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**Recent increase in local cases of dengue fever in Taiwan  
and Guangdong province in the Mainland**

Dear Mr. Tung,

We are writing to provide you with the latest situation and information regarding dengue fever activity in Southeast Asia. We would like to draw your attention, in particular to the recent increase in local cases of dengue fever in Taiwan and Guangdong province in the Mainland.

The dengue activity in southern Taiwan remains high. According to the health authority of Taiwan, to date 11,006 local cases of dengue fever, including 25 deaths, have been recorded since this summer and nearly all (98.8 per cent) were in Tainan, Kaohsiung and Pingtung in southern Taiwan.

In Guangdong, local cases have been recorded in Chaozhou, Zhongshan, Guangzhou, Foshan and Dongguan.

We would like to enlist your support to provide the following health advice to travellers to protect themselves against mosquitoes:

- Wear long-sleeved shorts and trousers;
- Rest in air-conditioned or well-screened rooms;
- Use aerosol insecticide indoor and use bed nets if sleeping areas are not air-conditioned or screened;
- Use insect repellents containing DEET on exposed skin and clothing; and
- If travelling in endemic rural areas, carry a portable bed net and apply permethrin on it as well as to clothes.

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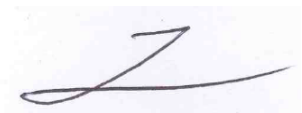
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For the latest information on dengue fever, please refer to ‘Travel Health News’ that can be accessed at the Hong Kong Travel Health Service website (<http://www.travelhealth.gov.hk/eindex.html>). Moreover, relevant health education materials on dengue fever can be found from the Centre for Health Protection website ([http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/her\\_list/463/24/19.html](http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/her_list/463/24/19.html)).

Pamphlets on dengue fever are also available. Please approach our Office if you wish to obtain the pamphlets for distribution.



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