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China: New human case in Guangdong

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) has been notified by the Health and Family Planning Commission of Guangdong Province of a confirmed human case of avian influenza A(H5N6) today (December 23) affecting a 58-year-old man in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province. The patient, who is in critical condition, is currently receiving treatment in a hospital in Guangzhou. No abnormality was reported among the close contacts of the patient. [read more](#)

India: Anthrax Scare Hits Similipal Sanctuary

Anthrax scare has hit Similipal Sanctuary after an elephant, which had died a few days back, was found to be carrying the dreaded bacteria. The viscera test conducted by Animal Diseases Research Institute (ADRI), Cuttack confirmed the presence of bacillus anthracis, the anthrax organism, in the jumbo prompting the Veterinary and Wildlife wings to go in for an elaborate vaccination drive in the foothills of Similipal. [read more](#)

India: Bird flu at Chandigarh's Sukhna Lake

The dreaded avian influenza, H5N1, has been confirmed in one of the 30 domesticated ducks (geese) that died at the Sukhna lake, Chandigarh. While measures to isolate the 100-plus geese population at the lake were underway this afternoon, tourists using boats were moving around the geese and youngsters were even seen climbing the island where the geese have been contained. [read more](#)

India: Fourth leopard dies at Sanjay Gandhi National Park

A 15-year-old leopardess who had been suffering from leptospirosis, a bacterial infection spread by rodents, died early on Thursday morning at Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP). This is the fourth death of a leopard in the last three months at the park. Poman, named after a village in Vasai, had been sick for the past three and a half months. When she stopped eating, worried SGNP officials sent her blood samples to the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI). The samples tested positive for the bacteria a few weeks ago. [read more](#)

India: Suspected bird flu in Haryana

Six more crows were found dead in the catchment area of Kaushalya dam near Panchkula on Sunday even as the Haryana wildlife and animal husbandry departments exhumed one of the graves of crows here and rushed five carcasses to the Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RDDL), Jalandhar, to test for bird flu. A team of Haryana wildlife department led by Panchkula inspector Jaibir Singh buried the crows on Saturday afternoon. In a related development, 10 migratory Bar-headed geese died in a wetland in Jind, Haryana. The

carcasses were also being sent to RDDDL. "We have sent five crow carcasses and the 10 geese to the RDDDL. I cannot state what could be the cause of these deaths. [read more](#)

Japan: Confirmed 4 H5N8 outbreaks

The Animal Health Division reported 4 outbreaks of HPAI H5N8 in both wild and domestic poultry to OIE on 16 December 2014. These outbreaks included:

1. Two disease events in wild birds (white-naped and hooded cranes) and one environment case (water) in Izumi-shi, Kagoshima; and
2. One outbreak in domestic poultry in Nobeoka-shi, Kitagawa-machi, Miyazaki led to destroyed 4000 poultry.

Republic of Korea: Confirmed 2 outbreaks of FMD serotype O in Chungcheongbuk-do

The General Animal Health Division reported two new outbreaks of FMD serotype O in Chungcheongbuk-do to OIE on 18 December 2014. These outbreaks included:

1. An outbreak in a pig farm in Jincheon-eup, Jincheon-gun, Chungcheongbuk-do led to destroy 340 pigs.
2. An outbreak in a pig farm in Susin-myeon, Dongnam-si, Cheonan-si, Chungcheongbuk-do led to destroy 340 pigs. [read more](#)

Republic of Korea: Reports 13 cases of FMD since December, 3

South Korea confirmed four more cases of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) Friday, further indicating the animal disease may be spreading widely. The four additional cases brought to 13 the total number of FMD cases confirmed since the first reported outbreak at a pig farm in Jincheon, North Chungcheong Province, on Dec. 3, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The new cases were confirmed at three pig farms in Cheongju, Eumseong and Jincheon, all in North Chungcheong Province, and a pig farm in Cheonan, South Chungcheong Province. [read more](#)

Republic of Korea: Reported H5N8 in wild birds

On 15 December, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs trapped 2 wild migratory birds (Spot-billed Duck, *Anas poecilorhyncha*) [and collected] samples at Bogangcheon [Park?], Jeungpyeong County, Chungcheongbuk-do. On 19 December, the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency detected H5N8 AI virus in 1 sample. Further test to identify whether highly pathogenic is underway. [read more](#)

Philippines: Highest number of rabies cases this year

Davao City is among the top 10 cities in the country with the highest number of rabies incidences this year, with 10 cases as of November, according to Rafael Mercado, Department of Agriculture assistant regional director. Speaking at the Rabies Awareness Forum Wednesday for barangay officials at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Wednesday, Mercado said Quezon City tops the list with 24 cases. Pateros, Mandaluyong, Valenzuela and Navotas do not have reports of animal or human rabies cases. [read more](#)

Philippines: Cebu records 40 canine rabies cases

At least 40 canine rabies cases have been recorded in Cebu in the first 10 months of 2014, the Cebu provincial government said early last week. This was two less than the number of cases

reported in 2013, the provincial government said on its website. It said that as of October, the Department of Agriculture in Central Visayas recorded 40 positive cases of canine rabies. Of the 40 cases, 18 came from Lapu-lapu City, 16 from Cebu City, two from Talisay City, and another two from Balamban town. [read more](#)

Thailand: A British man died of suspected leptospirosis

A former British athlete working as a language teacher in Trang province has died of suspected leptospirosis, a water-borne rat urine disease, after falling ill for just 10 days. The death of Justin Acklan, 38, a Briton who taught English at Wichienmatu School in Trang's Muang district, caught relatives, teachers and students off guard as he was healthy and was not believed to have come into contact with factors that would cause the disease. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Confirmed an outbreak of HPAI H5 in village poultry in Quang Ngai

The Department of Animal Health reported an outbreak of HPAI H5 in village poultry in Loc Bac, Tinh Ha, Son Tinh, Quang Ngai caused 2,965 birds died and another 9,035 poultry were destroyed. [read more](#)