



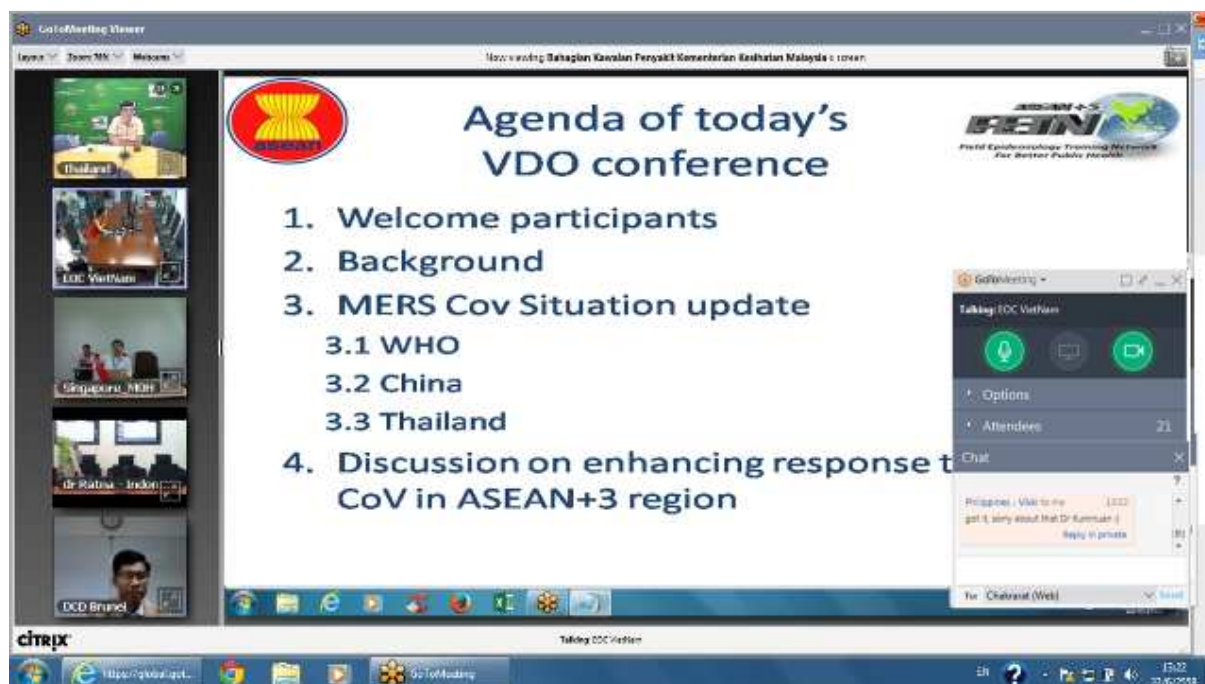
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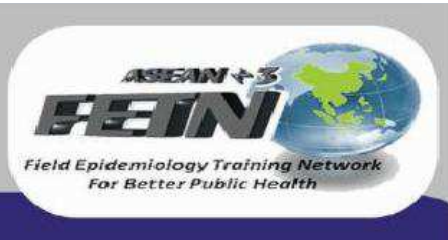
ASEAN+3 FETN NEWS

Activity: Videoconference on MERS-CoV among AEGCD, AWGPPR, AND FETN
Date: 22nd June 2015



The 2015 2nd quarter regional video conference for ASEAN+3 Field Epidemiology Training Network (FETN) was held on Monday, 22nd June 2015 during 13.30-15.30 hr (Thailand time). The meeting was organized by AEGCD – Chair 2015, and coordinated by ASEAN Secretariat and FETN coordinating office. Technical support and host was provided by Ministry of Health, Malaysia. The web conference software, “Go To Meeting”, was used as the main tool for this meeting.

Twelve member countries including Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam attended the meeting. International partners including Thailand MoPH - US.CDC Collaborations, WHO South East Asian Regional Office and WHO Western Pacific Region Office participated in this meeting. However, Republic of Korea has earlier informed about their difficulty to attend the video conference due to the fact that all the experts in KCDC and MOH have been focusing on containing this outbreak, so that the videoconference on 22nd June 2015 was not feasible at this stage.



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The introduction and background of the videoconference were provided. The situation update on MERS-CoV in the Western Pacific Region was presented by WPRO. The current global situation, epidemiology, as well as current situation in Korea and situation assessment, including WHO response and preparedness, were presented. China also shared their experience on MERS-CoV about contact tracing and case management. While Thailand presented on first imported case of MERS-CoV in Thailand: early detection and rapid response. The index case and family contacts, timeline of MERS-CoV case in Thailand, family contacts, other MERS-CoV cases in Oman, action taken, current and future risk, and challenges were included in the presentation.

All participants have been thanked for their fully active participation and discussion on enhancing response to MERS-CoV in ASEAN+3 Region throughout the meeting period. The videoconference ended at 15:30 hr.