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The total number of suspected cases of notifiable infectious diseases reported last week across Taiwan was 1003 that included 606 acute ones and 397 chronic. Also 9 cases died in the week. Besides, there were 4 outbreaks of clustering infections involving 43 individuals. These clusters comprised of 1 incident each of Dengue/Chikungunya fever, acute viral hepatitis, chicken pox, and upper respiratory tract infection.

Now, the domestic enterovirus endemic has entered the early stage of an epidemic period, and we predict that the situation would worsen rapidly from now on. Dengue fever remains to just have the very first and only confirmed indigenous case with its onset date on March 21 and no other confirmed cases. We will continue to pay close attention to it. As to the control of mosquito disease vector, as we indicated before that the average Breteau index of the worst 5 counties/cities of Southern Taiwan during the epidemic season last year was 5.25, the current average is 3.15, and the figures of Tainan County, Kaohsiung County, and Pingtung County are somewhat above that at 4.01, 3.33, and 5.36, respectively. The ad hoc epidemiology surveillance effort focusing on Kaohsiung World Game is running rather well so far with no abnormalities being spotted.

Based on all surveillance records and statistic data now available, the overall epidemic situation throughout Taiwan last week appeared to be quite stable. However, since news media revealed that disturbing outbreaks of influenza A (H1N1) infections occurred in Mexico, the United States, Canada, some European countries, New Zealand, and Korea, and WHO responded by raising its epidemic classification to the alarming 5th level already. For that reason, we've decided to have the epidemic alert index kept at orange colored warning light signal.