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12 August, 2013

Dear Medical Superintendent,

**Confirmation of a Suspected Case of Human Infection with Avian
Influenza A(H7N9) virus in Guangdong Province**

Further to our letter to you dated 9 August 2013, please kindly be informed that the suspected human case of avian influenza A(H7N9) in Guangdong Province has been confirmed on 10 August 2013.

According to the Department of Health of Guangdong Province, the 51-year-old woman from Huizhou of Guangdong Province presented with fever since 27 July. The review test on the patient's sample by the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention on 10 August confirmed this case as a human case of avian influenza A(H7N9). The patient is currently in critical condition. The patient is a poultry worker of a market and has a history of exposure to live poultry. Among the 96 close contacts of this case, the patient's son developed low grade fever on 9 August. The test conducted on 10 August was negative for avian influenza A(H7N9) and his fever has subsided. No abnormality was found among other close contacts so far.

In response to the newly confirmed case in Guangdong Province, while reporting criteria remains unchanged, I would like to urge you to pay special attention to those who presented with influenza-like-illness and had history of visiting wet market with live poultry or contact with poultry in **Guangdong Province** within the incubation period (i.e. 10 days before onset of symptoms). Please kindly be reminded that the list of affected areas is regularly updated and is available at the CHP website:

(http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/global_statistics_avian_influenza_e.pdf).



Any suspected case meeting the reporting criteria (<https://ceno.chp.gov.hk/casedef/casedef.pdf>) should be immediately reported to the Central Notification Office of CHP via fax (2477 2770), phone (2477 2772) or CENO On-line (www.chp.gov.hk/ceno). Please also contact the Medical Control Officer (MCO) of DH at Pager: 7116 3300 call 9179 when reporting any suspected case. DH will make arrangement to send the patient to regional public hospitals for isolation, testing and treatment. Please kindly isolate patient to minimize contact/exposure to staff and other patients and advise the patient to wear a surgical mask while waiting for transport.

For updates on the latest situation of avian influenza, please visit CHP website at http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/24244.html. Thank you for your ongoing support in combating communicable diseases.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yonnie LAM', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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