



CONCEPT NOTE

Enhancing cooperation among ASEAN Plus Three Countries for the development of joint field epidemiology workforce capacity by Trainer/Trainee exchange approach

Rationale

Refer to the third consultative meeting between ASEAN Veterinary Epidemiology Group (AVEG) and ASEAN Plus Three Epidemiology Network (ASEAN Plus 3 FETN) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 2 – 3 July 2019, all focal point participants agreed to set joint collaborative activities enhancing an development field epidemiology training network capacity between public health and animal health to mitigate biological threats, for instance Emerging infectious diseases (EIDs).

There are various deliverable products form field epidemiology training program in terms of quantity and capability. In the interest of minimizing this gap, the idea to initiate an activity of exchange trainer/trainee among different field epidemiology training programs had been discussed. Eventually, all participants agreed to launch the joint collaborative activities entitled exchange of trainer/trainee to the host country. Financial support from Canada's Global Partnership Program (CGPP) is planned to use for driving the activities. Lesson learnt and experience sharing are the potential benefits which could encourage relevant field epidemiology training program to develop their curriculum and capacity to cope with unforeseen emerging/re-emerging disease.

Objectives

- I. To exchange the applicable field epidemiology knowledge and experience to address emerging, re-emerging and significant public health concerns.
- II. To share experiences, constraints and achievement in organizing field epidemiology training program across countries and disciplines.
- III. To strengthen capability to provide training in field epidemiology training program especially during development and establishment phase and documentation.



Methodology

Format

- I. Field Epidemiology Training Network (FETN) coordinating unit make announcement to ASEAN Plus Three countries to participate as the host organization or nominate their fellow candidate.
- II. Focal point persons from ASEAN Plus Three countries offer or provide the interested to be the host organization.
- III. The selection of the host organization and fellow will base on transparency process.
- IV. To embark exchange trainer/trainee activity, arrangement of the visiting will base on mutual benefit between host organization and fellow. Period of the visit will be between 1-2 weeks. Field Epidemiology Training Network (FETN) coordinating unit is responsible for arrangement and facilitation.
- V. Selected fellows will visit the host organization. After the visit, executive summary, such as lesson learnt will be created. All executive summary and relevant reports must be authorized by host organization before share publicly.

Scope of interested activities

There are two potential scenarios

- I. Instant Unforeseen Joint Outbreak Investigation: If unexpected disease outbreak happen instantly in one of ASEAN Plus Three countries, country having disease outbreak has a opportunity to invite or offer eligible 2-3 participants (public health and/or animal health) from border country to visit as observers.
- II. Visit country having advance or high capability to mitigate, prevent and control biological threats, for example disaster management in Philippine, antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in Japan: Eligible 2-3 participants (public health and/or animal health) from ASEAN Plus Three countries have an opportunity to write short proposal (Annex 1) indicating rational, objective, activity plan, timetable, deliverable and financial support. After submit the proposal to FETN Coordination office, the selection process would be taken until getting final result.

Selection Process:



- I. Eligible participant from 10 ASEAN member states select first three offered interesting activities from annex
- II. Eligible participant completely fill in provided proposal (Annex1).
- III. Send the completed proposal to FETN coordinating unit is responsible to compile all completed proposal and then send to host country for consideration and selection.
- IV. Host country sends the final selected participant to FETN coordinating unit to announce and arrangement.

Potential host countries: All recent offered interesting activities were listed in Annex 2.

Potential participants: 8 eligible participants from 10 ASEAN member states. Eligible participant could be FETP trainer/trainee or FETP-V or similar trainer/trainee. 1 pair of public health and animal health staff is preferable.

Activities duration: 1 – 2 weeks visit, 4 visits/2 financial years (June 2019 – May 2021)

Language: Eligible participant should have sufficient English communication skills.

Deliverable

- I. Understanding of gaps and constraints by transparent sharing knowledge, experience, and expertise publicly from executive summary report written by eligible participants.
- II. Close collaboration among ASEAN Plus Three countries to mitigate, prevent and control biological threats, for instance emerging infectious diseases timely and efficiently.
- III. Establish strong network to mobilize the feasible field epidemiology resources among ASEAN Plus Three in the future.

Funding resources

Canada's Global Partnership Program (CGPP) and Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) (Optional)

Remark

Financial support (per diem, accommodation and international travel) will be provided to Participants from ASEAN Member States only.



