

## The 4th module of the China FETPV: Review of general surveillance concepts and introduction to animal health economics

The 4th module of the China Field Epidemiology Training Programme for Veterinarians (FETPV) was held in Qingdao from 21 November to 16 December 2011. This training module mainly focused on the practical skills needed to conduct surveillance activities by using case studies, problem-based learning exercises and simulation exercises. It also included topics about animal health economic analysis, secondary data analysis and paper critique. The key objectives of this training module were to strengthen trainees' practical skills in surveillance and outbreak investigation, secondary data analysis and paper critique, as well as to provide trainees with expertise in the concepts of animal health economic analysis.

The training was delivered by national experts from the ECTAD China team, international experts from Royal Veterinary College (RVC), London, International Research Center for Agriculture and Development (CIRAD), France and FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP). Trainees who attended the Netherlands Exchange Training Programme on Epidemiology at the Central Veterinary Institution of Wageningen University in October also gave a presentation on the outcome of their mission and shared what they learned with their peers.



▲ Group photo – 4th module of the China FETPV



▲ Flavie Goutard, CIRAD, training FETPV trainees on sampling techniques



▲ Ms Wendy, RVC, explains disease control principles

## Launching in Tokyo of the OIE/JTF project on FMD control in Asia

In the aftermath of the FMD epidemic that hit several countries in East Asia in 2010, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)/Japanese Trust Fund (JTF) project on FMD control in Asia was launched on 13-14 December to strengthen FMD prevention and control in the region. The launching meeting was attended by 37 people from the 5 participating countries and territories (Japan, the Republic of Korea, China, Mongolia, Hong Kong SAR, Chinese Taipei) as well as from representatives from Japanese institutions and international organizations, including the FAO ECTAD China office. During the meeting, participants shared information on the current FMD situation, identified technical gaps in the areas of laboratory diagnostic capacity and epidemiology and discussed and propose activities to improve FMD control under the umbrella of the project's framework.

### Upcoming activities:

1. Under the One Health Concept, WHO will hold a joint meeting with FAO and China CDC on the 17th January 2012 to review options for collaboration on Rabies surveillance and control.
2. The China FETPV fifth Steering Committee Meeting will be organized in mid-January 2012 in Beijing.
3. Field mission by FAO HQs, ECTAD China staff, Harbin National Reference Laboratory and Beijing Forestry University to the Poyang Lake, Jiangxi Province, China is planned in January 2012 to conduct sampling activities.