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Other information

Venue	Conference Hall, Regional Office
Distribution of documents	Representatives are kindly requested to collect daily their documents, messages and invitations at the designated pigeon holes.
Rapporteurs Meeting	The meeting will be held daily immediately after the afternoon session at 17:15 in Room 321.
Internet access	The Regional Office has an Internet lounge (Room 210) adjacent to the Conference Hall on the second level.
WHO publications	WHO publications and other information products are on sale in Room 210.
Security	<p>The opening of a new entrance to the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has created heavy traffic on the pedestrian walkways outside the WHO compound. Please take necessary precautions to safeguard your belongings when leaving the premises by foot.</p> <p>Kindly contact the WHO Security Officer, Mr David Wheeler, should you have any concerns at +63 2 528-9608 (landline) or +63 915 743-5538 (mobile).</p>
Weather update	Tropical depression "Ramon" has changed direction, moving towards the northwest Philippines with maximum winds of 45-50 kph. Metro Manila is now under Storm Signal No. 1, with intermittent rains expected over the next few days.

I. PROGRAMME OF WORK

Agenda items 09:00–12:00

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| 15 | Progress reports on technical programmes (continued)

15.4 Action Framework on Essential Medicines
15.5 Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
15.6 Regional Strategy on Human Resources for Health (2006–2015)
15.8 Pacific Health Ministers Meeting | <i>WPR/RC62/10</i> |
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Agenda items 14:00–17:00

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| 14 | Nomination of the Regional Director: Code of conduct | <i>WPR/RC62/9</i> |
| 16 | Coordination of the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committee (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WHA64.5 Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits• WHA64.8 Strengthening national policy dialogue to build more robust health policies, strategies and plans• WHA64.12 WHO's role in the follow-up to the United Nations High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the MDG <p><u>Time permitting</u></p> | <i>WPR/RC62/11</i> |
| 18 | Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction: Membership of the Policy and Coordination Committee | <i>WPR/RC62/12</i> |

Consideration of draft resolutions

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| Antimicrobial resistance | <i>WPR/RC62/Conf. Paper No. 3</i> |
| Traditional medicine | <i>WPR/RC62/Conf. Paper No. 4</i> |
| Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015) | <i>WPR/RC62/Conf. Paper No. 5</i> |

II. REPORT OF MEETINGS (WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2011)

Fifth meeting

Chairperson: Dr Ren Minghui (China)

Item 13. Noncommunicable diseases (continued)

The discussion on noncommunicable diseases was concluded.

Item 17. Emergencies and disasters

Item 16. Coordination of the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committee

- WHA64.10 Strengthening national health emergency and disaster management capacities and resilience of health systems

The Regional Director introduced document WPR/RC62/13 Rev. 1, outlining the current situation and the issues in the Western Pacific Region regarding management of emergencies and disasters. He also asked the Regional Committee to take note of World Health Assembly resolution WHA64.10 on strengthening national health emergency and disaster management capacities and resilience of health systems.

Presentations were given by the representatives of Japan and New Zealand on their experiences in dealing with the recent devastating earthquakes in their countries.

Interventions were made by representatives of the following Member States: Australia; Brunei Darussalam; China; Malaysia; Mongolia; Papua New Guinea; the Philippines; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; the United States of America; and Viet Nam.

Consideration of draft resolutions

The Chairperson invited the Committee to consider the draft resolution on the Proposed programme budget 2012–2013 (WPR/RC62/Conf. Paper No. 1). The draft resolution was adopted (WPR/RC62.R1).

The Chairperson invited the Committee to consider the draft resolution on Expanding and intensifying noncommunicable disease prevention and control (WPR/RC62/Conf. Paper No. 2). Amendments received from Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America were read out by the Rapporteur for the English Language.

The draft resolution was adopted as amended (WPR/RC62.R2).

Item 10. Antimicrobial resistance

The Regional Director presented document WPR/RC62/5, concerning the mounting threat of antimicrobial resistance globally, and invited the Committee to discuss the six-point Policy Package to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance, issued by the Director-General on World Health Day, and to consider ways to support Member States in developing plans to fight antimicrobial resistance.

Interventions were made by representatives of the following Member States: Australia; Brunei Darussalam; China; Fiji; Hong Kong (China); Japan; the Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; New Zealand; the Republic of Korea; Samoa; Singapore; Solomon Islands; the United States of America; and Viet Nam.

Sixth meeting

Chairperson: Pehin Dato Adanan Yusof (Brunei Darussalam)

Item 11. Traditional medicine

The Director, Programme Management, presented document WPR/RC62/6 on traditional medicine and invited the Regional Committee to review and consider endorsement of the draft *Regional Strategy for Traditional Medicine in the Western Pacific (2011–2020)*.

Interventions were made by representatives of the following Member States: Brunei Darussalam; China; the Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Hong Kong (China); Japan; the Lao People's Democratic Republic; Macao (China); Malaysia; the Marshall Islands; Mongolia; Palau; the Philippines; the Republic of Korea; Samoa; the United States of America; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam.

It was agreed that the agenda item would remain open for further informal consultations on some issues.

Item 12. Food safety

The Regional Director presented document WPR/RC62/7, outlining the regional situation regarding food safety and introducing the draft *Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015)*. He invited the Regional Committee to review and consider endorsement of the Strategy.

Interventions were made by representatives of the following Member States: Australia; China; Fiji; France; Hong Kong (China); Japan; Malaysia; Papua New Guinea; the Philippines; Samoa; Solomon Islands; the United States of America; and Viet Nam.

Item 15. Progress reports on technical programmes

15.1 Regional Action Plan for Malaria Control and Elimination in the Western Pacific (2010–2015)

15.2 Dengue fever and dengue haemorrhagic fever prevention and control

15.3 Mental health

15.7 Expanded Programme on Immunization

The Director, Programme Management, presented reports on four WHO programmes—malaria control, dengue, the Expanded Programme on Immunization and mental health—noting that he would address essential medicines, the Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, human resources for health and the Meeting of Ministers of Health for the Pacific Island Countries in a later meeting. He asked Member States to note the progress detailed in the reports and invited their comments.

Interventions were made by representatives of the following Member States: France; Japan; Malaysia; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam.

III. OTHER MEETINGS

Thursday, 13 October 2011

17:15–onwards Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development to be hosted by WHO (Room 212)