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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

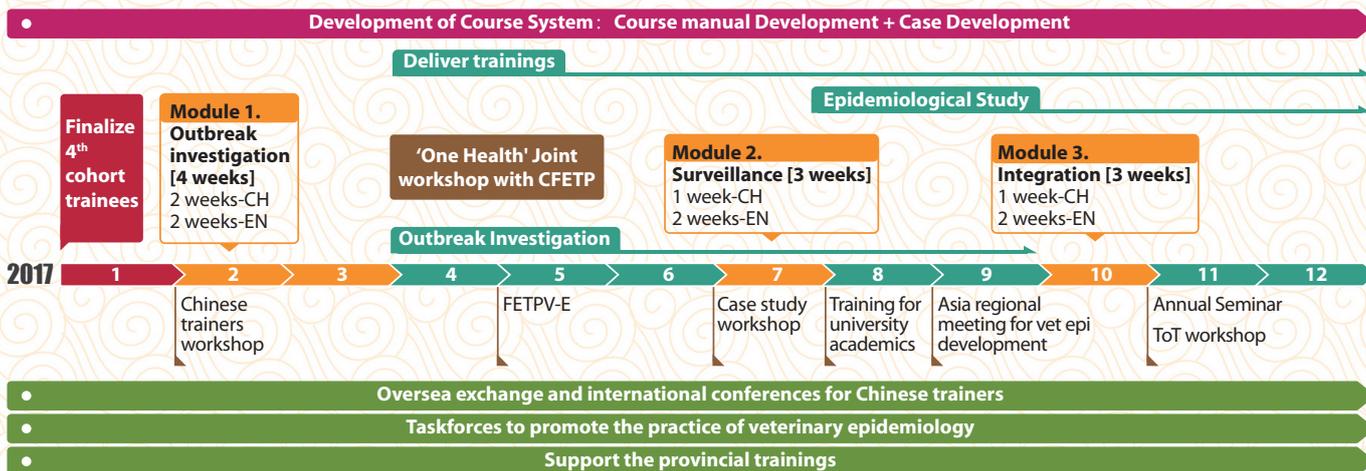
2017 is the year of **ROOSTER** in the Chinese lunar calendar. Wishing everyone has a great Chinese New Year. May the year of Rooster bring you and your family happiness, prosperity and good health.

◆ CFETPV Steering Committee finalizing the Action Plan for 2017

According to the framework of the China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV), the 14th Steering Committee Meeting of the CFETPV was held on 16 January 2017 in Beijing. Dr Wang Gongmin, Deputy Director General the Veterinary Bureau (VB) of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA); Dr Chen Guosheng, Director, Division of Science and Technology and International Cooperation of the VB, and his deputy Dr Zhao Xiaodan; Dr Kang Jingli from the China Animal Health and Epidemiology Center (CAHEC); and other members of the Steering Committee (SC) attended the meeting.

The key focuses of the meeting were reviewing the progress of the CFETPV in 2016 and finalizing the Action Plan for 2017. Major activities in 2017 are as follows: 1. 4th cohort three training modules on outbreak investigation, surveillance and integration of application; 2. Train of trainers (ToT) workshops and capacity development of Chinese trainers; 3. Training for the senior management (FETPV-E); 4. Workshop on epidemiology application and case study development; 5. Training for university academics; 6. 'One Health' joint workshop. With the CFETPV moving forward to its seventh year, to further enhance its sustainability, the program will focus on the development of veterinary epidemiology training materials which adapt to the Chinese context. In addition, to maximize its impacts, CFETPV will facilitate engaging China with the epidemiology development in the Asian region. In this regard, CFETPV plans to accept representatives from neighbouring countries to participate in training modules, this also supports the "One-Belt-One-Road" initiative of China. Furthermore, the MoA and FAO plan to jointly organize the 3rd Regional Meeting to Support and Sustain Veterinary Epidemiology Capacity in early September 2017, through which it is expected to promote the veterinary epidemiology development and strengthen the network of Asian region, as well as to enhance China's role in animal health in Asia. The SC members also discussed about the 4th cohort trainees' selection and recruitment of new Chinese trainers.

CFETPV 2017 Action Plan



◆ Making sustainability of the CFETPV – Development of Chinese trainer team

The CFETPV has made significant progress since it was launched in 2010, which has trained more than 140 epidemiologists in government agencies all over China. However, it is a quite small number comparing with half million government veterinary staff in the country. There is still a strong need of veterinary epidemiology capacity building at various levels. In the aim of responding the urgent needs and making the program sustainable, the Chinese trainer team had been established since the 2nd cohort of the CFETPV in 2012. Most members were distinguished graduates from the China and regional FETPV.

Chinese trainers are playing important roles and are becoming the backbone of the program. Their roles in teaching and mentoring were gradually increased. The 1st cohort of the CFETPV was fully delivered by international trainers in English. While in the 3rd cohort, about 40% of training courses were delivered by the Chinese trainers. Since the team was established, each trainee has one Chinese trainer to provide mentoring to their field works. It improves the quality of the program and fully applies 'learning by doing' approach. Although all Chinese trainers are part-time and have heavy workloads as they are key staff of their institutes, they still actively engage in the program and facilitate the development of veterinary epidemiology in China. They delivered trainings for local veterinarians to support epidemiology capacity development in provinces, and engaged in trainings for university academics to facilitate veterinary epidemiology education in China. What is more, Chinese trainers started to develop the Chinese training materials, curricula and case studies with local context which will have long-term impacts to strengthen China's capacity on veterinary epidemiology. In consideration of the enthusiastic participation of the Chinese trainers, Dr Vincent Martin, the FAO Representative issued the Letter of Appreciation to all Chinese trainers and their institutes, to thank their active engagement in the CFETPV.



The FAOR Dr Vincent Martin issued Letters of Appreciation to thank all Chinese trainers' engagement in the CFETPV © FAO

Developing Chinese trainers' competences and skills was identified as one of the priorities of the CFETPV, which would assist the long-term sustainability of the program and epidemiology capacity development in China. A tailored capacity development program was launched. Train of trainers (ToT) workshops were conducted every year to help them to enhance their technical knowledge and coaching skills. Besides of ToT workshops, the program also supported them to have international exchange programs and short-term overseas fellowship.

The establishment and development of Chinese trainer team showed the strong commitments of the Chinese government on veterinary epidemiology capacity development. It plans to recruit more Chinese trainers in the 4th cohort and engage the team more in the epidemiology applications in the field.

Upcoming activity ◆ ◆ ◆

The Module 1 of the 4th cohort of the China Field Epidemiology Training Program (CFETPV) will be conducted from 20 February to 17 March 2017 in Qingdao.



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