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Dear Sir / Madam,

Health Information on 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 14 confirmed human cases of influenza A (H7N9). The CHP is maintaining liaison with the Mainland health authorities and monitoring the development of the outbreak closely.

Mortality from Influenza A (H7N9) is high. Although there is no evidence to show human-to-human transmission, the mutation potential of the virus has been reported to be high. As such, the disease should not be treated lightly. The Alert Response Level under the Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic 2012 has been activated and relevant surveillance and control measures have been stepped up.

To heighten public awareness of influenza and its prevention, the CHP has produced relevant health educational materials including posters, booklets, and stickers. Please join in our effort by organising health promotional activities to educate the public on hygiene and preventive measures as well as update the latest outbreak situation by making reference to updated information on CHP website (<http://www.chp.gov.hk>), displaying the posters and stickers and disseminating the booklets where appropriate.

For more information on educational resources, please refer to the link (http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/her_list/463/24/13.html). For copies of materials, please call Central Health Education Unit at 2572 1476.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr Anne Fung)
for Director of Health