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Hi everyone,

Can't believe it is already Nov and back to 13 time difference now.

The main update is that I had met with Ken Earhart, the new Health Attaché in Beijing, last Wednesday. I briefed him on NIAID's projects and activities in China including the activities under the NIH-NSFC MOU, jointly funded grants, upcoming HIV/AIDS CURE program, flu/MERS meeting; NIH relationship with MOST on clinical and translational research and the scheduled visit by CSR in April; Henan TB and the CTCTC projects. We also discussed a couple of items including the unfinished one from Liz Yuan--Global Health Security Agenda (GHSa). [REDACTED] (b) (5)

[REDACTED] Ken is very interested in GHSa projects and would like to schedule the visits (more below). [REDACTED] (b) (5)

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On the same note, Last week, an investigator from UTMB came to Beijing on his way to WIV. I met him Tuesday night and later De Luc also detailed me about what he is planning to do at WIV including [REDACTED] (b) (5)

(b) (5) (I also met a professor from WIV in a meeting and our friend George Gao also has collaborations there. Both WIV and the Institute of Microbiology where George is are institutes under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CAS).

Chinese government has been screening people who come from the Ebola regions of Africa. Two US CDC people in Beijing were sent to Sierra Leone one month ago and were scheduled to return. Last Friday I was able to help Ken to acquire the information on the monitoring process and guarantee procedures that are implemented in three Beijing's infectious disease hospitals through my contacts. The concern is (b) (5)

This morning I heard in the Chinese news that one case avian flu H7N9 has been diagnosed. The patient bought a chicken in the market, and now he is in critical condition.

I contacted the people who involved in the planning of Flu/MERS meeting have all agreed to postpone the meeting till next March. There seems no major conflict in March.

Have we had response from other NIH ICs regarding NSFC's request for meeting next March at NIH?

That is all I have and hope to talk to some of you tonight.

Thanks

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