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Dear Mr. TUNG,

Supplementary information on Avian Influenza A (H7N9)

Further to the letter to you dated 25 April 2013, we would like to provide you with the latest situation and information regarding avian influenza A(H7N9).

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) verified with the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) on 25 April 2013 one human case of avian influenza A (H7N9) in Henan and two in Zhejiang. Meanwhile, the Department of Health of Jiangxi Province reported a confirmed human case of avian influenza A (H7N9) involving a 69-year-old man. The press releases issued by both CHP and the Department of Health of Jiangxi Province are attached for your information.

In view of the latest best available evidence, the longest incubation period of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus has been revised from **7 days to 10 days**. The guidelines for **Health Advice for Tour Leaders and Tour Guides Operating Overseas Tours for Prevention of Avian Influenza** have been updated accordingly. The electronic version of the above guidelines can be downloaded from the Centre for Health Protection website at:

http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/healthadvice tourleaders guides overseastours eng.pdf http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/healthadvice tourleaders guides overseastours chi.pdf

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

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. WM YU)

For Director of Health