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Dear Medical Superintendent,

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

Further to our letter to you dated 15 October 2013, we would like to inform you that a confirmed human case of avian influenza A(H7N9) was reported by the Guangdong Province on 5 November, 2013.

The case involves a 3-year-old boy who is now receiving treatment in hospital. He has mild illness without fever and his current condition is stable. The sample of the patient was tested positive for the avian influenza A(H7N9) virus by relevant health authority of Guangdong Province on 5 November. Three of the seven close contacts developed influenza-like illness (ILI) but none of them were tested positive for avian influenza A(H7N9).

As of 5 November, there is a total of 137 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 138 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.



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In response to the newly confirmed case in **Guangdong Province**, we would like to urge you to pay special attention to those who presented with ILI 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,



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