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Bilateral/Multilateral Joint Efforts and Networking to Cope with Infectious Diseases for Sustainable Development in Asia.

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Abstract (Should be no more than 150 words):

The incidence of emerging infectious diseases has increased and threatens to increase. It poses an overt threat to societies and their economies and does not respect international borders. Existing infectious diseases continue to add new challenges and have made the disease spectrum more complex. Many factors or combinations of factors contribute to disease emergence and re-emergence. Moreover, with globalization and high volume and high speed transportation systems permit pathogens to travel in a short period of time.

Malaysia has experienced and is able to respond and manage efficiently and effectively to infectious disease outbreaks, which had social, economic and global implications and have a dramatic negative impact on our tourist industry as well. From such outbreaks, we have learnt, gained and shared some experiences. We have established and further strengthened surveillance for infectious diseases, laboratory facilities and capabilities and addressing issues of inter-agency and multi-disciplinary for coordination, cooperation and collaboration for effective response.

In sustaining development with regard to infectious diseases, it is the need for sharing of information and resources, experiences and expertise. Bilateral or multilateral partnership and relationships need to be established with good coordination and collaboration in managing emerging or re-emergence infectious diseases.

