



Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance

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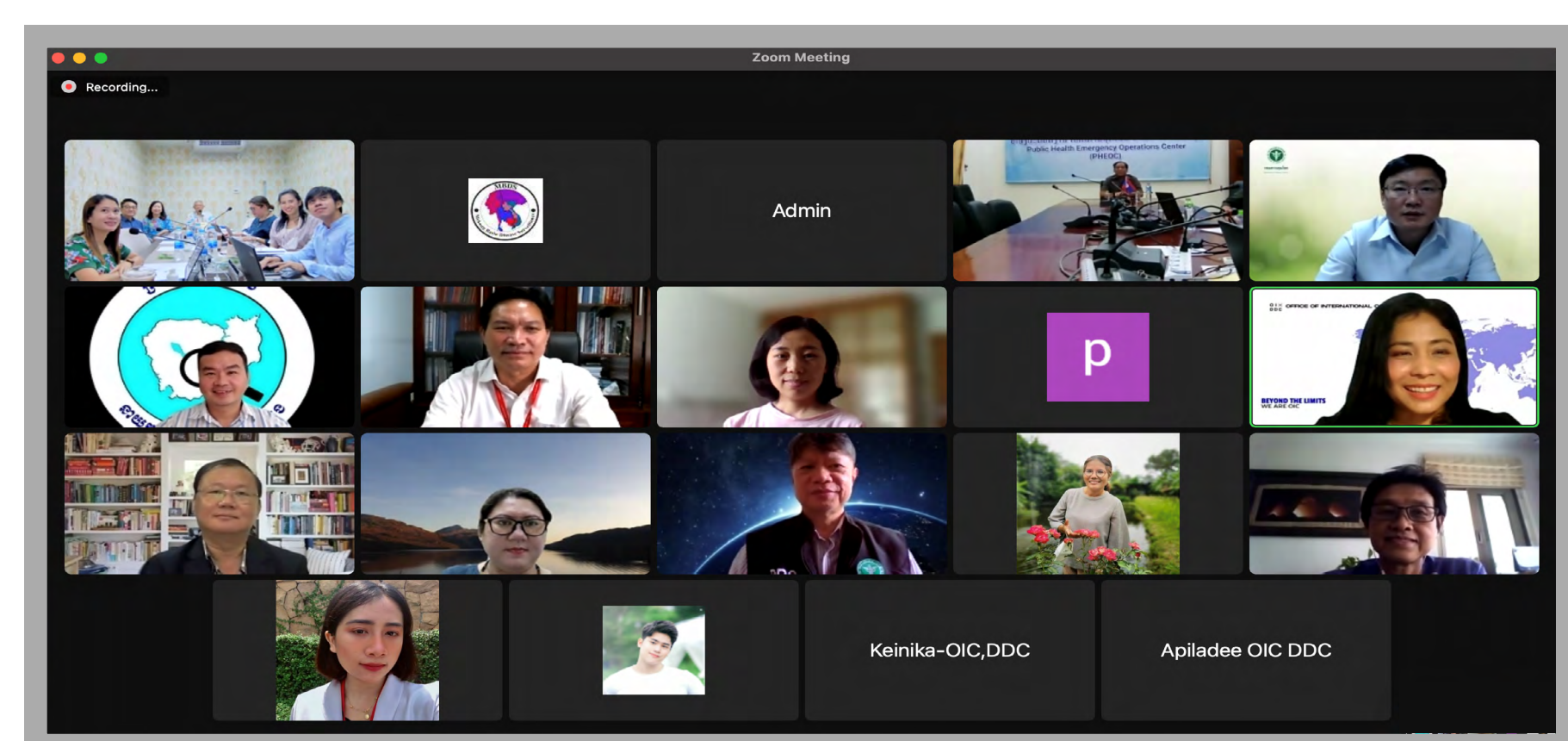
Dear MBDS Colleagues,

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, interregional collaboration, outbreak response and information sharing for rapidly and effectively control Public Health Threat.

MBDS COUNTRY COORDINATORS MEETING

Chair of Executive Board and Country Coordinator of Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance (MBDS), Ministry of Public Health, Thailand and MBDS Secretariat have organized the Country Coordinators Meeting on 7 June 2022. MBDS Executive Board, Country Coordinators and health officials from Mekong countries and MBDS Secretariat are participated in this meeting.

During the meeting, member countries have presented and discussed about current situation, management, vaccination roll out and release of travel restriction plan related with current Covid 19 situation, global regional and national situation of Monkeypox and other public health threats situation including management and preparedness. Member countries also discussed about health security impact on social economic structure. Member countries also shared their experiences on whole of government approach, multisectoral coordination and community engagement issues related with current pandemic situation and public health threats.



Under the “Sustain and Strengthen Biosafety and Biosecurity in CLMV countries”, Cambodia MOH meeting with Myanmar on 27 May 2022 for technology transfer of MBDS EBS mobile application, this application is real time reporting of public health events including veterinary, disaster and environmental situation. Authorized health personnel can report domestically and internationally with real time information reporting and sharing. During the meeting both parties discussed about transfer of technology and source code, server set up, creation of authorized login and password, Play Store registration and other technical support between Cambodia and Myanmar. This activity is implementing with support from Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program (Canada’s WTRP).

- Reported by Mr. Sok Samnang, MBDS Country Coordinator and Regional ICT from MOH Cambodia



MBDS Secretariat is regularly updating Biosafety and Biosecurity related information in [MBDS Biosafety website](#) especially update information on regional networks, those are related with Biosafety and Biosecurity activities from the different regions. In addition, related documents, multimedia and other resources are also can be accessed as references to support the implementation of biothreat reduction programs.

Mukdahan Provincial Health Office has conducted “Meeting to develop the capacity of public health volunteers and migrant health volunteers for testing ATK in border areas and new normal operations” on 10 May 2022. MBDS Cross Border Coordinator, Mrs. Punchawee Sukbut also participated in this meeting with other participants from Mukdahan Provincial Health Office and stakeholders from other sectors.

Photo credit to Mrs. Punchawee Sukbut, MBDS XB Coordinator from Mukdahan Province, Thailand



19 May 2022: Mr. Eric Arndt, Director-Asia and Ms. Busaba Tejagupta, Director - Operations and Grant Management from Rockefeller Foundation Thailand have visited to MBDS Office. During their visit, MBDS Secretariat updated the activity related with “MBDS Regional Collaborative Platform Event Base Surveillance Real Time Reporting” in Thailand. This activity is implementing at Thailand cross border provinces and funded by Rockefeller Foundation. Best practice from implementation of this activity and sharing experience with other stakeholders also discussed during their visit.

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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UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- Technology transfer and training activities of MBDS EBS Application, Cambodia & Lao P.D.R
- Several face to face Risk Assessment training, Myanmar
- Laboratory EQA workshop with CLM and other ASEAN Countries, Vietnam NIHE

Those upcoming activities are supported by Canada’s WTRP

RECENT UPDATE

MBDS Secretariat Office has been updating Regional and International disease information on [MBDS website](#) and those updates can be easily accessed via [MBDS Facebook](#), [MBDS Instagram](#), and [MBDS Twitter](#).

USEFUL LINKS

MBDS has been updating useful links (Disease Surveillance Networks, Health Related Links, Links for Disaster Management, Research Links, Global Conference Alerts and Others Links) on [MBDS website](#).

Sincerely yours,
MBDS Foundation Secretariat

