Department-of Disease Control Weekly Disease Forecast No.76\_Dengue (19 – 25 September 2016)

From the national disease surveillance system during 1 January to 12 September 2016, there were 40,026 dengue cases with 31 deaths. The highest dengue incidence rates were found in 15 -24 years and 10-14 years age groups respectively. The provinces with top three incidence rates were Maehongson, Chiangmai and Buengkan.

During this week, there are 1,955 reported cases of dengue.

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This week disease forecast reveals a continue occurrence trend of dengue cases during this rainy season.

The Department of Disease Control (DDC) thus encourages all households and communities to protect themselves and children from mosquito bites and do a weekly elimination of mosquito breeding sites in and around their houses using the measures called "3 Do's", i.e. keep houses tidy, dispose garbages properly, and cover water-storage containers and change water in small containers every 7 days to keep them mosquito-proof. Following the DDC's advice will protect you from dengue, zika virus and chikungunya.

Dengue symptoms include high grade fever that last for 2-7 days, body ache and skin rash or petechial skin hemorrhage, and bleeding (e.g. nose and gum). Severe cases usually show body temperature drops, cold extremities and weak pulse that may follow by shock and even death. If anyone develops these symptoms, a special medical care at a hospital is urgently needed.

For queries or additional information, please call DDC hotline 1422.

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