance” and “EQA network regional training” to discuss EQA programs in the CLMV countries. This training highlighted the EQA programs in the region and the importance of EQA programs in improving the quality of laboratory testing for surveillance and control of infectious diseases. This training was supported by Canada’s WTRP.

23 & 30 March 2022 – MBDS Secretariat has participated in the “Asia Regional Partners Meeting” hosted by The Rockefeller Foundation, which was held in Bangkok, Thailand. This workshop is to develop the capacity of working groups and officials involved in the targeted health issues. This workshop discussed the current status of EQA programs and the role of EQA programs in improving the quality of laboratory testing for surveillance and control of infectious diseases. This workshop was supported by Canada’s WTRP.

28 February 2022 – The kick-off video conference of the Regional Public Health Laboratory (RPHL) Network, which is hosted by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Korea, has been held. The RPHL Network is a regional network of laboratories that work together to improve the quality of laboratory testing for surveillance and control of infectious diseases. MBDS Secretariat has participated in this meeting to support the development of the RPHL Network.

9 – 11 March 2022 – MBDS Secretariat has prepared details of training materials and curriculum for risk assessment and the trainer will implement the training. This training is supported by Canada’s WTRP.

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