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Thailand is hosting the 6th ASEAN Dengue Day under the theme "Community Empowerment: A Sustainable Success to Fight Dengue".

On 14 June 2016 at Shangri-la Hotel, Dr. Amnuay Gajeena, Director- General of the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand, delivered an opening speech at the 6th ASEAN Dengue Day regional commemorate program which dengue experts and senior health officer of the 10 ASEAN Member States (AMS) consisting of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam have participated in this meeting.

" ASEAN Dengue Day is an advocacy event held every 15 June to increase public awareness of dengue, to mobilize resources for its prevention and control, and to demonstrate the region's commitment to tackling the disease. Each AMS is rotating to be host for convening the ASEAN Dengue Day activity. This year, Thailand has the privilege to host the 6th ASEAN Dengue Day under the theme "Community Empowerment: A Sustainable Success to Fight Dengue. This year, AMS's senior health officer will launch "Bangkok call for action on the control and prevention of dengue." said Dr.Amnuay.

"Apart from having ASEAN Dengue Day activities on 14 June 2016, the next day on 15 June 2016, Thailand is also arranging ASEAN Dengue Day regional advocacy campaign at Assumption School preside over by Dr.Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn, Minister of Public Health together with representative from AMS. " said Dr. Amnuay.

Dengue is the growing problem among ASEAN countries where climate of tropical and subtropical regions are very suitable for mosquito breeding. Nowadays, Dengue has spread out to other regions and becoming the global problem. Although all countries have continuously implemented control measures against dengue, there are still multi-factorial obstacles to success. Therefore, many organizations including government and private sectors have joined to put effort on new intervention development such as vaccination and mosquito sterilization. New interventions for dengue control will be discussed in this meeting.

Dr. Amnuay also revealed dengue situation in Thailand that during 1 January – 7 June 2016, there were 18,337 dengue cases with 16 deaths. The highest incidence rate of dengue is found in the Central region followed by Northeastern, Southern, and Northern regions respectively. This year, the Department of Disease Control (DDC) forecasts that there is an increasing trend of dengue cases that might exceed 166,000 cases if no effective prevention and control measures implemented.

Thailand has set key recommendation for dengue prevention and control as following; 1) to avoid mosquito bite such as using mosquito-repellent, sleeping in rooms with mosquito screen or in mosquito nets, and wearing long sleeve and light-color clothing for outdoor activities, etc., 2) to eliminate mosquito breeding sites using the triple "K" rule principle which is keeping containers closed or empty of water; keeping the house clean; and keeping trash in its proper place. and 3) to destroy adult mosquitoes. In addition, DDC has created a mobile application to give people the knowledge about dengue prevention and control. This free application is available for both Android and IOS user.

More information can be found on the DDC website or through our hotline 1422,
