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China: 4 new confirmed H7N9 cases in Human

Guangdong: 3 new confirmed human H7N9 cases

- 71-year-old man from Xingning, Meizhou City. His condition is critical. [read more](#)
- 86-year-old man from Pinyuan, Meizhou City. His condition is critical. [read more](#)
- 37-year-old man from Tanzhou, Zhongshan City. His condition is critical. [read more](#)

Jiangsu: 1 new confirmed human H7N9 case

- 66-year-old man from Wuxi City. His condition is critical. [read more](#)

China: 2 new rabies cases confirmed in Taiwan

As of this week, a total of 369 rabies outbreaks involving 372 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 15 May 2014, adding that the number of cities and counties that have confirmed cases of rabid animals remained unchanged at nine. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed 3 more outbreaks of PPR

China Animal Disease Control Centre, Veterinary Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture China's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) had reported 3 additional outbreaks of PPR to OIE on 19 May 2014. These outbreaks include:

- A farm in Nileke, Yili, Xinjiang with 23 animals died and 253 destroyed.
- A farm in Yongning, Nanning, Guangxi with 3 animals died and 47 destroyed.
- A farm in Meixian, Meizhou, Guangdong with 38 animals died and 84 destroyed. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed LPAI H5N2 in Taiwan

An outbreak of PPR LPAI H5N2 in a poultry farm (native chicken breeder) in Erlun Township, Yunlin County was reported by the Animal Technology Institute Taiwan to OIE on 19 May 2014. [read more](#)

India: Suspected MERS cases in Kerala

More cases clinically suspected to be Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) have begun to be reported by doctors following increased surveillance of severe acute respiratory illnesses (SARI) across the State. Hospitals should put in enhanced infection control practices and encourage the use of personal protection equipment (PPE) for all its health workers as the possibility of MERS transmission is high within hospital settings. [read more](#)

Malaysia: 89 –years-old pilgrim returnee did not die from MERS

Health Ministry has ruled out the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome-coronavirus (MERS-CoV) as the cause of death of an 89-year-old woman who returned from Jeddah two days ago. Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, however, said the ministry was still trying to determine the cause of death although the preliminary post-mortem results indicated she died from pneumonia. “As she just returned from Jeddah, we tested her for MERS-CoV and it came out negative,” Dr Noor said in a statement this evening. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Rabies back to Hanoi

Hanoi has recorded two deaths from rabies this year, after two years without any cases of the disease. Mr. Hoang Duc Hanh, deputy director of the Hanoi Department of Health, says that the two victims were from the districts of Chuong My (on May 7) and Soc Son (May 10). So far this year, the country has recorded deaths from rabies in 10 provinces and cities, including 3 in the central province of Thanh Hoa and two in the northern provinces of Yen Bai and Tuyen Quang each. The Ministry of Health has warned that rabies can increase in summer, as the outbreak of rabies in dogs usually heightens during this period. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Raw blood dishes lead to brain worms

A fan of raw pig blood pudding has been admitted to a major Hanoi hospital with parasitic worms in his brain. The 58-year-old victim from the nearby mountainous province of Lang Son was partly conscious and suffering seizure when admitted to the National Hospital of Tropical Diseases on May 12. CT scan found that worms have made roughly 50 homes in the different layers of his brain, VnExpress reported. The results confirmed doctors’ suspicions after he told them he often ate raw pig blood pudding (known as “tiet canh”) and an exotic Vietnamese dish of pig intestines and raw vegetables. [read more](#)