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To APEC Economies

Subject: Invitation to the Training Course on Response to Human Infections with Avian Influenza H5N1 and Pandemic H1N1 2009 Viruses, September 16-18, 2009, Beijing

According to WHO, a cumulative total of 453 laboratory-confirmed Avian Influenza cases, including 269 deaths, have been reported from 15 countries around the world since 2003? The recent global outbreak of a novel Influenza A/H1N1 virus has becomes the first Influenza Pandemic that WHO declared in the 21st century, resulting in 94512 confirmed cases and 429 deaths around the world as of July 6, 2009, the situation and disease characteristics are different among countries. The public health threat posed by the next wave of pandemic or both seasonal and H1N1 pandemic influenza has been highlighted and concern about the general inadequacy of global preparedness for pandemic influenza has been expressed by health authorities.

In order to strengthen the capacity of relevant economies in response to the pandemic threat, the Ministry of Health of China, with the support of the APEC Secretariat, will host ***the APEC Training Course on Response to Human Infections with Avian Influenza H5N1 and Pandemic H1N1 2009 Viruses*** on September 16-18, 2009 at Chang An Grand Hotel in Beijing to build the technical capacity for animal and human Influenza surveillance, strengthen field investigation and emergency response, share the successful experiences and lessons learned in the surveillance, control and prevention of AI A/H5N1 and Pandemic H1N1 2009 among the APEC economies.

We are very pleased to invite one public health professional and one veterinarian from each economy to participate in the training course. APEC will provide financial support to 2 trainees from each travel-eligible economy upon request. The travel-eligible economies are Chile, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Russia, Thailand, Philippines and Vietnam. APEC financial support includes a round trip restricted/discounted economy class ticket from home economy to Beijing and a per diem package that covers hotel accommodation, meals and incidentals like laundry, land transfers, travel insurance, separate airport charges, visa application, bank charges and expenses incurred in the reimbursement process. Other economies are expected to cover the training related costs by themselves.

Attached please find the provisional training **Program**, **Administrative Circular** and the attached **Registration Form**, the potential attendees are required to complete the

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Registration Form and send it back before **August 15, 2009.**

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Thank you and your early response will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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