China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV) third module of fifth cohort in Qingdao

The third module of the fifth cohort of China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV) was organized in Qingdao, Shandong Province from 19 August to 6 September 2019. The objectives of this training module were to 1) explain, using examples, the role of risk assessment, risk management and risk communication in animal health decision making, and their interrelationships; 2) develop clear risk questions and to identify the associated risk pathways; 3) develop and interpret qualitative risk assessments; 4) describe how to perform a simple quantitative risk assessment; 5) explain the role of risk communication and give examples of good and poor application; 6) outline what is meant by risk management and how it links to the risk assessment; and 7) critically analyze published international examples of risk assessments and be able to suggest how such risk assessments could be applied in China.

The three-week course was jointly delivered by four international trainers from City University of Hong Kong, Royal Veterinary College (RVC) of the United Kingdom and six Chinese trainers.

Considering that the knowledge in this training module was newly introduced to and more advanced for the trainees, Dr Shen Chaojian delivered the first week in Chinese to build up an overall and basic understanding of the module, and then the curriculum was progressively elaborated by four international teachers. Besides, two additional sessions were organized to review trainees’ study design plan which was part of the evaluation for their graduation. On the last day, Mr Liu Lushi from FAO China Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) wrapped up the module with the emphasis on the use the knowledge in the field. He also invited Dr Wang Youming, Director of Division of Epidemiology Survey, China Animal Health and Epidemiology Centre (CAHEC) to give a closing remark with some requirements and suggestions to the trainees.

Upcoming activity:

1. Ms Yu Qi from FAO China ECTAD Office will attend the Regional Consultation for Development of the EPT-2 Final Report for Asia from 8-11 October 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.