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Dear Principal/Persons-in-charge,

**Issues related to cluster of imported dengue fever  
affecting participants of overseas school trips**

We would like to draw your attention to a cluster of imported Dengue fever (DF) cases among students and staff of an international school who joined a school study trip to Thailand in late November 2023. So far the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has recorded three laboratory confirmed cases and epidemiological investigations, including testing of a few more symptomatic cases, are ongoing.

Initial enquiries revealed that apart from staying in resort hotel in rural areas, participants of the study tour had also went hiking and participated in water sports in outskirts zone. Symptomatic participants developed symptoms about 2-5 days after returning Hong Kong.

This year, CHP's surveillance data shows that there is an increase in DF cases in some places in Asia (such as Bangladesh, Malaysia, Taiwan and Thailand) compared to the same period last year.

In view of the above, we urge schools to take into account outbreaks of infectious diseases, particularly situation of countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic, into risk assessment when planning overseas school trips in future. While travelling abroad, participants should stay vigilant and carry out effective mosquito prevention and control measures. Besides, symptomatic participants should also be reminded to seek medical attention early and tell doctors about their travel history, particularly when symptoms develop within two weeks of the overseas trips.



Detailed information on the latest DF situation in neighbouring and overseas countries and areas, has been uploaded to the CHP's website

[www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/df\\_imported\\_cases\\_and\\_overseas\\_figures\\_eng.pdf](http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/df_imported_cases_and_overseas_figures_eng.pdf)).

For the latest information and health education material on dengue fever, please visit our CHP website at [www.chp.gov.hk](http://www.chp.gov.hk).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop that ends in a small, stylized mark.

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