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Thailand-Myanmar MBDS XB Meetings

During October and November, 2012, the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand and the Ministry of Health of Myanmar held the Joint Coordination Meetings for sharing information, discussing about cross-border health problems to reduce the health problems and disease burdens especially HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria in the border areas at Thailand-Myanmar MBDS 3 cross-border sites.

MBDS Cross Border Replication

Thailand-Myanmar XB Activities

Tak and Myawaddy (Thailand and Myanmar)

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Series of MBDS XB meetings between Thailand and Myanmar during October and November, 2012

- **Tak** Province of Thailand and **Myawaddy** Township of Myanmar MBDS XB site meeting was organized during 24th-25th October 2012 at Mae Sot Hospital in Mae Sot District, Tak Province.

- **Chiang Rai** Province of Thailand and **Tachileik** Township of Myanmar MBDS XB site meeting was organized during 25th-26th October 2012 at Chiang Rai Province of Thailand.

- **Ranong** Province of Thailand & **Kawthaung** Township of Myanmar MBDS XB site meeting was organized during 21th - 22th November 2012 at Tinidee Ranong Hotel.

MBDS Cross-Border Sites, Information sharing model, template, prioritized diseases for information sharing, frequency of exchange schedule, exchanged data, XB diseases status report and analyzed reports are regularly updated in MBDS website.

Visitors from RF, USAID & Griffith University (AUS) to MBDS Foundation Secretariat

MBDS welcomed visitors from Rockefeller foundation, USAID, Griffith Asia Institute (Asia) and Griffith Business School. These small meetings brought MBDS and its partners together to introduce MBDS Foundation Secretariat as well.

On 8th October 2012, MR.Scott Leeb, Managing Director of Knowledge Management and Ms. Natalie, Associate Director from Rockefeller office visited to MBDS Foundation Secretariat.


On 8th November 2012, Dr. Sara Davies, PhD UQ, Senior Research Fellow, Human Protection Hub from Griffith Asia Institute (Australia) visited to MBDS Foundation Secretariat.

On 13th November 2012, Dr. Andrea Haefner, BA MA, PhD Candidate, Griffith Business School, Department of International Business and Asian Studies visited to MBDS Foundation Secretariat.

Dr. Moe Ko Oo, Secretary of MBDS Foundation, briefly presented about MBDS Foundation history, cross-border collaboration mechanism, coordination among six members countries, data collection and information sharing, regular updating of Regional Health Information, data analyzing and monitoring & evaluation program of MBDS to all visitors.

Useful Web Links

Two websites defining particular joint system (Global Early Warning System) and Earthquake Hazards Program drew our attention lately and the reader may find the details by clicking on the highlighted texts from the following links.

The Global Early Warning System (GLEWS) is a joint system that builds on the added value of combining and coordinating the alert and disease intelligence mechanisms of OIE, FAO and WHO for the international community and stakeholders to assist in prediction, prevention and control of animal disease threats, including zoonoses, through sharing of information, epidemiological analysis.

The United States Geological Survey’s (USGS) Earthquake Hazards Program is to provide and apply relevant earthquake science information and knowledge for reducing deaths, injuries, and property damage from earthquakes through understanding of their characteristics and effects and by providing the information and knowledge needed to mitigate these losses.

http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/map/

http://www.glews.net/
Singing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance (MBDS) Foundation signed a MOU with Communicable Disease Policy Research Group, London School Of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and SAW SWEE HOCK SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEATH (“SSHSPH”), National University of Singapore on the Parties agree to promote their mutual interests in developing research and other activities in Mekong Delta and to collaborate in relation to communicable disease surveillance in Mekong basin area including building an understanding and appreciation of other countries and cultures, and research cooperation.

Regional Health Information

One Student Dies from Bacteria Poisoning

Thailand; A Masters Degree student studying at a university in Chiang Mai has died after eating at a Korean BBQ (moo kata) restaurant in Chiang Mai, reported the Chiang Mai public Health Office. The student, whose name has not yet been released, died after a two day ordeal in hospital. Dr. Surasingh Witsarutrat, the deputy president of Chiang Mai Public Health Office, revealed that the girl’s relatives believed that she became sick after eating at a moo kata.


Cat flu outbreaks in Angthong Province

Thailand; Angthong province - The initial probe into the deaths of several cats abandoned at a temple in Angthong province has revealed that they died of cat flu disease, a provincial livestock official said on Monday. No cure is available for the disease and all that can be done is to treat the symptoms. The official was speaking after visiting the temple had died of mysterious disease, possibly cat flu.


More Regional Health Information are updated in MBDS website

@ http://www.mbdsoffice.com/newreg9.php