

Launching Ceremony of the Vehicle Cleaning & Disinfection Station in Guangzhou



▲ Group photo for the Launching Ceremony

Launching Ceremony was held on 7 August 2012. It was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Guangdong Provincial and Guangzhou Municipal Veterinary and Agricultural Authorities, and the private sector. Mr. Percy Misika, FAO Representative in China, DPR Korea and Mongolia, Prof. John Edwards, Senior Technical Coordinator, and other staff from the FAO China office attended the Ceremony. Mr. Percy Misika emphasized the role of FAO in animal disease control and food safety. He indicated that FAO was willing to work with the central and local governments and was good at providing technical assistance and advanced management ideas to the field and to various beneficiaries in the country. Mr. Wang Zhongli, Chief of Division of Animal Disease Inspection and Supervision of the Veterinary Bureau of the MoA hoped that FAO could provide more example good practice and help with different levels of governments to address the veterinary and public health issues in future. Mr. Wang Zhongli and Mr. Percy Misika jointly unveiled the commemoration plate.

The Agricultural Bureau of the Guangzhou Municipal Government and the GAHII, arranged a training session in the morning of 8 August. Prof. John Edwards and Mr. Bob Burden gave lectures to over fifty veterinary officers and technical staff. This will help the local animal health authorities to have a better understanding of the concept and advanced ideas of prevention and control of animal diseases.

In the framework of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Project, and as an important step in improving the biosecurity level and upgrading the Live Bird Market (LBM), a Vehicle Cleaning & Disinfection Station was constructed near the exit of the Guangzhou Jiangcun Poultry Wholesale Market. All the construction work was completed in early August by a local construction company.

With the coordination of the local partners – the Guangzhou Animal Health Inspection Institute (GAHII) and the Market, a

The China FETPV 6th Steering Committee Meeting

The China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (FETPV) 6th Steering Committee Meeting was held at the China MoA on 28 August 2012. Representatives from the MoA, China Animal Health and Epidemiology Center (CAHEC), China Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP), U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (USCDC), EU-China Trade Project, and FAO ECTAD China attended the meeting. The participants reviewed the training framework of the 2nd cohort of the China FETPV. They had active discussions about the key issues, including trainee recruitment, trainer selection, mentoring, field base establishment, joint activities with the public health sector and resource mobilization. Participants provided valuable suggestions over the next cohort trainee recruitment, meanwhile, CAHEC and ECTAD China has reached preliminary consensus over the issue of co-funding some of the activities of the 2nd cohort of the China FETPV.



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Mission to Inner Mongolia to better understand border disease surveillance



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As part of the TCP Facility project "Cross border trade and Transboundary Animal Disease (TAD) risk reduction (with a special focus on Foot-and-Mouth Disease [FMD])", a team of experts including Prof. John Edwards, Senior Technical Coordinator, FAO ECTAD China, Dr. Guo Fusheng, National Technical Advisor, FAO ECTAD China, Dr. Zhang Qiang from Lanzhou FMD Reference Laboratory, Dr. Li Xiufeng from China Animal Disease Control Center (CADC), travelled to Erenhot in Xilinguole Prefecture, Inner Mongolia from 12-15 August. The main objectives of this mission were to evaluate the FMD risk and draft a FMD surveillance strategy for implementation in the prefecture along the Mongolia border, and to collect data for a value chain study for the movements of livestock and animal products.

Dr. Chao Ketu, the Director General of Xilinguole Prefecture and Erenhot City introduced the basic situation on livestock, animal health, trade and grazing policy. A workshop was organized to develop the FMD surveillance plan. Prof. Edwards delivered a presentation on the practical aspects of the epidemiology of FMD and an introduction to surveillance for FMD. At the end of the workshop, a FMD surveillance strategy was finalized and the movements of livestock and animal products were mapped. Under the organization of the local government officials, the mission experts also conducted a one-day field mission along the border and observed the fences along the border area.

Upcoming activities:

1. The United Nations Theme Group on Health (UNTGH), Sub-Working Group on Diseases at the Human-Animal Interface, will hold a meeting on 14 September 2012 to review progress and refine the work plan. The agenda will also provide an update on Rabies and discuss recent developments with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in China.
2. As part of the TCP Facility project "Cross border trade and Transboundary Animal Disease (TAD) risk reduction", Disease Surveillance Training will be organized in Inner Mongolia in September.
3. In the framework of the Emerging Pandemic Threats Plus (EPT+) Project, a round of in-country consultations with veterinary authorities from Beijing, Harbin and Guangzhou will be held in September.
4. EMPRES-I (The Global Animal Disease Information System) Training will be held in Qingdao from 17-18 September 2012, and will be conducted by Dr. Caryl Lockhart from FAO Rome.
5. The China FETPV Graduation Ceremony and final presentations will be held in Qingdao on 10-11 October 2012.