

## Strengthening Collaboration between China and FAO on Animal Production and Health Issues - Visit by the China MoA Delegation and FAO ECTAD China to Rome

Representatives from the China Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and FAO Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) China visited FAO Headquarters in Rome from 14 to 20 May 2012. The visiting team included: Dr Zhang Zhongqiu, Director General of the Veterinary Bureau, MoA, China; Dr Sun Yan, Head of the Division of Science and Technology and International Cooperation, the Veterinary Bureau, MoA; Dr Huang Baoxu, Deputy Director, China Animal Health and Epidemiology Centre (CAHEC), Qingdao; Dr Wei Rong, Director of the International Cooperation Section of CAHEC, Qingdao; Professor John Edwards, Senior Technical Coordinator, FAO ECTAD China, Dr Guo Fusheng, National Technical Coordinator, FAO ECTAD China. Dr Vincent Martin (now based at FAO Rome) coordinated the program.



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The program involved meetings with senior FAO staff and the heads of the main technical sections, including Dr Modibo Traoré, FAO Assistant Director-General, Mr. Berhe Tekola, FAO AGA Director, and Dr. Juan Lubroth, Chief Veterinary Officer of FAO. Each day there were opportunities for discussions on future plans and opportunities. The main outcomes were agreement to a list of recommendations and to develop a MOU that would ensure progress on the list of agreed actions. An annual meeting would be scheduled to review and revise the plans for the future. The main recommendations are as follows:



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- Develop a MOU to cover the agreements;
- Explore new models for resource mobilization including extending south-south cooperation program;
- Plans for joint activities in neighboring countries;
- China to consider programs for professional placements at FAO;
- Explore ways to conduct in-depth analysis of emerging threats and to share information;
- Finalise agreement on the proposed TCP Project for African Swine Fever;
- Continuation and enhancement of the FETPV program;
- Assist development and implementation of disease control programs that are targeted and risk based;
- Progress implementation of the Emerging Pandemic Threat Plus (EPT+) Project;
- Strengthen emergency response capacity in collaboration with the FAO/OIE CMC (Crisis Management Centre);
- Assist China with development of laboratory networks.

## Improving Biosecurity in Live Bird Markets - an example of good practice in disease control

The development of a Vehicle Cleaning & Disinfection Station in Guangzhou Jiangcun Poultry Wholesale Market is considered to be an important initiative to improve live bird market (LBM) biosecurity. This is being done as part of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program. The tendering process for the construction work was completed in May and a service contract was signed with a local construction company and work commenced at the end of May. The Vehicle Cleaning & Disinfection Station will set an example of good practice in disease control, and wider application among other provinces in China will then be promoted.



▲ Construction work in the market

## The 5th Module of the China FETPV

The 5th Module of the Field Epidemiology Training Programme for Veterinarians (FETPV) was held in Qingdao and Beijing during 21 May – 8 June 2012. The training was delivered by a team from the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), London, Prof. Dirk Pfeiffer, Dr. Julian Drewe, Dr. Sophie Molia and Prof. Javier Guitian, and FAO international consultant on biostatistics, Dr. Yu Jie. This training module mainly focused on mentoring of trainees' Training Through Services (TTS) assignments, simulation exercises, problem-based learning (PBL) exercises, scientific writing, and paper critiques. This is the last training module of the two-year China FETPV program. Trainees are now expected to utilize the knowledge acquired during the previous training modules to conduct outbreak investigations activities in the provinces before their graduation.



▲ 5th module of the China FETPV

### Upcoming activities:

1. The Second Stakeholder Meeting of the China FETPV will be organized in Beijing during 7-8 June 2012.
2. In the framework of the two-year China FETPV program, the trainees will conduct the Training through Services (TTS) - Outbreak Investigation activities in different regions in China from mid-June 2012.