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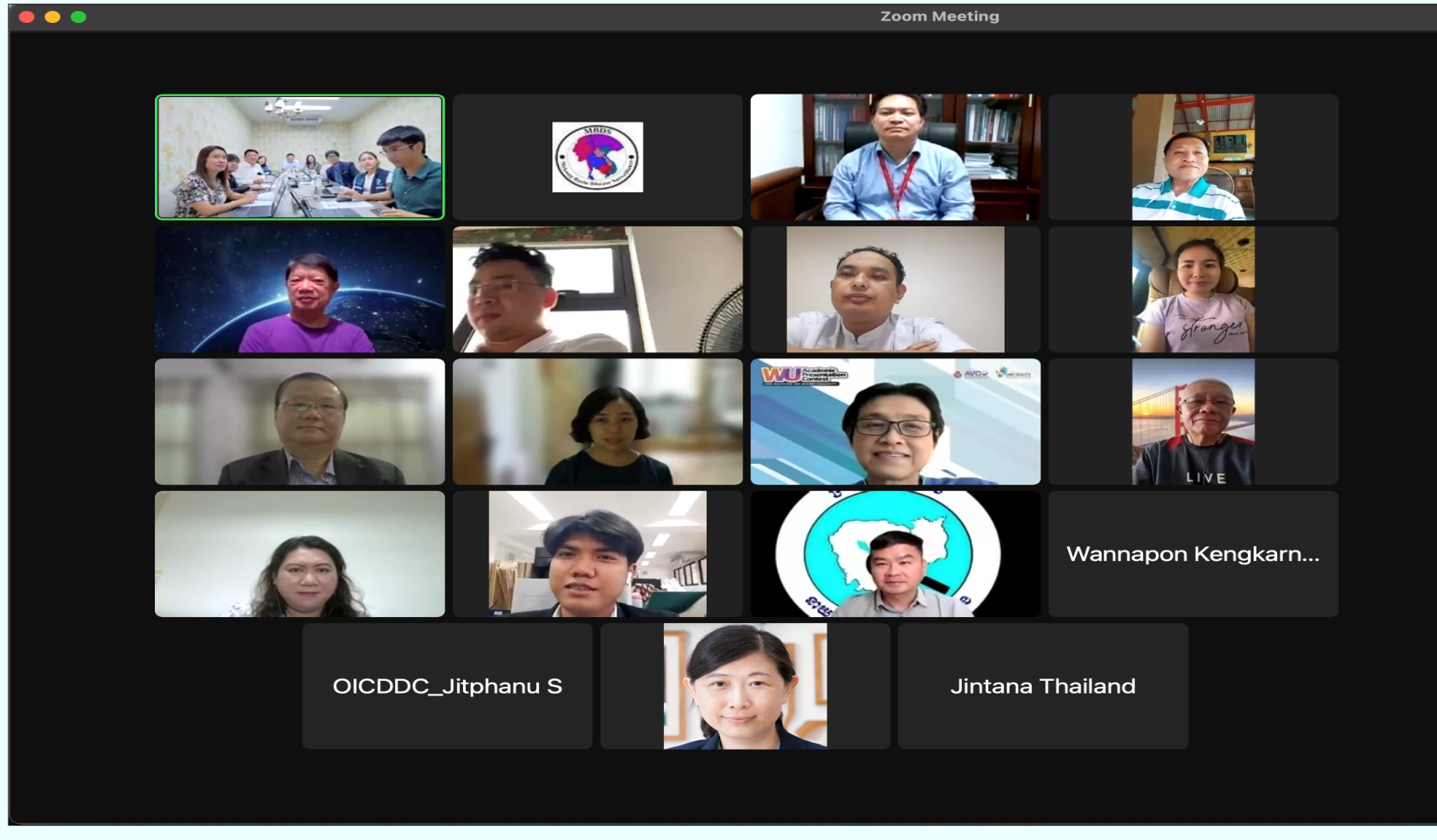
Dear MBDS Colleagues,

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 EXECUTIVE BOARD AND 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 MBDS Executive Board and Country Coordinators Meeting on 30 September 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 of Covid-19, Monkeypox and other public health threats situation including collaborative management and preparedness. Member countries also shared their experiences on whole of government and whole of society approach, multisectoral coordination and community engagement issues related with current pandemic situation and public health threats. The importance of strong Government leadership, collaboration and coordination between localities, and building trust are also have been highlighted.

