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Dear Principal/Persons-in-charge,

A Confirmed Local Case of Dengue Fever

We would like to draw your attention to a local case of dengue fever (DF) and remind schools and institutions to remain vigilant against this disease.

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health confirmed a locally acquired case of DF on 3 December 2015. The male patient aged 54 presented with fever, rash, headache, muscle pain and joint pain since 29 November 2015. He consulted a private doctor on 30 November 2015 and further attended a public hospital on 1 December 2015. He has been in stable condition.

The patient lives in Wing Hing Street (永興街) in North Point. Same as another confirmed case reported earlier in November, he also worked in the work site at Tai Shui Hang (大水坑邨梅子林路), Sha Tin.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is collaborating with other departments/organisation to implement anti-mosquito measures. The public should also take part in mosquito control actions to prevent the spread of the disease.

Dengue fever is an acute febrile viral illness. The disease is transmitted by the bite of infective mosquito and the incubation period ranges from 3 to 14 days. Symptoms include high fever, severe headache, pain behind the eyes, rash, muscle and joint pains. In severe cases, manifestations of bleeding tendency and even death may occur. Schools and institutions are crowded places where we have much concern with the risk of dengue fever. To prevent dengue fever, the following preventive measures should be taken to prevent accumulation of stagnant water and eliminate mosquito breeding sites:-



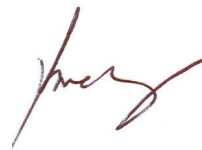
- Put all used cans and bottles into covered dustbins;
- Change water for plants at least once a week, leaving no water in the saucers underneath flower pots;
- Cover tightly all water containers, wells and water storage tanks;
- Keep all drains free from blockage; and
- Top up all defective ground surfaces to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water.

The members of the general public are also advised to protect themselves from mosquito bite by taking the following measures:-

1. Wear loose, light-coloured, long-sleeved tops and trousers, and apply effective mosquito repellent containing DEET to exposed parts of the body and clothing;
2. Use mosquito screens or bed nets when the room is not air-conditioned; and
3. Place anti-mosquito devices near possible entrance such as window.

More information on preventive measures could be found in the website of CHP: <http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/content/9/24/19.html>.

Yours faithfully,



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