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To: Supervisors/Principals of All Schools

Dear Supervisor/Principal,

Be Vigilant Against Avian Influenza

Upon the confirmation of a case of avian influenza (H5) infection by the Department of Health (DH), the Government has raised the influenza response level under the Framework of Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic from "Alert" to "Serious" on 17 November (i.e. yesterday). In this connection, we would like to advise schools to stay alert in preventing the spread of avian influenza on school premises.

A copy of the relevant letter from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of DH is enclosed for your reference. Schools should maintain a clean and hygienic school environment and remind students to avoid touching birds and poultry or their droppings. Schools are also requested to remind parents to measure and record the body temperature of their children for school's inspection before sending them to school. If any students develop symptoms of respiratory diseases, they should consult their doctors promptly and take rest at home and refrain from going to school as advised by their doctors.

If you notice any increase in respiratory illness or absenteeism among your students, please report promptly to CHP (Tel: 2477-2772; Fax: 2477-2770) and forward a copy of the Notification Form by fax to your respective Regional Education Offices / Joint Office for Pre-primary Services.

For enquiries, please contact your respective Senior School Development Officers/Pre-primary Services Officer.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Education