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The sum of suspected cases of notifiable infectious diseases reported in Taiwan last week turned out to be 790 cases, of which 384 were acute and 406 chronic. Besides, 33 such cases died over the week. As to the clustering outbreaks, other than quite a few novel influenza infection incidents, there were 2 incidents of Dengue fever and 1 incident of pertussis, both having been confirmed.

At present, both domestic endemic situations of enterovirus and Japanese encephalitis appear to be stable except 31 confirmed cases of indigenous Dengue fever broke out last week, and 29 of them were somewhat linked to Siaogang District of Kaohsiung City locality wise. These new outbreaks pushed the total of such Dengue fever category to 38 since the beginning of this summer. In addition, the mosquito disease vector indices of Kaohsiung City and County and Pingtung County showed up higher than the critical threshold, and appropriate measures should be taken to curb its further expansion. About the epidemiology surveillance particularly aiming at suffering people in areas struck by Typhoon Morakot a week earlier, we had a total of more than 33 thousand people looking for medical help (including 1,116 individuals staying at victim shelter centers), and the largest symptom category group was URI with about 7,000 cases counted, which is followed by some 2,500 patients with skin eruptions as the second largest group. All patients were given proper medical treatments. Other than that there were no other specific outbreaks worth noting.

International epidemic pictures: malaria showed up last week in Cambodia and India; Dengue fever epidemic still remained strong in Mexico, Sri Lanka, and Southeast Asian countries. Warning is given to Taiwanese travelers heading to those areas and urging them to take preventive measures.

According to surveillance data, we had many incidents of novel influenza infections last week, accompanying with uprising Dengue fever clusters and individual cases, plus the heavy tasks of post typhoon disaster disease control, the domestic epidemic alert index of this week is, therefore, kept at red warning light signal.