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Dear Doctors,

H5 avian influenza detected in a dead chicken in Lantau Island

I would like to inform you that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department today detected H5 avian influenza in a dead chicken found in Sha Lo Wan in Lantau Island (大嶼山沙螺灣) on 18 December 2010. The Centre of Health Protection (CHP) is conducting medical surveillance on persons who handled this chicken carcass. All contacts were put under medical surveillance and remained asymptomatic so far.

In Hong Kong, the last time H5 avian influenza was detected among dead poultry/wild birds occurred in March 2010 and affected a barn swallow found in Yuen Long. The last human case of H5N1 avian influenza infection confirmed by CHP on 17 November 2010 was classified as an imported sporadic infection. Enhanced surveillance carried out subsequently revealed no evidence of secondary spread in Hong Kong. There has been no local human H5N1 avian influenza case in Hong Kong since 1998. The latest influenza surveillance data showed that the activity of seasonal influenza in Hong Kong remained at a low level.

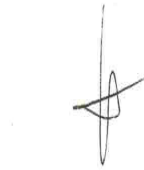
According to the latest update from the World Health Organization (December 9, 2010), worldwide there were so far a total of 510 confirmed human cases (including 303 deaths) of H5N1 avian influenza infection. Globally, countries with outbreaks of H5N1 avian influenza among poultries in the past six months or endemic for H5N1 avian influenza among poultries include Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, Nigeria and Vietnam.

Please be reminded that Influenza A (H5, H7, and H9) is a notifiable disease. Any suspected case meeting the reporting criteria (<https://ceno.chp.gov.hk/casedef/casedef.pdf>) should be reported to the Central Notification Office of CHP via fax (24772770), phone (24772772) or CENO On-line (www.chp.gov.hk/ceno). Please also contact the Medical Control Officer (MCO) of the Department of Health at Pager: 7116 3300 call 9179



when reporting any suspected case.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Christine Wong', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

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