

Conclusion of “JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT ON COOPERATION Between National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, JAPAN and National Institute of Health Research and Development, Ministry of Health, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA”

On March 16, 2007, the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Japan (NIID), and the National Institute of Health Research and Development, Republic of Indonesia (NIHRD) adopted a joint announcement on comprehensive cooperation on infectious diseases, in the Minister's office in the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), attended by Japan's Minister Hakuo YANAGISAWA and Indonesia's Health Minister Siti Fadillah Supari.

Infectious diseases have respected no borders in recent years, and emerging/re-emerging infections such as avian influenza H5N1 are a serious problem in health crisis management. In this situation, communication and cooperation among the relevant countries are essential. The two organizations will reinforce joint research on infectious diseases including avian influenza, based on this joint announcement, exchange information on surveillance and research results for controlling infectious diseases, and develop professional personnel.

1. Summary

- (1) Title: “JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE COOPERATION Between National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, JAPAN And National Institute of Health Research and Development, Ministry of Health, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA”
- (2) Objectives: “Both parties shall implement the following cooperation, recognizing that close cooperation is necessary to promote the health and welfare of the citizens of both countries and thus the entire human population.”
- (3) Details: “1) Joint research on infectious diseases, 2) Holding joint conferences, 3) Human resources development, 4) Sharing information on infectious diseases, etc.”

2. Ceremony

Trihono Sundoro, Director General of NIHRD, and the ceremony of exchanging the announcement was attended by Indonesia's Health Minister Siti Fadillah Supari and 11 members of her organization and Japan's Minister Hakuo YANAGISAWA with other relevant executives of MHLW.

3. Others

In the Institute, many researchers and departments have been working together with NIHRD in diagnostic technique of H5N1 virus and in other projects, and now with this announcement cooperation will be further strengthened between both organizations, and research collaboration and exchange of personnel for controlling infectious diseases in Japan and Indonesia will be promoted.

Moreover, the Institute has already been in collaboration of infectious diseases control with Korean CDC and China CDC since April 2006.