

Notification of the Department of Disease Control  
concerning the mandatory training program for selected officials of  
a communicable disease control operation unit

B.E. 2560 (2017)

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Clause 4 of the Notification of the National Communicable Disease Committee concerning the criteria on the establishment of a communicable disease control operation unit, B.E. 2559 (2016), stipulates that persons who will be appointed as officials of the communicable disease control operation unit have to undergo a training in Epidemiology or surveillance, prevention, or control of communicable diseases as prescribed by the Department of Disease Control or certified by the Department of Disease Control.

By virtue of section 4 of the Notification of the National Communicable Disease Committee, concerning the criteria on the establishment of a communicable disease control operation unit, BE 2559 (2016), the Director-General of the Department of Disease Control issues the following Notification:

Clause 1. The training courses prescribed by the Department of Disease Control for those who will be appointed as officials of a communicable disease control operation unit refer to one of the following specific training programs administrated by the Department of Disease Control:

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(1) a Diploma in Preventive Medicine in Epidemiology;

(2) the Field Epidemiology Training Program: FETP;

(3) the Field Epidemiology Training Program for Medical Team Leader and chief investigator;

(4) the Field Epidemiology and Management Training: FEMT for Medical Team Leader and chief investigator;

(5) the Public Health Academic Program in Field Epidemiology.

Clause 2. The training programs certified by the Department of Disease Control for those who will be appointed as officials of a communicable disease control operation unit refer to training programs administrated by the Department of Disease Control or training programs administrated by a higher education institute, the government sector, a State agency or a non-governmental organization having the objectives not to seek profit and operating public health activities, which certified by the Department of Disease Control, as follows:

(1) Epidemiology, risk assessment, and control of diseases and health hazards Program for Operation Officers in five model provinces in the border areas with total duration not less than 120 hours.

(2) Epidemiology and management Program for the Chief of Disease Control group of Provincial Public Health Office.

(3) Intensive Epidemiological Program for surveillance and rapid response team leader.

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(4) Epidemiological Program with lecture and practice on surveillance, investigation, disease control, and specimen collection with total duration not less than 20 hours.

Clause 3. In case of a higher education institute, a Government Sector, a State agency or a non-governmental organization having the objectives not to seek profit and operating public health activities has an intention to administrating a training program as described in Clause 2, a higher education institute, a Government Sector, a State agency or a non-governmental organization having the objectives not to seek profit and operating public health activities shall submit an outline of the training program to the Department of Disease Control for consideration and certification before administrating the program.

Clause 4. The Director-General of Department of Disease Control shall take a decision in case a problem occurs in the course of the implementation of this Notification.

Clause 5. This Notification shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

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