

Sharing Experiences on the Application of One Health Approaches in China

The event of 'Sharing Experiences on the Application of One Health Approaches in China' was successfully held from 8 to 9 August 2013 in Beijing. The two-day event was coordinated by the United Nations Theme Group on Health (UNTGH) and its Sub-Working Group on Diseases at the Animal-Human Interface. It was jointly organized by the FAO Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) China and WHO China.



▲ Active discussion in the meeting



▲ Networking exercise during the event

The main objectives of the One Health (OH) Event were to promote OH approaches at all levels by sharing experiences and developing models of best practice for application of OH approaches in the control of zoonoses and Emerging Infectious Diseases (EIDs) in China. It was attended by over 60 representatives from Chinese



▲ Group photo for the One Health Event

veterinary authorities, health departments, forestry departments and research institutes at all levels, as well as international organizations, agencies and embassies. Experts from multiple sectors shared their experiences with



▲ Panel discussion during the event

applying OH approaches to the control and elimination of rabies, brucellosis, H7N9 influenza emergency response, as well as education, training and research. The meeting identified good examples of the application of OH approaches in China that can be used as models of good practice. They also made a series of recommendations for the future. These recommendations will be shared with government and international agencies to assist with progressing the adoption of OH approaches to the control of emerging infectious zoonotic diseases under increasingly complex conditions.

Strengthen the collaboration between China and Viet Nam: bilateral meeting to address Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) and Diseases of Public Health Concern

The Second China-Vietnam bilateral meeting on collaboration to address transboundary animal diseases and diseases of public health concern was held from 22 to 24 August in Ha Long City, Viet Nam. The meeting aimed to build on the outcomes of previous bilateral meetings by exploring ways to understand and mitigate disease risks. It aimed to enhance joint activity to and improve communication for the prevention and control of transboundary animal diseases and safeguard animal production and public health in both countries.



▲ Group photo for the China-Viet Nam Bilateral Meeting

More than 50 representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) of China, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) of Viet Nam, China Animal Health and Epidemiology Center (CAHEC), Department of Animal Health (DAH) of Viet Nam, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), USAID, FAO ECTAD China Office and Vietnam office, China Animal Husbandry Group (CAHG), and provincial veterinary authorities and research institutes from border areas in two countries attended. The participants had very good discussions and interaction on the key issues and came out with recommendations for the future, including three potential joint projects and strategies for improved communication. This meeting demonstrated progress with China-Viet Nam veterinary cooperation in recent years and will promote practical and effective cooperation in the animal diseases control in the future. Further meetings are planned.



▲ Meeting participants are actively engaging in the discussion



▲ Signing an agreement between private sectors / representatives from China and Viet Nam

Upcoming Activities:

1. ECTAD China experts will attend the Technical and Planning Meeting on H7N9 in Rome from 12 to 13 September.
2. The launching meeting of the regional Technical Cooperation Program (TCP) for H7N9 will be held in Bangkok from 19 to 20 September.