

China-Vietnam Discussion Forum on HPAI Risk Management and Control

The China-Vietnam Discussion Forum on HPAI Risk Management and Control was held at Landmark Hotel, Beijing on 8th-9th March. 41 participants in total from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), Vietnam, Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), China, OIE, USAID/Vietnam, USAID/RDMA, USDA/Agricultural Research Service, FAO RAP, FAO ECTAD Vietnam, FAO ECTAD China, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, China Animal Health and Epidemiology Center (CAHEC), China Institute of Veterinary Drugs Control, national reference laboratories, provincial CDCs, and universities attended the meeting.

The meeting included presentations from international and national experts, working group session, and plenary reporting on working groups. The meeting presentations and discussions were made towards three main themes, i.e. the role of vaccination in HPAI H5N1 control in endemic situation: current situation and future prospects; epidemiological tools to support risk-based surveillance, targeted vaccination and risk reduction interventions; and a roadmap for HPAI H5N1 control in China and Vietnam. During the plenary reporting session of the second-day meeting, based on the results of



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group discussion, recommendations on how best to sustain the effort to control HPAI H5N1 in China and Vietnam were shared among participants. The meeting was a success and the discussion forum promoted exchange of experiences and information on HPAI H5N1 control, especially on the application of vaccination in endemic situation.

The UNTGH 4th Sub-working group (Ecosystem Health) Meeting



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The UNTGH 4th Sub-working group meeting coordinated by FAO ECTAD China was held on 15th of March in the WHO office. Representatives from ADB, UNDP, WHO, USCDC, EU, MoA, FDA China office, GIZ, FAO ECTAD China and embassies attended the meeting. The main objectives of the meeting were to develop a Work Plan of activities for the year 2011. The meeting started with a brainstorming session to develop a common understanding on the One Health or Ecosystem Health concept and move towards practical suggestions for joint actions. A work plan of activities is now under development and will be submitted and discussed with the larger UNTGH group towards the end of March.

Upcoming activities

- The 2nd module of China FETPV will start from 28th March and last 5 weeks. International experts from RVC, London, CIRAD, France and FMD experts from the EU will be delivering the training.
- Bob Burden, Public-Private Partnerships expert from Canada will visit China from the 11th to 27th April to kick-start the PPP activities in the country. During his visit, a field mission to Guangdong Province will be organized.