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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.



H.E Dr Myint Htwe (former Health & Sports Minister from Myanmar 2016-2021) is writing **"Cross-Cutting Issues in Healthcare Delivery Systems"** which are related with how the healthcare delivery system functioning in Member States (MS) and MBDS is planning to publish this book in Q4 of 2023.

The 22 key predictors covered in the book are crucial for the effectiveness of healthcare delivery systems and are what make them effective. Health professionals, program directors, and administrators who work in the field of public health, including hospital management, will find the contents to be of great interest.

Its specific goal is to improve the critical, analytical, unconventional, and epidemiological thinking skills of public health practitioners. Public health experts will be interested in the thought-provoking topics such "encouraging outside-the-box thinking," "improving the analytical skills of health professionals," "wide-ranging initiatives to shape the health domain," and "evolving health issues requiring priority attention."

Dr. Soawapak Hinjoy, Director of the Office of International Cooperation (OIC), DDC (MBDS Country Coordinator) Ministry of Public Health, Thailand has participated in the "Regional Dialogue on Health Security Through Improving Cross-Border Cooperation and Communication" on 18 - 19 May 2023 to enhance cross-border coordination and communication amongst Central Asian countries in line with the International Health Regulations (IHR) through technical support and assisting in resource mobilization.

Dr. Soawapak has presented about "MBDS Network on Building Inter-regional Cross-border Collaboration and Coordinator" during the meeting.

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Mr. Thapon Tiawsirichaisakul (MBDS Cross Border Coordinator) from Nongkhai Provincial Health Office, Thailand has attended the "Bilateral Workshop between Thailand and Lao P.D.R on Development of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Joint Action Plan" on 8 – 10 May 2023 in Udon Thani Province, Thailand.

Photo credit to Mr. Thapon Tiawsirichaisakul, MBDS XB Coordinator from Nongkhai Province, Thailand

11 May 2023: MBDS Secretariat has participated in the "Quarterly Grantee Call" hosted by The Rockefeller Foundation together with other organization partners. During virtual meeting, the Rockefeller Foundation has updated about the Foundation's developing climate strategy and two fellow grantees about how they are working to support vulnerable people amid the climate crisis.

18 May 2023: MBDS Secretariat has participated the "Rockefeller Foundation – 110th Anniversary Celebration" in Bangkok, Thailand to share achievements and stimulate conversation on issue. During the meeting, the Rockefeller Foundation has presented short video RF supports/grants which included MBDS One Health Event-Based Surveillance (EBS) Regional Collaboration Application platform. Ten cross-border provinces from Thailand are reporting with real-time Event Base Surveillance Application.

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 <u>MBDS webpage</u>.



RECENT UPDATE

MBDS Secretariat Office has been updating Regional and International disease information on <u>MBDS website</u> and those updates can be easily accessed via <u>MBDS Facebook, MBDS Instagram</u>, and <u>MBDS Twitter</u>.

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 <u>MBDS website.</u>

Sincerely yours, MBDS Foundation Secretariat























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