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Subject: Re: End of Aug Update on Activities in China

Thanks. Very interesting. We will assure we take into account for GAO visit. [REDACTED]

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On Sep 5, 2017, at 4:04 AM, "Chen, Ping (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi,

August had come and gone. I had reported on [REDACTED] visit and thanks everyone who had worked on providing briefing documents and background.

I attended the "Belt and Road" High Level Meeting for Health Cooperation: towards a Health Silk Road on Sept. 18. Vice Premier [REDACTED] outlined the principle and China's commitment to build the Health Silk Road, which is in alliance with China's Belt and Road Initiative by President Xi a few years ago. The new WHO director general [REDACTED] attended the meeting and praised Chinese's global health efforts, and support China's Health Silk Road initiative. A few foreign country health officials gave very short speech supporting and participating the health silk road network. USAID, NIH, CDC attended this meeting and we hope to produce a cable soon. I will share the information later.

Last week USAID, CDC, ESTH and I met with Gates Foundation, initially planned to talk about global Malaria eradication efforts to see if there is any area we can work together. But we ended talking in general Chinese policies and the foundation's current strategies in China--capacity building to help China raise its national standards and leverage China's resource to help others. One of the examples for raising the national standards is to help China FDA for its reform. Gates foundation has managed to work out a mechanism with China FDA to provide fund to China FDA for placing experienced Chinese-Americans who had worked at US FDA for many years to work in China FDA as senior consultants. These people play a key role for China FDA's reform such as the release of several draft documents on drug regulation reform in May 2017 for public comments (I invited two of them to attend our AMR workshop in Beijing). You have read the cable on Ambassador's meeting with China FDA's director general, [REDACTED], in which it mentioned that in the next month or so, we expect to see the release of policy in a form of opinion documents from the State Counsel as the results of finalizing these draft documents. I provide the summary of the draft documents that relevant to our research activities back in May or Jun. I think once these draft documents become policies, it would benefit our clinical activities in China.

On the approach for leveraging China's resource to help others, Gates Foundation is working with Chinese government on donations to its neighboring countries and African countries such as anti-malaria medicines, bed net, diagnostics etc. More specifically, it helps Chinese companies to gain pre-qualification on medications so that Chinese company manufactured drugs can be sold outside China, helps the Chinese to establish bilateral collaboration with specific countries in Africa, teaches the Chinese how to do resource mobilization, and helps raise China's voice of governance by placing representatives from China on important international counsels as high level commitment from China. I told them about NIAID's ICEMR program. Another officer from the foundation noticed one of the PIs for our ICEMR also receives the fund from the Foundation. I told them for the second time about the detection method for fake and substandard anti-malarial drugs developed by one of the PIs in ICEMR, hoping the foundation can help the professor develop it into a product. I think there is an interest by the foundation.

AMR planning is its final stage of preparation. Now Chinese are working on it and told me repeatedly things will be fine. I had discussion with them on covering Chinese invited speaker's travel. Their reaction is they normally don't (previous meetings they organized) pay for speaker's travel. They received a request from one invitee from a company and they told him he has to find his own fund to pay for the airfare. I know you are working on using OGR money to pay. I would ask at least to pay the airfare for two doctors from Huashan Hospital. Another item our Chinese partner brought up today is if we can print a meeting handout including brief bio and abstracts. I will try to ask but unlikely to have the abstract collected on time. I will ask the speakers at least mention their special area of interests and roles in AMR. Still waiting for the final confirmation from Chinese government officials.

Just met with a group from the Global Virome Project (GVP) which is funded partially by USAID. The head of the project, [REDACTED] of EcoHealth Alliance, is an NIAID funded PI. His collaborator at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China has done excellent work on corona viruses in Chinese bat populations. Just heard the story that because of her research on corona viruses the scientists were able to quickly identify the virus that caused rapid death of thousands of farmed pigs in Guangdong province in China recently. It was one kind of corona viruses that has been identified in bats. [REDACTED] is the lead on GVP in China, trying to get some funding from China's "Belts and Roads" Initiative. [REDACTED] is on the board of GVP (He came to Beijing to attend a GVP meeting in March this year). During [REDACTED] visit to NIAID in Oct, [REDACTED] may mention GVP project to [REDACTED] seeking NIAID support. Maybe should have [REDACTED] (he knows George) at the meeting. Embassy is very interested in this project as it is one of the areas that US and China can work together without much political confrontation. And GVP is in alliance with GHSA. During the meeting embassy staff brought up three high level US-China interactive events: the social and cultural dialogue possibly at the end of Sept and possibly led by Vice Premier [REDACTED], who will meet with Secretary Price and GHSA will be on the meeting agenda, thus, possibly include GVP. The next GHSA ministerial meeting in Kampala in Oct. [REDACTED] will attend--another opportunity to meet Chinese counterpart and to discuss GHSA and possibly GVP. The third event is possible Trump's visit to China in Nov. Emerging infectious disease poses threat to both societies and two countries should work

together. Of course, there are many complicated issues such as data ownership, sample collections and exporting / importing, funding, etc. BGI--Beijing Genomics Institute has agreed to carry out 30-40% sequencing for GVP, which has a target of collecting 85% viruses found in mammals and water birds. BGI is located in Shenzhen. A site visit to BGI has been suggested by [REDACTED].

I have a few things to follow for the EID meeting in Shenzhen, waiting for responses from our Chinese co-sponsors.

Very busy time.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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