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Japan announced the assistance in the control of Avian Influenza in Vietnam, Lao PDR, Cambodia and Indonesia, through the Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations (FAO)

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I Summary

The Avian influenza which had widely occurred in many Southeast Asia at the end of 2003 is not yet eradicated as of March 2004. This disease has brought about serious effects to the rural economy in these countries. Not only that, there is a concern of the expansion of the human influenza, considering that this disease is transmissible to human beings.

To encounter the serious situation in the East Asian countries of the Avian influenza, the Government of Japan announced today the emergency control measures of 1.6 million US dollars in collaboration with FAO, which covers 4 countries such as Viet Nam, Lao PDR, Cambodia and Indonesia.

In the meantime, FAO/OIE/WHO called upon major donors including Japan to provide funding the additional control countermeasures for this disease at the meeting convened by specialists at Bangkok from 26 to 28 February 2004. The Japan/FAO joint project is a direct response to this request.

Note 1 = OIE : Office International des Epizooties, WHO: World Health Organization

2 = Recommendation by FAO/OIE/WHO

a) Additional control measures

b) Surveillance, prevention measures of recurrence as well as economic/social impact assessment and the introduction of rehabilitation of poultry industry

II Overview of Japan/FAO Joint Emergency Programme

1. Countries covered: Viet Nam, Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Indonesia

2. Programme Contents:

The programme will carry out stamping out, quarantine and movement controls, decontamination of infected premises, tracing and surveillance, zoning to define infected and disease free areas, provision of necessary materials for public awareness campaign, training, and vaccination where appropriate and if properly monitored to control Avian Influenza.

3. Total Budget: Approximately US\$1.6 million (US\$0.4 million for each country)

4. Other:

Information of implementing situation and outcome of the project must be reported to donors through FAO, Liaison Office in Japan, in close communication with the Government of Japan.

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