Dear MBDS Colleagues,

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized regional network commenced since 2001. It is a collaborative effort among six Mekong Basin countries: Cambodia, China, Laos P.D.R, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam under the Health Ministerial MOU. Its main purpose is to strengthen surveillance and information sharing for rapidly and effectively control Public Health Threat.

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.

MBDS has been updating useful links (Disease Surveillance Networks, Health Related Links, Links for Disaster Management, Research Links, eNewsletter: No.93) on MBDS website.

Useful Links

- MBDS has published a series of four electronic books for aspiring public health professionals and academics. Dr. Myint Htwe, a former staff member of the WHO Regional Office for Southeast Asia (SEARO) and former Health Minister from Myanmar, is the author of these books. The articles were written from his experience and a practical perspective from developing countries with limited resources. He has developed (i) Reflections of a Public Health Professional; (ii) Cross-Cutting Health Issues in Countries with Limited Resources. The first book gave an overview of public health scenarios and healthcare delivery system-related issues in developing countries. The important role of research and training is also highlighted. The second book depicted the challenges encountered in running the healthcare delivery system in the context of a developing country. The third book proposes actions to tackle the challenges of the healthcare delivery system. The fourth book illustrated the general cross-cutting issues encountered in improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the healthcare delivery system.

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- Mr. Sok Samnang, Deputy Director of the Communicable Disease Control Department, Ministry of Health, Cambodia, and an MBDS Country Coordinator visiting MBDS cross-border provinces namely Svay Rieng, Tbong Khmum, and Stung Treng for real-time EBS reporting, data analysis, and integration among Cambodia, Thailand, and Myanmar. During this visit, the CDC Department officially provided 3 computer laptops to 3 MBDS focal points of MBDS cross-border provinces namely Svay Rieng, Tbong Khmum, and Stung Treng for real-time EBS reporting, data analysis, and integration among Cambodia, Thailand, and Myanmar. During this visit, the CDC Department officially provided 3 computer laptops to 3 MBDS focal points of MBDS cross-border provinces namely Svay Rieng, Tbong Khmum, and Stung Treng for real-time EBS reporting, data analysis, and integration among Cambodia, Thailand, and Myanmar. Currently, the MBDS EBS mobile application has been implemented in 7 MBDS cross-border provinces.

- We aim to strengthen national and regional capabilities in infectious disease surveillance, inter-regional collaboration, outbreak response and public health emergency operation center (PHEOC) to strengthen surveillance and information sharing for rapidly and effectively control Public Health Threat.

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