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The Vietnam-Thailand Health Collaboration on disease prevention and control: Cooperation on travel health and disease surveillance in 3 provinces 3 countries

On 9th July 2016, Dr. Amnuay Gajeena, Director-General of the Department of Disease Control (DDC), the Ministry of Public Health, said that on 5th July 2016 "The Vietnam-Thailand Health Collaboration on disease prevention and control meeting" was held in Hanoi, Vietnam. The meeting was aimed to enhance bilateral collaboration on disease prevention and control activities. Associate Professor Dr. Tran Dac Phu, Director-General, General Department of Preventive Medicine (GDPM), Ministry of Health, Vietnam, together with several head of national disease control programs in Hanoi attended in this special meeting. In this visiting, several topic in disease prevention and control including travel health and disease surveillance along border of 3 provinces 3 countries (Mukdahan (Thailand) - Savanakhet (Lao PDR) - Quang Tri (Vietnam)) had been shared and discussed between Thai DDC and Vietnam GDPM.

"Vietnam and Thailand have for a long time, continuous technical cooperation to collaboratively solve health problems and develop health and quality of life of the people of both countries. There were two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the Ministry of Health of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Ministry of Public Health of the Kingdom of Thailand on health cooperation. The first MOU was done in Danang on 20th February 2004 and the second was signed in Bangkok on 26th January 2012. The health collaboration under these MOUs focused on activities relating to disease prevention, disease surveillance and response to emerging infectious diseases. The cooperation also aimed at strengthening national capacity building in the area of disease surveillance and response." said Dr. Amnuay.

At the local level, the collaboration of the two countries was further elaborated by MOU on Local Health Cooperation between Mukdahan province of Thailand, Savannakhet province of Lao PDR, and Quang Tri province of Vietnam. Collaborative areas under this MOU include the implementation of MBDS activities, capacity building for health personnel, exchanging of health information upon agreement of three provinces, and joint development of network system in disease surveillance and response.

"The meeting also discussed on how to operationalize the policy on communicable disease prevention and control based on the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, IHR and GHSA. Especially, the issue of travel health, disease surveillance, and disease prevention and control along the border were actively discussed in this meeting. We hope our cooperative areas will be expanded to other areas in the future. I am sure that it will bring well-being and betterment to people of both countries. More information can be found on the DDC website or through our hotline 1422." said Dr. Amnuay.

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