2019 is the Year of the Pig in Chinese lunar calendar. We sincerely wish our partners and friends a Happy New Year. May this joyous season bring you happiness, success and prosperity.

We deeply appreciate our mutual trust and partnership in the past year. We hope we can continue working together in the new year to build the bright future.
Workshop on Case Study Development for Animal Disease Investigation and Surveillance in Qingdao

Workshop on Case Study Development for Animal Disease Investigation and Surveillance was held in Qingdao, Shandong Province from 14-18 January 2019. Experts from the Colorado State University (CSU), China Animal Health and Epidemiology Center (CAHEC) and Mr Liu Lushi from FAO China Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) Office participated in the workshop.

The workshop was a follow-up to the cooperation between FAO ECTAD Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) and CSU. Along with CAHEC, CSU developed two case studies for China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV), “Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Guangdong Province” and “Brucellosis in Goat Dairy Farms”. The objectives of the workshop were to review and finalize the two drafts, discuss ways of future use.

During the Workshop, Dr Mo Salman, the leading author of the two case studies, introduced the drafting process, comments received and the principles of utilization. The participants reviewed the technical details and suggested further modifications. To specify the case studies with Chinese cases, the participants agreed to integrate it into the curriculum of the CFETPV two-year training. A test run was proposed before the official use of these case studies in CFETPV to check for further modifications. Since the themes (outbreak investigation and surveillance) match with the topics of two modules of the 5th cohort of CFETPV, the piloting test was suggested with a suitable time slot. Three CAHEC backbone staffs were assigned as facilitators to follow up the pilot phase.

On the last day of the workshop, two experts, Dr Song Junxia and Dr Kachen Wongsathapornchai, from FAO ECTAD RAP were invited to join the discussion through Skype. It was suggested that the case studies could be used not only in China, but also in the region. Translating into local language was recommended, for better and wider use in the future.