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China: New outbreak of PPR in Xinjiang

A new outbreak of pest de petit ruminants was reported on 26 December 2013 in a sheep farm in Wupu, Hami, Xinjiang. There were a total of 176 sheep affected with 34 died. The remained 271 sheep were culled to contained the outbreak. [read more](#)

China: 4 new rabies cases confirmed in Taiwan

As of this week, a total of 272 rabies outbreaks involving 274 ferret-badgers, one Asian house shrew and a puppy bitten by a ferret-badger have tested positive for rabies infection, were reported by the Central Epidemic Command Centre reported on 25 December 2013, adding that the number of cities and counties that have confirmed cases of rabid animals remained unchanged at nine. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed a H9N2 human case

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) is today (December 30) investigating a confirmed human case of influenza A(H9N2) affecting a man age 86. The patient is a Hong Kong resident living in Huangbeiling, Luohu, Shenzhen. He has underlying illnesses and has developed chills and cough with sputum since December 28. Upon entry at Lo Wu Border Control Point (BCP) on the same day, he was transferred by ambulance direct to the Accident and Emergency Department of North District Hospital (NDH), where he presented with low fever. He was then admitted to the isolation ward. He was transferred to Princess Margaret Hospital today for further management. His clinical diagnosis was chest infection. His sputum specimen tested positive for the influenza A(H9N2) virus upon testing by the CHP's Public Health Laboratory Services Branch. [read more](#)

India: One more died from rabies in Kerala

A 20-year-old youth from Madurai, infected with rabies virus transmitted from his pet dog, died in a private cell meant for rabies victims at Government Rajaji Hospital (GRH) on Friday. Helpless, his relatives, friends and doctors at GRH watched the youth die. Doctors say a rabies patient cannot be saved. Preventive medicine alone is available and death is sure if infected with rabies virus, they say. In 2013, eight people admitted to GRH with rabies infection died in the private cell. [read more](#)

India: Two wild buffalo died from FMD in Kundala, Kerala

The Animal Husbandry Department in the state has reported the death of two wild buffaloes from foot and mouth disease (FMD) at Kundala Dam. Department sources here today said the wild animals were at risk of contracting foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), which may prove fatal. The outbreak is most likely to affect ungulates, wildlife experts said. [read more](#)

India: Deaths due to leptospirosis increased 5 times in Karnataka

Leptospirosis, a deadly disease whose spread is aided by poor garbage management, is on the rise in Karnataka. Deaths resulting from the disease have increased by five times in 2013. In all, 1,293 cases of leptospirosis were reported across the state in 2013, with the disease claiming 40 lives. In 2012, only eight people died of it. The incidence is 2.8 times that in the previous year, when 462 cases were registered by Health authorities. [read more](#)

Myanmar: Eliminate strayed dogs to control rabies

The longstanding policy, which sees around 3000 dogs killed each month in Yangon, was put in place to protect residents from rabies, said U Thet Wai, a spokesperson for the committee's Veterinary and Slaughterhouses Department. But it often provokes confrontations with residents, he said, as it violation of Buddhist teachings that forbid the taking of a life. Some residents also regularly feed the street dogs and develop an attachment to them. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Bird flu and foot and mouth disease in Thanh Hoa

From 15 December 2013, many communes in Thanh Hoa Province occurred foot and-mouth and avian flu. In particular, Nhu Xuan District had 114 buffaloes, Thach Thanh District 63 cow affected with foot and mouth disease. Also, in rural Ai Son 2, Dong Hai Ward (Thanh Hoa) appeared as 215 poultry infected with bird flu which led to destroy 490 poultry (Google translation). [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Suspected bird flu in Bac Lieu

On 25 December, Nguyen Van Thoi, Head of Agriculture and Rural Development Hong Dan District (Bac Lieu) said recently discovered a local outbreak of bird flu with over 1,500 ducks in households flock of Van Ha Vu, in Vinh Loc Commune, Hong Dan District. According to his report Vu, lately, his duck nearly two-month-old had disease, and scattered dead. District Veterinary Officer took samples and test results were positive for influenza A/H5N1 (Google translation). [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Suspected infectious disease in pigs

The dead pigs were found packed in eight large bags hidden in a 16-seat car driven by Pham Quoc Huy, 28, of District 8. The total weight of the pigs is 550 kg and most of them were stinking. Huy failed to show a quarantine certificate for the goods. He had no documents to prove their origin, either. The selling prices of VND15,000-28,000 (US\$1.32) per kilogram were indicated on the bags of the pigs. Huy told inspectors that he was transporting the pigs from Trang Bom District, Dong Nai Province to the city. [read more](#)