



MINISTER OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

PRESS STATEMENT

TOKYO MEETING OF HEALTH MINISTERS ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (AMR) IN ASIA

Antimicrobial resistance is an alarming global public health threat which refers to resistance of a microorganism to an antimicrobial drug that was originally effective for treatment of infections caused by it due to the injudicious and irresponsible use of these drugs. Without prompt and coordinated action, the world might be heading back towards the pre-antibiotics era in where there are no longer effective drugs for the common infections which can lead to death. Furthermore, the pipeline of antibiotic development is nearly dry and antibiotics research cites high cost with no promising returns.

I will be attending the Tokyo Meeting of Health Ministers on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Asia on 16th April 2016. It is hosted by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare Japan, His Excellency Mr. Yasuhisa Shiozaki. The meeting will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo. The meeting aims to share experiences and identify approaches and attributes for developing national multisectoral plans to combat antimicrobial resistance; and to frame a ministerial statement to promote the antimicrobial resistance agenda to be presented at the G7 summit in May 2016.

Thank you.

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