

2nd Steering committee and coordination meeting of the FAO USAID funded project

The Steering committee and coordination meeting was held on 21st December 2009 in Yong An Hotel, Beijing to discuss last year's achievement and plans for the future. The steering and coordination meeting represents a milestone in the implementation of the project and was officially established and launched in early 2009. It provides an enabling environment among MoA and FAO's partners for the smooth coordination of the project. A total of 27 participants from the Ministry of Agriculture of China (MOA), Centre of Animal Health and Epidemiology in

Qingdao (CAHEC), Harbin National Reference Laboratory for Avian Influenza (HNRL), National Centre of Animal Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), Provincial animal CDCs (Hunan, Guangxi and Yunnan) and Centre for International Agricultural Development (CIAD) of China Agricultural University, attended the meeting to discuss activities to be implemented in the 4th phase of the project (December 2009 and September 2010).

Mr. Sun Yan, Division Director, Division of Science, Technology & International Cooperation, Veterinary Bureau, MOA pointed out that the cooperation with the FAO HPAI project and MOA has been excellent over the past years and that more time should be dedicated to the monitoring and follow - up of the FAO USAID funded project. Dr. Vincent Martin, Senior Technical Advisor, FAO HPAI Team summarized the activities implemented in 2008 - 2009 and introduced key activities to be performed in 2009 - 2010. Other HPAI team members including Mr. Guo Fusheng, Ms. Du Yuexin, Ms. Zhou Xiaoyan gave additional technical presentations. The afternoon session included group discussions, reporting and plenary discussion about the work plan of activities. During the meeting, agreements were made on activities to be implemented and timing and the work plan of activities was finalized with the help of participants.



▲ Group photo

Cross-border Regional Socio-economic Study

A mission from the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) visited China between 4 and 10 December 09. The mission in China was composed of Ben Huntington and Louisa White and was part of a regional study conducted by RVC with the aim to investigate the movement of specific poultry commodities across borders in the north of the Greater Mekong Sub - Region in order to identify sustainable mechanisms for HPAI risk management. Ben and Louisa presented data from previous missions to Lao PDR, Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar while documentation from previous and ongoing work was shared by the China FAO ECTAD team. Professor Liu Yonggong from CIAD, China Agricultural University met with the team to share his experiences carrying out a Poultry Sector Review in Guangxi Province. A lively discussion took place regarding data collection methodologies and how to apply them in the Chinese context, through the assistance of CIAD.

FETPV Mission in China

According to the China FETPV roadmap, Dr. David Castellan visited China and conducted an evaluation mission to Chongqing city and Guangxi province 2 - 10 December.



▲ RVC & FETPV missions in China
David Castellan, Louisa White & Ben Huntington

Upcoming Activity:

A Live Bird Markets (LBM) survey will be implemented from January to May in Hunan, Guangxi, and Chongqing.