**MoHS Statement on COVID0-19 (4.1.2020 – 16.3.2020) (16 March 2020, 8:15PM) (**[**Link**](https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar/photos/pcb.3252630764766206/3252634438099172/?type=3&theater)**)**

***(Unofficial translation by OCHA)***

1. **Global Situation Update on COVID-19**

**World Health Organization (WHO) updated as below (as of 15:30 Myanmar Standard Time on 14 March 2019**).

* Countries with confirmed cases - 144
* Laboratory-confirmed cases globally - 153,517
* Deaths globally - 5,735
* Death rate globally - 3.8%
* **Countries with high cases/deaths**

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| No | Country | Since the outbreak | |
| Laboratory-confirmed | Death |
| 1 | China | 81,048 | 3,204 |
| 2 | Italy | 21,157 | 1,441 |
| 3 | Iran | 12,729 | 608 |
| 4 | Republic of Korea | 8,162 | 75 |
| 5 | Spain | 5,753 | 136 |
| 6 | France | 4,469 | 91 |
| 7 | Germany | 3,795 | 8 |
| 8 | Switzerland | 1,359 | 11 |
| 9 | England | 1,144 | 21 |
| 10 | Netherland | 959 | 12 |
| 11 | Sweden | 924 | - |
| 12 | Norway | 907 | 1 |
| 13 | Denmark | 827 | - |
| 14 | Austria | 800 | 1 |
| 15 | Japan | 780 | 22 |
| 16 | Belgium | 689 | - |

* It is learned from the WHO Situation Report 55 that 80 Countries where local transmission of COVID-19 found are:

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| N | Regions regarded by WHO | Countries |
| 1 | The West Pacific | 10 |
| 2 | Europe | 36 |
| 3 | The Middle East | 11 |
| 4 | America | 12 |
| 5 | Africa | 4 |
| 6 | Territories | 1 |
| 7 | The South East Asia | 6 |

* 58% of global cases and 84% of global deaths outside China are found in Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy.
* According to WHO, although the cases in China have dropped, the cases of infected people globally outside China have increased 13 times, and the cases of countries to three times within last two weeks.
* Currently, the COVID-19 has not been detected in 50 UN member states including Myanmar.

1. **Situation of COVID-19 in Myanmar (from 31 January to 16 March 2020, 12:00 PM)**

* PUI – 133 (including two suspects)
* Tested negative – 123
* Pending – 10

1. There were a total of 133 patients – 54 in Yangon Region, 21 in Shan State, 26 in Mandalay Region and 32 in other states/regions, between 31 January 2020 and 16 March 2020.
2. COVID-19 spreads through the respiratory droplets, and by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it. Hence, to stop transmitting, be advised as below:
3. Cover your mouth and nose using tissues or your elbow;
4. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or with hand sanitizers unless soaps are available;
5. Visit doctors when suffering from cough, exhausion, and/or with fever;
6. Being quarantined as soon as symptoms occur. By doing so, transmission to other families and the public can be stopped. Hence, the public is encouraged to collaborate with MoHS.

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