



ANNOUNCEMENT

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TLL COLLABORATES WITH CAMBODIA'S MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP CAPABILITIES IN LABORATORY BIORISK MANAGEMENT

Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL) and the National Medical Microbiology Laboratory Network (NMMLN) under the Cambodia's Ministry of Health have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on 26 March 2013, to embark on a technical co-operation to develop capabilities in the area of laboratory biorisk management of emerging infectious diseases.

The objective of this technical co-operation is to strengthen Cambodia's national health development resources in disease surveillance and to increase self-reliance, as well as improve sustainability in laboratory biorisk management so that the country will be better equipped to provide effective bio-containment.

This is part of a joint programme where Temasek Foundation (TF) has committed grant funding to TLL to support similar biorisk management programmes in other ASEAN countries over a four year period. This programme follows the successful trainings conducted in Lao PDR, Indonesia and Myanmar, in which selected laboratory professionals were similarly trained in managing biorisks and have started to share their knowledge with other key hospitals and laboratories in their respective countries.

Through this partnership, TLL and TF hope to develop nationwide and institutional capabilities and capacity building of professionals in Cambodia to manage laboratory biorisks in line with the global health programme of the World Health Organisation in Cambodia. By working closely with NMMLN in Cambodia, TLL has developed a customised programme that will be further developed and used for future training needs in Cambodia.

About Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL)

TLL, established in 2002, is a beneficiary of the Temasek Trust and is affiliated to the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University. The research institute aims to build a preeminent organization of global talent to undertake bio-molecular science research and applications to benefit people in Asia and beyond. TLL has also been an active collaborating partner with government health ministries and international agencies in the promotion of biosafety and biosecurity training.

For more information, please visit www.tll.org.sg.

About Temasek Foundation (TF)

TF is a non-profit philanthropic organisation anchored in Singapore that seeks to contribute to sustainable growth and a bright future of hope and opportunities for people in Asia. The foundation works with partners to support programmes that develop people through health care, education and research, programmes that build bridges between peoples, programmes that build institutions of excellence through good governance and ethics, and programmes that rebuild lives and livelihoods affected by natural disasters.

For more information, please visit www.temasekfoundation.org.sg.

About National Medical Microbiology Laboratory Network (NMMLN)

The NMMLN was formally formed on 2nd November 2011 under the Ministry of Health in Cambodia. The role of the NMMLN is to serve as the focal point in developing a network of medical laboratories in Cambodia, with complementary functions and seamless integration to effectively address three areas: Epidemic disease surveillance; Quality assurance and accreditation of laboratories; Capability building through training and collaboration to promote sustainability of laboratory services.

For more information, please visit <http://www.moh.gov.kh>.

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