

Launching of Public-Private Partnership Activities in Guangdong Province

Live Bird Markets have been identified as critical risk points for the spread of infectious diseases, including HPAI. The restructuring of Live Bird Markets has the potential to generate a drastic reduction in virus circulation while increasing buyers' confidence and sales opportunities for sellers. Experience show that successful Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) help improve the dialogue between the public and private sectors through the creation of a trusting, respectful environment to discuss and share ideas, and to leverage resources for enhanced prevention, detection, and control of HPAI and other animal diseases.

Dr. Bob Burden, PPP expert from Canada visited China from 11th to 27th April to kick-start the PPP activities in the country. The objective of this mission was to gain a context for the potential use of PPP as a mean to address important changes in Live Bird Markets in targeted areas of China, with a special focus on Guangdong province. During his mission, Dr. Burden met with numerous representatives from both the public and private sectors in Beijing, Guangzhou and Hong Kong.

Information taken from these interviews has been used as the basis to develop a broad based Concept Plan that outlines the critical elements of a process that could be used to engage all stakeholders in a structured way. A detailed Action Plan has also been developed and will serve as a proposed roadmap for consideration by the MoA, FAO and other potential stakeholders.



▲ Field visit to Guangdong LBM during PPP mission

Second Module of China Field Epidemiology Training Programme for Veterinarians (FETPV)



The second module of China FETPV was held in Qingdao from 28th March to 29th April. With the coherence to the FETPV 1st module, this five-week training course covered the following topics: participatory epidemiology, basic statistical analysis and data management and risk analysis, targeting on developing the pragmatic skills of the FETPV trainees through field surveillance activities and risk assessment hands-on training.

To be highlighted, with financial support from USAID, two Mongolian vet officers also joined the April module with. Interactive training and experience exchanging were reached among domestic and international trainees with their trainers. The course was delivered by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) London and International Research Center for Agriculture and Development (CIRAD), France and the expert from the European Union Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD).

◀ China FETPV 2nd Module hosted in Qingdao April 2011

Upcoming activities

- 1st Phase of "Training through Services" activities of China FETPV trainees will start from May
- UNTGH, 4th sub-working group meeting on food safety issues
- Implementation of PPP action plan