Dear MBDS Colleagues,

Thank you all for your contributions and commitment to the Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance (MBDS) cooperation. This past year, the MBDS cooperation has continued to face challenges and opportunities. We have been working together to progressively build the local capacity, share information, and cooperate in regional cross-border collaboration. Our MBDS network operates based on its core values of mutual respect and trust, and we have been working together to enhance national and regional capabilities for rapidly and effectively control Public Health Threats.

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized regional network commenced since 2001. It is a collaboration among six Mekong Basin countries: Cambodia, China, Lao P.D.R., Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam under The Health Ministerial MOU. 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.

Regional Alerts

- Upcoming International Events
  - 9 – 11 March 2022: The first series of book project “Tackling the Challenges of Regional Infectious Disease Control” under "The first series of book project “Tackling the Challenges of Regional Infectious Disease Control” under Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program (Canada’s WTRP)" and second series project “Tackling the Challenges of core competencies for reporting on the exchange of information under the International Health Regulations 2005” under Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program (Canada’s WTRP) has been planning and develop software for EQA program management and operation. Vietnam team also planning for sustaining of EQA program implementation among Southeast Asia Countries. During the discussion, Vietnam team has shared completed activities, curriculum and participating in training activity, which was organized by the Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Department of Disease Control (DDC), Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. Representatives of Public Health Officers from Cambodia, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam participated in the meeting. The results can be used by medical facilities in other Member States and lesson learned among MBDS countries are important to continue strengthening national and sub-regional capabilities for rapidly and effectively control public health threats. MBDS would like to express appreciation and gratitude to all development partners and staff members for their contributions and leadership.

- Upcoming International Events
  - 22nd MDGS Regional Activies
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      - 9 – 11 March 2022: The kick-off video conference of the Regional Public Health Laboratory (RPHL) Network, which is hosted by MBDS Secretariat. This meeting aimed to connect with all MBDS network partners on the National and Regional disease information on MBDS network.
    - 9 – 11 March 2022: Team Brazil, Health and Safety Management Team, has shared some activities and challenges faced by healthcare delivery systems, but also intended to improve professional health workers with a better understanding of the management, coordination mechanism, and administrative aspects of the network.

- Recent Update
  - 9 – 11 March 2022: Under the leadership of Secretary General, Health and Safety Management Team (HST), a committee was formed in the MBDS network for updating reporting and centralize MBDS network. The function of this committees is to prepare a document about the status of reporting and coordinating mechanism on MBDS network.

- Upcoming International Events
  - 9 – 11 March 2022: MBDS Secretariat has discussed with the National Disease Management, which is supported by Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program to improve the coordination mechanism of public health emergencies in border areas especially the DGMQ-EMSC Project, which is hosted by Office of International Cooperation (OIC), Ministry of Public Health, Thailand.

- Upcoming International Events
  - 9 – 11 March 2022: MBDS Secretariat has been updating National and Regional disease information on MBDS website and those updates can be assessed at MBDS website.

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  - 9 – 11 March 2022: MBDS Secretariat Office has been updating National and Regional disease information on MBDS website. Previous two series can be accessed at MBDS website.

- Upcoming International Events
  - 9 – 11 March 2022: MBDS Secretariat 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. The first series of book project “Tackling the Challenges of Regional Infectious Disease Control” under Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program has organized MBDS meeting regularly with the aim to improve health workers with a better understanding of the management, coordination mechanism, and administrative aspects of the network. That activity is supported by Canada’s Weapons Threat Reduction Program.

- Upcoming International Events
  - 9 – 11 March 2022: MBDS Secretariat 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.