

Dear Colleagues,

We are highly anticipating our upcoming Hot Topics videoconference, and we warmly extend our gratitude for your participation on 2 December 2010 (US and Canada) and 3 December 2010 (Asia).

Please note: Tuesday, 30 November (US and Canada) and Wednesday, 1 December (Asia) has been designated for a connectivity test between participating locations. Specific instructions have been previously transmitted to your technology contact from the University of Washington Technology Team. Please direct tech-related questions or concerns to our UW technology staff:

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Live Event Time:

Thursday, 2 December (USA, Canada, Mexico) - Seattle, Washington, 6pm (PST), 02:00 UTC

Friday, December 3, 2010 (Asia)

Technical Testing: UTC-8 hours PST 00:00-02:00

Live Event: UTC-8 hours PST 02:00-04:00

In preparation for our video symposium, please allow us to draw your attention to the following points:

1. On November 30, we will consolidate the slide decks we have received into a single deck, which will be downloadable, so that each economy may advance slides and project them appropriately on their own equipment.

The website may be accessed at

<https://depts.washington.edu/einet/symposium/HotTopics4/>

Please use the following access information:

ID: valid-user

password: 2010virtualsym

It may be helpful to view the slide deck in the next few days, so as to prepare questions ahead of time. There will be a 10-15 minute discussion period after each economy's presentation.

2. Please kindly complete the release form (which is attached), and return it prior to the close of the video symposium.
3. We ask that each participating economy identify one or at most two speakers who will present questions from that economy. We request full names and titles so these individuals can be properly recognized by our moderator, Dr. Carl Osaki. Please

forward the names, titles and emails of participants from your economy to apecein@uw.edu for inclusion in the final documents. This information will be available on the website after the close of the video symposium and posted for the general public.

4. We request that each economy print out the economy name and placards for those who will be visible during the videoconference—we suggest that Times New Roman font at 110 points is easy to read. When an economy has a question, they will be expected to raise their placard, so that other participants may easily recognize the questioner.
5. We kindly request that press members not be invited to the video symposium.
6. Finally, please be ready to complete the attached evaluation form as soon as the videoconference closes. As we are presenting the results of the video symposium quite soon, we would appreciate your response by 10 December 2010.

For your information, our agenda is as follows:

**Thursday, 2 December 2010 [at 02:00-04:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)]
Friday, 3 December 2010 (Asia)**

- Canada (Ottawa): UTC-5 hours EST, December 2
- Chinese Taipei: UTC+8 hours CST, December 3
- Indonesia: UTC+7 hours WIB, December 3
- Malaysia: UTC+8 hours MYT, December 3
- Mexico: UTC - 6 hours CST, December 2
- People's Republic of China: UTC+8 hours CST, December 3
- Philippines: UTC+8 hours PHT, December 3
- Singapore: UTC+ 8 hours SGT, December 3
- Thailand: UTC+7 hours ICT, December 3
- USA (Seattle): UTC-8 hours PST December 2
- Viet Nam: UTC+7 hours December 3

Agenda [in UTC time]

00:00-02:00:

- Begin site connections two hours prior to event start time

02:00 – 02:15:

Opening ceremony and review of agenda:

- Brief welcoming and opening remarks by Dr. Carl Osaki

- Welcome address by Dr. Ann Marie Kimball, Director of APEC EINet
- Brief opening remarks by Dr. Rod Hoff, Director of REDI Centre
- Brief opening remarks by Dr. Stephen Hanson, Vice Provost for Global Affairs, University of Washington

-Dr. Carl Osaki, facilitator, to review agenda (e.g. order of presentations by economy, explicit instructions) and clarify goal of the videoconference.

02:15 – 03:45:

- Presentations (≤ 15 minutes) by each APEC economy
 - Discussion of case study (15 minutes) and lessons learned and strategies for the next disaster following each presentation.

1. People's Republic of China

Presentation title: *Infectious Disease Surveillance and Control after WenChuan Earthquake, China, 2008*

Speaker: Dr. NI Daxin, Director, Office of Disease Surveillance, Office of Disease Control and Emergency Response, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

-Questions and Answers from participants; Dr. Osaki will ask for questions and identify speakers by economy and name.

2. Philippines

Presentation title: *Lessons Learned in Leptospirosis Surveillance and Response After a Natural Disaster*

Speaker: Dr. Enrique Tayag, Director IV, National Epidemiology Center, Department of Health, Philippines

- Questions and Answers from participants; Dr. Osaki will ask for questions and identify speakers by economy and name.

3. United States of America

Presentation title: *Infectious Disease Issues Associated with Hurricane Katrina*

Speaker: Dr. Joe Posid

Closing Remarks:

03:45 – 04:00: Drs. Ann Marie Kimball and Rod Hoff, Stephen Cheng (APEC) invited to briefly comment on merits and challenges identified in this session. Brief announcement regarding next steps.

Mailing:

Email evaluations of videoconference, requested to be returned before

10 December 2010.

After each presentation, there will be an opportunity to discuss the presentation and ask questions. For your consideration, below are a few guiding questions:

Suggested Questions to Consider for Discussion

1) Was there communication and shared-border preparedness or containment strategies between neighboring economies?

* If so, what were some of the merits—and drawbacks--of such preparedness?

2) Does each economy have a plan in place for dealing with diseases that emerge after natural disasters? How is this planning accomplished?

3) Do economies have strategies for dealing with climate change, and infections that may increase because of climate change and resulting hectic weather conditions and possible natural disasters?

4) Were has been the impact of infections after natural disasters upon the economy?

* What has been the financial cost?

* Were schools or businesses closed?

* What was the impact upon communications systems?

* Were medical facilities and resources able to handle the increased demand?

* What threats were posed to neighboring economies?

* Did public health agencies/the MoH develop recommendations and/or health policies as a consequence?

* Do citizens follow the recommendations?

5) What are some specific preparedness and containment strategies developed as a result of emerging infections in specific economies?

We sincerely look forward to our video symposium.

Best regards,



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