Annex 1

Proposal for Application

Project: *Enhancing cooperation among ASEAN Plus Three Countries for the development of joint field epidemiology workforce capacity by Trainer/Trainee exchange approach*

Fund: Supported by Canada's Global Partnership Program

First three Interesting Activities: *(Only listed activity which is available on list)*

Host countries: *(Only listed country where is willing to be hosted)*

Duration of visit: *(Allow to visit not exceed than 2 weeks)*

Rational: *(Not exceed to 250 words)*

Objective: *(Illustrated by numbering is preferable)*

Tentative plan/activities: *(Illustrate by date and time is preferable)*

Deliverable: *(Illustrated by numbering is preferable)*

Expected financial support:

NO.	Item	Amount	Day	Total
1	Accommodation			
2	Per diem			
3	International Travel			
	Total Expenditure			



Annex 2

ASEAN MEMBER STATES TRAINING WORKSHOP ON PREPAREDNESS FOR CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR, and EXPLOSIVE (CBRNE) EVENTS

MEDIA HOTEL, KUALA LUMPUR

18th – 19th FEBRUARY 2020

Registration Form

PARTICULARS OF PARTICIPANT

1	Name:		
2	Gender:		
3	Passport No.:		
4	Designation/Position:		
5	Full Address of Organization/Division		
6	Contact phone, mobile, and e-mail:		
7	Flight details	Flight No.	Date and Time
8.1	Requested Date of departure from country		
8.2	Requested Date of return to country		
9.	Preferred name to be printed in the training/meeting's ID card		

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**ASEAN EOC Network:
Training Workshop on Preparedness for CBRNe Events**
Melia Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
18 – 19 February 2020

Agenda:

Time	Activity	Speaker / PIC
DAY 1: 18 February 2020 (Tuesday)		
08.30 – 08.45	Registration	Secretariat
08.45 – 09.00	Welcoming remarks by Deputy Director General of Health (Public Health), Ministry of Health Malaysia	Dato' Dr. Chong Chee Kheong
09.00 – 09.20	ASEAN Health Cooperation: Current and Potential Architecture Response to All Hazards	Dr Ferdinal M Fernando
09.20 – 09.30	Group photograph session	Secretariat
09.30 – 10.00	Tea Break	
10.00 – 11.00	Plenary 1: Rapid Risk Assessment and Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA)	Dr. Badrul Hisham Abdul Samad
11.00 – 11.15	X-Break	Mr. Zainudin A. Hamid
11.15 – 13.00	Plenary 2: CBRNe Emergencies	Datuk Dr. Mohamed Alwi Abdul Rahman
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 15.00	Plenary 3: Radiological Risk Assessment	Dr. Ahmad Riadz Mazeli
15.00 – 16.00	Plenary 4: Epidemiological and Criminal Investigations during Bioincident	Dr. Badrul Hisham Abdul Samad
16.00 – 16.15	X-Break	Mr. Zainudin A. Hamid
16.15 – 17.00	Group Work & Discussion	All participants
17.00	Tea Break	

DAY 2: 19 February 2020 (Wednesday)

08.30 – 09.30	Malaysia Experience: Sungai Kim Kim Toxic Industrial Chemicals Incident	Dr. Badrul Hisham Abdul Samad
09.30 – 10.00	Tea Break	
10.00 – 11.00	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), CBRNe Field Screening and Decontamination	Mr. M. Murugiah from Malaysia Fire & Rescue Department (HAZMAT)
11.00 – 11.15	X-Break	Mr. Zainudin A. Hamid
11.15 – 13.00	Demonstration on PPE, CBRNe detectors and Decontamination Process	Mr. M. Murugiah from Malaysia Fire & Rescue Department (HAZMAT)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 15.00	Group Work & Discussion	All participants
15:00 – 16:00	Group Presentation	Group representatives
16.00 – 16.15	X-Break	Mr. Zainudin A. Hamid
16.15 – 17.00	Certificate presentation and closing remarks by Director of Disease Control, Ministry of Health Malaysia	Dr. Norhayati Rusli
17.00	Tea Break	



Annex 3

List of offered interesting activities for Exchange Training Trainer in Host Country

No.	Country	Activities	Available Time	Willing to be Host	Remark
1	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	N/A	N/A	N/A	Do not have any activities related to epidemiology
2	CAMBODIA	DOI	20-24 January 2020	Yes	
3	INDONESIA	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4	LAO PDR	N/A	N/A	N/A	
5	MALAYSIA	ASEAN Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Workshop	18 – 19 February 2020	Yes	Preferable submit the application form by January 8 th 2020.
		ASEAN Risk Assessment Risk Communication (RARC) Workshop	Tentatively 11-13 August 2020		
6	MYANMAR	N/A	N/A	N/A	
7	PHILIPPINES	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8	SINGAPORE	N/A	N/A	N/A	



9	THAILAND	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	VIET NAM	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	CHINA	One field visit to our residents to learn about their training and field practice	Jul-20	Yes
		Key informant interview with our mentors to learn about the 3-levels capacity building for China FETP including frontline, intermediate and advanced FETP and exchange experiences.		
12	JAPAN	N/A	N/A	N/A
13	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	N/A	N/A	N/A

* N/A = Not Available /
No offered Activities

* DOI = Depend on
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