



▶ **FAO conducting a spent hen value chain study pilot mission in Yunnan, promoting safer poultry trade between China and Viet Nam**



Meeting with the local veterinary staff in Xiangyun county © FAO

In order to promote safer poultry trade between China and Viet Nam, FAO mission team travelled to Yunnan Province from 10-13 March 2016 to conduct a spent hen value chain study pilot mission. Members of the mission team included Ms Yu Qi, National Veterinary Epidemiologist, FAO China Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) Office and Dr Shen Chaojian, Lead National Coordinator for Value Chain Analysis and Epidemiology. Yunnan Provincial Center for Animal Disease Prevention and Control (ACDC) provided field support and facilitation to this mission.

The mission team travelled to four locations in Yunnan, including 1) Xiangyun county in Dali autonomous prefecture, the second largest hen raising area in Yunnan Province; 2) Hekou county in Honghe autonomous prefecture, the border area of China and Viet Nam; 3) Mengzi City, the capital of Honghe autonomous prefecture that has the poultry traders to supply spent hen to Hekou country; and 4) Kaiyuan City of Honghe autonomous prefecture. With the support of the local veterinary authorities, the mission team visited local chicken farms and slaughter houses, obtained relevant information on the spent hen trade volume and price, means of transportation for cross-border movement, and transportation routes. The findings of this investigation will be shared with Viet Nam, which will be beneficial to future joint value chain study.

▶ **FAO supporting to the EU-China Seminar on Antimicrobial Resistance in the Veterinary and Food Sector in Beijing**

The EU-China seminar on Antimicrobial Resistance in the Veterinary and Food Sector was successfully held in Beijing on 8th March 2016. This meeting was jointly held by the Veterinary Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture of China, Delegation of the European Union to China, and FAO, with the financial support from the EU-China Trade Project (Phase II) and FAO regional Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) project (OSRO/RAS/502/USA).

Around 70 representatives from the national and provincial veterinary authorities, research institutions, universities, embassies, international organizations and industry attended the one-day seminar. Seven invited speakers, including veterinary officials and AMR experts from both EU and China, gave presentations on AMR national strategies, policies, regulatory frameworks, implementation and enforcement on AMR and Antimicrobial Usage (AMU), and introduced the surveillance and monitoring systems as well as the countries' current situations of AMR and AMU. Dr Li Shuo from FAO China ECTAD Office delivered a presentation entitled "AMR: FAO Resolution and activities related to the Global Action Plan" on behalf of FAO. This seminar provided a platform for experts from EU and China to exchange their experience in controlling AMU and AMR in veterinary sector; and to explore future opportunities for EU-China collaborations on AMR.



EU-China Seminar on Antimicrobial Resistance in the Veterinary and Food Sector © FAO

▶ **FAO China ECTAD attendance at the 10th Annual Regional ECTAD Meeting and Workshop on Strategic Leadership**

The 'Tenth Annual Regional Meeting for Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (AREM)' was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 16-18 March 2016. About 40 participants from eight ECTAD country teams in Asia, south Asia sub-regional office and RAP office attended the meeting. The 10th AREM focused on



finalizing the draft 'Regional Strategy for High Impact Emerging and Re-emerging Transboundary Animal Diseases and public health threat in Asia 2016-2020'. In addition, the participants discussed about the implementation of the Regional Strategy and the ongoing ECTAD programs in Asia in alignment with FAO's mandate and priorities at global, regional and country levels. Specifically on the technical aspect, the meeting discussed how to improve the design and implementation of evidence-based risk mitigation strategies for high impact emerging and re-emerging transboundary animal and zoonotic diseases.

Dr Kundhavi Kadiresan, the Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative of FAO RAP attended the meeting and delivered opening remarks. She highlighted that the two main pillars of FAO RAP are One Health and climate change. She advised to think of the big picture, and focus on important issues at country, regional, and global levels (e.g. trades). Dr Guo Fusheng, Ms Jiang Han and Mr Tang Hao participated in the meeting, on behalf of the FAO China ECTAD team. Dr Guo shared country updates of ECTAD China with participants, including disease situation, progress of project activities and linkage between ECTAD activities and Country Program Framework (CPF) priorities.

The meeting recommended ECTAD country teams to engage and contribute to the CPF planning and updating to ensure that Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) and Emerging Infectious Diseases (EIDs)/animal health emergencies and public health threats aspects are included in the CPF formulation.

Prior to the 10th AREM, Dr Guo Fusheng and Mr Tang Hao participated in a training workshop on Strategic Leadership from 14-15 March in Chiang Mai. Around 30 participants from ECTAD country teams, sub-regional and regional offices attended the two-day workshop. It enhanced participants' essential leadership skills that are vital for management of ECTAD programs.

◆ FAO attendance at the Coordination Meeting on Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) control in East Asia

The Coordination Meeting on TADs control in East Asia was held from 24-25 March 2016 in Shanghai. Representatives from Mongolia, Japan, Mainland China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and FAO participated in the meeting. Dr Wang Gongming, Deputy Director General of the Veterinary Bureau (VB) of the MoA; Dr Song Junxia, Director, Division of Science and Technology and International Cooperation of the VB, MoA attended the meeting. Dr Wantanee Kalpravidh, Dr Filip Claes and Dr Guo Fusheng attended the meeting, on behalf of FAO.



The meeting on 24th March focused on Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), while the meeting on 25th March focused on TADs. It is noted that TADs remain a priority challenge in the region. It is important to strengthen bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation for TADs control, and to enable safer trade of animal and animal products. A series of recommendations were made during the meeting, including designate leading laboratories for priority diseases in East Asia; establish veterinary epidemiology network for East Asian countries to strengthen the capacity of member countries; link laboratory network for East Asia with other existing laboratory networks; explore the possibility to simplify the procedures for timely sample submission from the field or member countries to Reference Laboratories, etc.

After this meeting, a coordination meeting between the Veterinary Bureau (VB) of the MoA and FAO was held on 26th March. Dr Wang Gongmin, Dr Song Junxia, Ms Zhao Xiaojing from the VB, Dr Wantanee Kalpravidh, Dr Filip Claes and Dr Guo Fusheng from FAO and Mr Wu Wei from China Animal Disease Control Center (CADC) attended the meeting. FAO and VB discussed and exchanged ideas on important upcoming activities in 2016 and reached agreement on those activities.

Prior to attending the meeting in Shanghai, Dr Wantanee Kalpravidh also visited FAO China ECTAD Office. She had a meeting with the team and reviewed the Annual Action Plan together with the staff.

! Upcoming activities

1. The China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (FETPV) Module 4 will be held from 4-29 April 2016 in Qingdao. The 4th workshop on Training of Chinese Trainers (ToT) will be held from 25-29 April in Qingdao.
2. Mr Guo Fusheng was invited to attend the Peste de Petits Ruminants (PPR) roadmap meeting from 11-12 April 2016 in Nepal and the FAO/OIE PPR brainstorming programme formulation meeting from 13-14 April 2016 in Nepal.



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