Dear MBDS Colleagues,

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized sub-regional network commenced in 2001. It is a collaboration of 14 organisations in six Mekong Basin states/regions including Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Viet Nam, Thailand, and Yunnan, China. It aims to strengthen national and sub-regional capabilities in detection disease surveillance and outbreak response, especially on 13 currently designated priority diseases including Ebola, MERS, Zika, Malaria and Dengue and others, and to effectively control them. We would like to updating MBDS activities, upcoming international events, recent update and useful links and thank you for the opportunities you gave to us share with you.

MBDS and DTRA Activities


MBDS Regional Activities

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Upcoming International Events

Joint Seminar on Lancang-Mekong Cooperation, Kunming, China on 26 – 27 March 2019

Recent Update

MBDS is going to update Regional and International information on MBDS website and these updates can be easily accessed via MBDS Facebook.

Useful Links

MBDS is also updating useful links (Disease Surveillance Networks, Health Related Links, Disaster Management, Research Links, Global Conference Alerts and Others Links) on MBDS website.

Sincerely yours,

MBDS Foundation Secretariat

• Ubon Ratchathani Provincial Health Office, Thailand has held "Microscopy training in the project to eliminate liver fluke and bile duct cancer" which has a target group from the workers in the area District health offices and sub-districts in various districts attended training on 6-8 and 13-15 February 2019 in Ubon Ratchathani Province, Thailand.

| Reported by Mrs. Waleerat Apaibunditkul, MBDS XB Coordinator from Ubon Ratchathani Province, Thailand. |

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| Shared by MOHS, Myanmar |

• Chiang Rai Provincial Health Office and Office of Disease Prevention and Control has organized "Meeting to drive the establishment of a surveillance system to prevent and control infectious diseases between animals to human" during 21 – 22 February 2019 at Chiang Khong District, Chiang Rai Province, Thailand.

| Reported by Mr. Narin Suriyon, MBDS XB Coordinator from Chiang Rai Province, Thailand. |

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