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**WOAH Regional Information Sharing Meeting on Molecular Epidemiology
Techniques (MET) for Rabies**

*In association with the Changchun Veterinary Research Institute (CVRI), WOA Reference
Laboratory for Rabies, China P.R.*

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

2–5pm JST

Topic	Presenter(s)
Opening remarks	Dr Hirofumi Kugita, WOA Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific
Overview of meeting agenda and icebreaker	Dr Lesa Thompson, WOA RRAP
Panorama of rabies virus (RABV) transmission in Southeast and South Asia through systematic phylogenetic analysis	Dr Changchun Tu , WOA Expert for Rabies, CVRI, China P.R.
Putting theory into practice: outcomes of collaboration with CVRI	Dr Jeffrey Cruz , Philippines
WOAH Reference Laboratory support: Diagnostics on wildlife samples from Sri Lanka	Dr Shrikrishna Isloor , WOA Expert for Rabies, KVAFSU, India
Updates from Members on laboratory progress and phylogenetic analysis since previous MET training	South Asia: Sri Lanka South-East Asia: Indonesia , Malaysia , Myanmar , Philippines , Thailand , Vietnam
<i>Break</i>	
Plenary discussion on the impact of rabies MET <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges and successes - Addressing remaining gaps and technical difficulties - Collaborations (example of FTA technology for no-risk transportation of rabies samples) 	Chair: Dr Changchun Tu - Dr Feng Ye
Future rabies MET workplan in the region (discussion/Mentimeter®)	Facilitated by WOA RRAP
Mentimeter® survey on MET and meeting evaluation	Facilitated by WOA RRAP
Wrap up remarks and close webinar	Dr Changchun Tu
<i>Close webinar</i>	