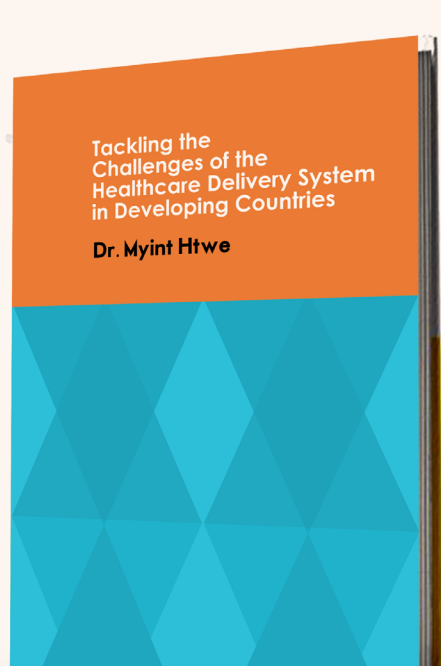
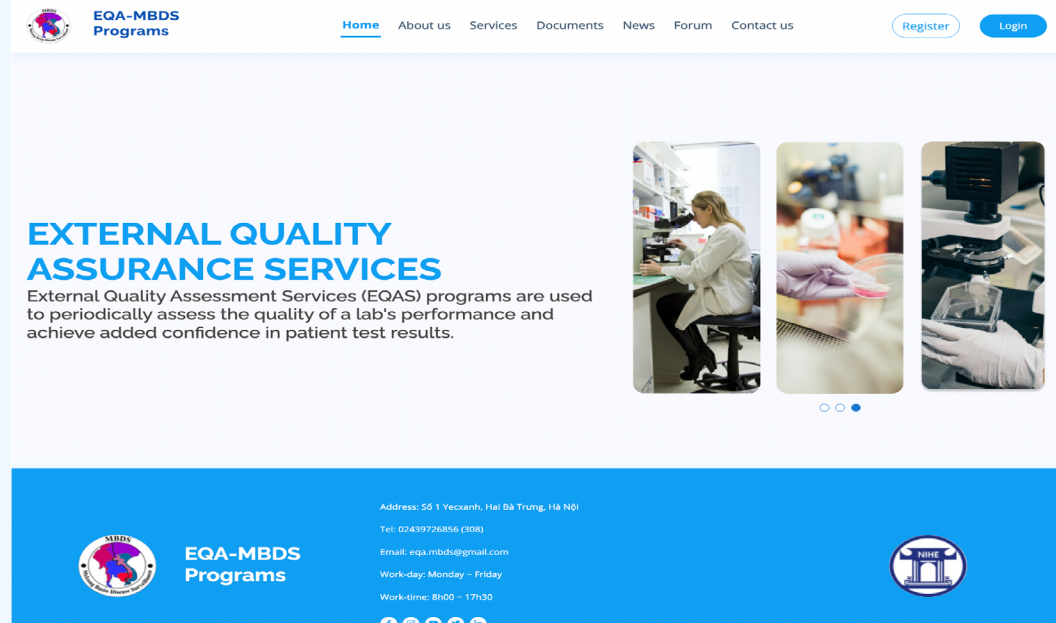


MBDS REGIONAL ACTIVITIES



MBDS Secretariat is regularly updating Biosafety and Biosecurity related information in MBDS Biosafety website including update information, which are related with Biosafety and Biosecurity activities from the different regions. In addition, Biosafety & Biosecurity related documents, multimedia and other resources are also can be accessed as references to support the implementation of biothreat reduction programs at <https://mbdsbiosafety.net/>.

Under the Canada's Weapon Threat Reduction Program, in collaboration with MBDS Secretariat, the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE), Ministry of Health, Vietnam has developed website for External Quality Assessment Services (EQAS) programs. This web platform is developed in both English and Vietnamese languages for information sharing and as reference to assess and continuously improve capacity and quality of laboratory management. Interested stakeholders can be shared and exchange information through the forum and Vietnam NIHE is facilitating and regularly updating information and news related with EQA events at <http://eqa-mbds.org/>.



H.E Dr Myint Htwe (former Health & Sports Minister from Myanmar 2016-2021) has prepared the third series of book "Tackling the Challenges of the Healthcare Delivery System in Developing Countries" which will be published by MBDS in coming months. This book has 31 chapters and not only mainly directed towards minimizing, reducing and effective handling the strategic challenges faced by healthcare delivery systems, but also intended to improve the management, coordination mechanism, and administrative aspects of running healthcare delivery system more effective and efficient.

