



ASEAN+3 FETN NEWS

Activity: ASEAN+3 FETN Ebola Preparedness Table Top Exercise
Date: 18-20 May 2015
Venue: Mường Thanh Quang Ninh Hotel, Ha Long, Quang Ninh, Viet Nam



This joint exercise was proposed by member countries in a previous FETN workshop and endorsed by the SOMHD and HMM on Ebola as an immediate response for regional preparedness on Ebola. And the scenarios and materials were developed by a group of experts from member countries (see earlier news of working group meeting on 26-27 March 2015 in Ayutthaya, Thailand).

Eleven member countries (except Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Korea), Asia Partnership on Emerging Infectious Diseases Research (APEIR), Thailand MoPH - U.S. CDC Collaboration (TUC) and WHO Vietnam country office participated in the exercise. This exercise is under the project of *Mitigating Biological Threats in the ASEAN Regions* supported by Canadian Global Partnership Program (CGPP).

This 2 days exercise focused on following topics: 1) Information sharing 2) International contact tracing 3) Joint outbreak response, investigation and management 4) Risk assessment and communication.

Gaps were identified during the discussion, and recommendations were made accordingly by the exercise participants. The summary of findings and recommendation of this exercise was presented by host country Vietnam during the 6th Steering Committee of ASEAN+3 FETN.