Dear MBDS Colleagues,

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Recent Update

23 - 24 March 2022: MBDS Secretariat will host a regional training workshop on "Sustain and Strengthen Biosafety and Biosecurity in Regional Health Laboratories". The workshop will be held at the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), Thailand. The main objectives of the workshop are to establish a Regional Public Health Laboratory (RPHL) Network and to develop the capacity of working groups and officials involved in the targeted disease surveillance related with "Enhancing Multi-Sectoral Collaboration (EMSC)". The workshop will be run in collaboration with Office of International Cooperation, Ministry of Public Health (Thailand), and Thailand Foundation.

MBDS Secretariat has prepared details of training materials and curriculum for risk assessment and the trainer will implement the training. This workshop is to develop the capacity of working groups and officials involved in the targeted disease surveillance related with "Enhancing Multi-Sectoral Collaboration (EMSC)". The workshop will be run in collaboration with Office of International Cooperation, Ministry of Public Health (Thailand), and Thailand Foundation.

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