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Dear Medical Superintendent,

**A Confirmed Case of Human Infection with Avian Influenza A(H7N9)
virus in Zhejiang Province**

We would like to inform you that a confirmed human case of avian influenza A(H7N9) was reported by the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) on 15 October, 2013.

The case involves a 35-year-old man who is receiving treatment in hospital. His current condition is serious. The sample of the patient tested positive for the avian influenza A(H7N9) virus by the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention of Zhejiang Province and the case was subsequently confirmed by the Health Bureau of Zhejiang Province.

As of 15 October, there is a total of 135 confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus in the Mainland China, including 45 deaths. One imported case from Jiangsu Province was also reported by the Centers for Disease Control of Taiwan, making a total of 136 cases. The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) has been maintaining close liaison with the World Health Organization and health authorities in the Mainland China to obtain information and monitor the latest development of the disease.

In response to the newly confirmed case in Zhejiang Province, we 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 the affected areas 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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