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Dear Mr. TUNG,

Health Information on
Human Cases of Influenza A (H7N9)

As at today, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health has received notification from the National Health and Family Planning Commission concerning 16 confirmed human cases of influenza A (H7N9), which is a type of avian influenza (AI). The CHP is maintaining liaison with the Mainland health authorities and monitoring the development of the outbreak closely.

So far, there is no evidence of human-to-human transmission and no human case of H7N9 AI has been detected in Hong Kong. However, mortality from Influenza A (H7N9) is high and the mutation potential of the virus has been reported to be high. As such, the disease should not be treated lightly. The public should pay particular attention to personal and environmental hygiene and avoid direct contact with animals, birds or poultry. They should wash hands frequently and avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with bare hands.

In order to enhance awareness to guard against human infection with avian influenza, the CHP has developed guidelines on its preventive measures. Electronic version of the guidelines for **Prevention of Avian Influenza – Health tips for travellers, Health Advice on Prevention of Avian Influenza in Workplace, and Health Advice for Driver, Crew and Operational Staff of Public Transport on the Prevention of Influenza** can be downloaded from the Centre for Health Protection website at:

http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/health_tips_travellers_eng.pdf

http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/health_tips_travellers_chi.pdf

www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/healthadvice2012_en.pdf

www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/Health%20Advice%20for%20PT%20Operational%20Staff_Eng_Aug07.pdf

We should be most grateful if the information could be passed to relevant parties.
Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MOK' with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Dr. SC MOK)
For Chief Port Health Officer
Department of Health