

Report

LABORATORY BIOSAFETY & BIOSECURITY LEGISLATION WORKSHOP

The meeting was being held at EMPRESS ANGKOR Hotel in Siem Reap province from 13-14 December 2018 with **108 participants**. The welcome and opening remark by Deputy Director of Siem Reap, US-CDC representative, Deputy Director of DHS and H.E Dr. OR Vandine Director General for Health.

Dr. Sokunna, Executive Director of DHS mentioned some points:

- **The Prakas on Laboratory Management of Highly Dangerous Pathogen and Toxin** is an essential document and should be link with *National Standard Operating Procedure (NSOP) for specimen packaging and transportation*
- System integrated help providing data such as AMR, surveillance, outbreak, drug management ... ect.
- CBRN team established
- The BSC certify and Team certifier need to be supported and strengthened.
- Drivers for Specimen Transportation need to be trained
- No data on Occupational Health
- Will enlarge more sites of Microbiology in the future and Biorisk Management is needed to strengthen the capacities.

Representative from Provincial Health Department agreed to support staff as required.

Representative from WHO stated about implementation The Prakas after final approval.

Dr. Gerald confirm again about this Prakas is aim to strengthen Biosecurity in the future and biosafety not mean addressed to Biosecurity.

Mr. Mike KENZER, Director of US-CDC Cambodia stated that this Prakas will help safety while working at health sectors.

H.E OR Vandine: focusing on role and duties of Medical Laboratories to mitigation bioterrorism while storage isolate at sites, translation the Prakas from English to Khmer should not be bias the meaning, and ask for help from Legislation Department to facilitate this event.

Result:

- The Prakas addressing the inventory and it is important that should create the system allowed report the accident to Minister.
- The *National Standard Operating Procedure (NSOP) for specimen packaging and transportation* will made soon to support this Prakas.
- Approach to Role of Law in Public Health outcome (Biosafety and Biosecurity): intervention and large impact.
- Should reinforce the report of accidental and post exposure to HPT
- The storage of DNA/ARN of HPT more than 5 years is an impact and may need Other Prakas.

- The important activities currently need for Laboratories to do are *internal audit, training staff/new staff and developing required and essential SOPs*.
- The Prakas were final verified by the participants with facilitation from DHS/BMLS and Legislation Department of MoH Cambodia.