THAILAND HOSTED THE 5th VIDEO CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AGENDA (GHSA) DETECT 1: NATIONAL LABORATORY SYSTEM

Chaired by Dr. Apichai Mongkol, Director General of Department of Medical Sciences, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand on 5th July 2016, the video conference was attended by representatives of all lead countries of GHSA: Detect - 1 including USA, South Africa and Thailand as well as USAID and FAO. Newly attendees from Saudi Arabia were also in attendance. Among others, highlights are as follows;

1. Concurred on draft Strategic Roadmap on Laboratory Strengthening System [2016 - 2020] as one of joint collaborative effort of lead countries of GHSA – Detect 1 intend to provide general guidance for GHSA Member Countries in developing their respective National Roadmap on GHSA: Detect – 1: National Laboratory System. This guiding document comprises of key seven strategic components include “Strategic Policy, Registering & Licensing, Diagnostic Capacity, Quality Management System, Biorisk Management System, Networking, and Laboratory Workforce”;

2. Updated programme of the Regional workshop to be held on 27-29 July 2016: a platform in driving an implementation of activities of Detect 1; and

3. Noted Face-to-Face Meeting on 28 July 2016 during Regional Workshop: a session to intensify joint collaborative efforts of the lead countries and contributing countries.

Launched in 2014 to promote global health security as an international security priority, GHSA aims to enhance and complement an implementation of an International Health Regulation 2005 through identified 11 Action Packages. Among others, Thailand takes leadership on the two Actions Packages including “Detect 1: National Laboratory System Strengthening” and “Detect 5: Workforce Development”.

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