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**China: Two die from H7N9 bird flu in Shanghai**

Three cases of human infection with H7N9 avian influenza have been detected recently in Shanghai and Anhui Province, and two of them have died, the other being in a critical condition, the National Health and Family Planning Commission said Sunday. The victims include an 87-year-old male in Shanghai who got sick on Feb. 19 and died on March 4, a 27-year-old male in Shanghai who became ill on Feb. 27 and died on March 10, and a 35-year-old female in Chuzhou City of Anhui who became ill on March 9 and is now in a critical condition.

[http://www.china.org.cn/china/2013-03/31/content\\_28409396.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/china/2013-03/31/content_28409396.htm)

**Indonesia: Will soon be rabies free**

Observing that almost a year has passed since the last rabies case reported, the provincial administration expressed its confidence that the island would soon be completely free of rabies. The latest rabies case occurred last April. To be acknowledged with the status “rabies free”, Bali has to have two consecutive years without a single occurrence of rabies in either animals or humans.

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/bali-daily/2013-03-28/bali-will-soon-be-rabies-free-official.html>

**Japan: Bird flu in whooper swan**

Following the avian influenza genetic test positive result of the swan found dead in Mitsuke City, today, the Ministry of Environment's Kanto Regional environment office, Prefecture, Mitsuke City together investigated the wild bird special surveillance area (10 km radius from the finding location), also conducted on-site investigation of poultry farms.

<http://www.pref.niigata.lg.jp/kankyokikaku/1356754683803.html>

**Pakistan: 5,000 people die from rabies every year**

Dr Athar Khan stressed the need to raise awareness about rabies. Around 95 per cent of human cases in Pakistan are caused by bites from infected dogs, he explained. About 5,000 people die every year in Pakistan after contracting the infection, he said. “These cases can be prevented through vaccination of pets but in our country there is very little vaccination of pets,” the UVAS professor added.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/527464/rabies-5000-people-die-every-year-in-pakistan/>

**Vietnam: Risks from illegally imported meat cat**

Van Dang Ky, Head of Epidemiology (Department of Animal Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) expressed concern about the risk of spread of infectious diseases, especially rabies. According to him, certain authorities can not conduct quarantine for cats smuggled from China, while the most likely smuggled cat has not been vaccinated against rabies should risk cat scratch, bite cause rabies is great.

<http://news.zing.vn/kinh-doanh/nguy-co-tu-thit-mo-nhap-lau/a310986.html>