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In Taiwan, a total of 939 notifiable infectious disease cases were reported last week, and among those 492 were acute and 447 were chronic; 68 cases died. As for the clustering on disease outbreaks, 6 outbreak events were reported. (3 Diarrhea, 2 Upper Respiratory Infection and 1 Influenza-like Infection)

Also, first case of Granulomatous Amebic Encephalitis caused by *Acanthamoeba castellanii* in Taiwan, the case was a previously healthy farmer, choking by slipping into a gully and muddy water, the patient was cured with the appropriate treatment through immediately clinical diagnosis and specimen examinations. Literature indicated that the mortality rate of patients with amebic encephalitis is very high because of difficulty diagnosis, it is suggested that physicians should considered amoebic encephalitis examinations for patients with unknown encephalitis. The case reports have been published in The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 2009 and Journal of Applied Microbiology, 2010.

International epidemic: Measles, Dengue Fever, Cholera, Meningococcal meningitis, Malaria, Ross River Virus and Polio broke out last week in Belgium, Macedonia, New Zealand, Maldives, Paraguay, Bolivia, Philippines, Sudan, China, Belarus, Zimbabwe, Australia, Germany, Japan, Thailand, Singapore and Côte d'Ivoire. Taiwan CDC reminds all travelers to these areas to take adequate precaution and preventive measures.

In conclusion, according to Taiwan CDC surveillance data, measles confirmed cases continued to occur, and some cases were infected by unknown sources, should strengthen to track the infection sources in order to prevent the epidemic continues to spread; Rubella should beware of imported cases; enterovirus epidemic season is about to begin, but the consultation rate is still low and influenza epidemic showed a steady decline; should continue closely monitoring the epidemic changes. The epidemic alert of this week is keep to yellow light signal.