

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. In view of the exponential development of the outbreak of Zika virus disease in Americas, and the declaration by World Health Organization that the cluster of microcephaly cases and other neurological disorders reported in Brazil constituted a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSARG) today (11 March 2016) launched the “Preparedness and Response Plan for Zika Virus Infection” of the HKSARG which sets out the preparedness and response when Zika virus may have significant public health impact to Hong Kong. The Plan adopts a three-tier response level system, including Alert, Serious and Emergency, with each level representing a graded risk of Zika virus affecting Hong Kong and its health impact on the community. It defines corresponding command structures and public health response measures, and serves as a tool for clear communication of the level of risk to the public. The Plan has been uploaded to the following webpage :

http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/43086.html

http://www.chp.gov.hk/tc/view_content/43086.html

2. The Alert Response Level was also activated with immediate effect on the same day.

3. If you have any enquiries, please contact Dr PK Chung, Medical and Health Officer at mo_erib@dh.gov.hk (email) or 852-2125-2884 (office), Emergency Response and Information Branch, Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health.

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