The first series "Reflections of a Public Health Professional" and second series "Health System Challenges: Developing Country Perspective" produced by H.E Dr Myint Htwe are complementary to each other; they are inter-linked and inter-connected. Previous two series can be accessed at [MBDS website](#) under publication section.

14 September 2022: MBDS Secretariat met with Office of International Cooperation, Ministry of Public Health (Thailand), and Thailand MOPH-US CDC Collaboration (TUC). The Office of International Cooperation, Ministry of Public Health (Thailand) has hosted this event to discuss about regional collaboration and focus on disease surveillance related with "Enhancing Multi-Sectoral Collaboration (EMSC)" project.

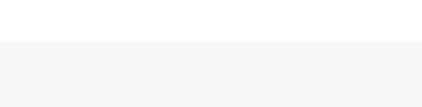
22 September 2022: MBDS Secretariat has met with delegates from "Population Services International (PSI) and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation" at MOPH Thailand. During the meeting discuss about PHEOC-related activities especially functioning of EOC, tracking, management, and respond in different public health situation. Participants also discuss about regional EOC activities. During the meeting MBDS Secretariat has also shared the experiences on cross border information exchange model development, regional Event Base Surveillance Application tools, which are supported by The Canada's Weapon Threat Reduction Program and Rockefeller Foundation for MBDS CLMV countries and Thailand.

MBDS also 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](#).



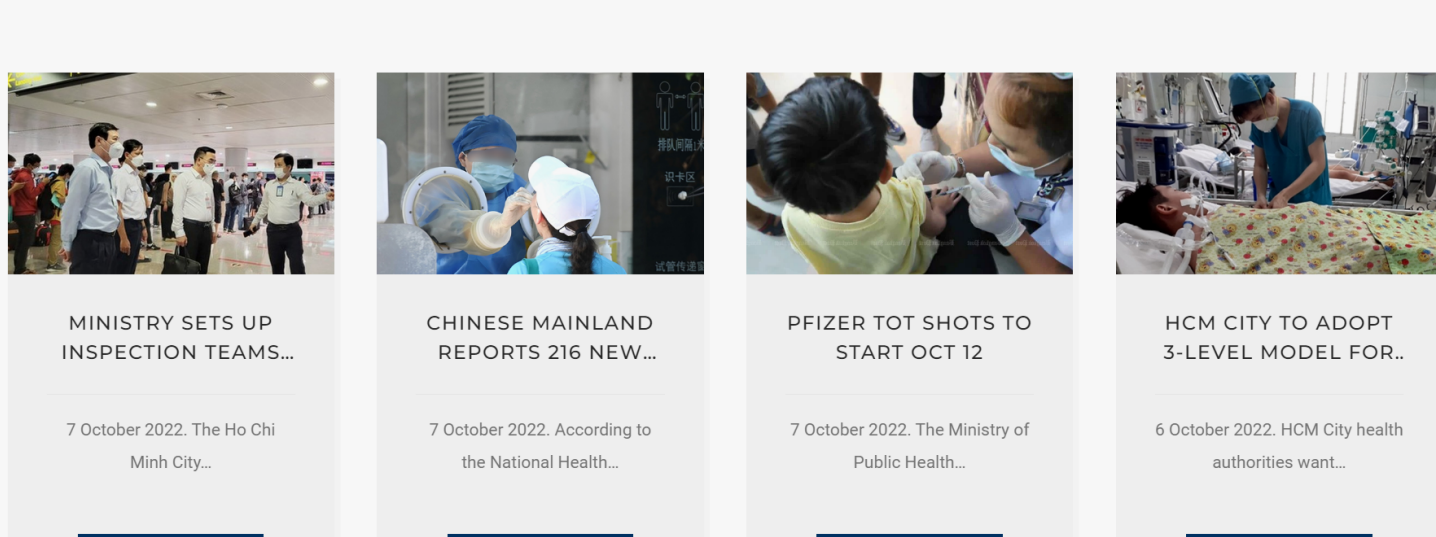
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Build Trust Through Transparency
Collaborate to End Pandemic!



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REGIONAL ALERTS



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- Technology transfer and training activities of MBDS EBS Application, Cambodia & Lao P.D.R
- MBDS Executive Board and Country Coordinators Meeting

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

