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

Chaired by Dr. Phichet Banyati, Deputy Director General of Department of Medical Sciences (DMSc), Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. 7 pm (Thailand Time) on 26 July 2017, the video conference was attended by representatives of lead countries: USA and Thailand, as well as key development partners including USAID (Thailand) and Thailand MOPH-U.S. CDC Collaboration (TUC). Representatives from the National Institute of Animal Health (NIAH) and the Department of Communicable Diseases (Detect 5), Thailand were also in attendance. This video conference was the follow up of the 2nd Regional Workshop, hosted by Thailand in February 2017.

Highlights of this video conference are as follows;

1. Updating key events from USA, USAID, and WLST;
2. Sharing Thailand’s experiences on the Joint External Evaluation, conducted during 26-30 June 2017;
3. Noting follow up actions taken on the key outputs from the 2nd Regional Workshop “Enhancing Joint Collaborative Efforts for Lab Preparedness”, 7-9 February 2017, Nonthaburi, Thailand ;
4. Noting Thailand’s proposed regional activities seeking support from FAO under funding of USAID. The regional activities aims for coordinating the GHSA Detect 1 action package with other GHSA Action Packages and implementing regional GHSA D1 activities previously identified.
5. Next video conference will be (scheduled in the next two month) focusing on:
   - Preparation of Detect 1 for the GHSA High Level Meeting scheduled in October 2017, Uganda;
   - Discussion on concept note (s) of key regional activities such as “Four - Ways Linking Concept (Detect 1 and Detect 5)”.  

GHSA, launched in 2014 to promote global health security as an international security priority, 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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