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Vaccination Strategies to prevent and control HPAI: Removing unnecessary barriers for usage



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After graduating in Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from National Taiwan University in 2013, Dr. Jeremy Ho joined the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government as a Veterinary Officer in January 2014. Dr. Ho has worked in the Tai Lung Veterinary Laboratory since 2014 focusing on works related to molecular diagnostics and veterinary pathology, primarily handling cases related to avian influenza (AI). In 2018, Dr. Ho was seconded to work in the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Regional Representation for Asia Pacific in Tokyo for around 5 months to assist in various regional events. After his return to Hong Kong, he was subsequently posted to the Animal Health Division in AFCD in 2019 to oversee the local chicken farms and pig farms in Hong Kong, and has been responsible to monitor AI vaccination and biosecurity standards in chicken farms since then. From 2020 – 2022, Dr. Ho has also worked with the City University of Hong Kong as a consultancy team member and contributed in the development and the publication of a number of regional or international guidelines for WOAH and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in relation to African swine fever. In 2022, being the field veterinarian, Dr. Ho has been working to update the H5/H7 AI vaccine being used in local chicken farms in Hong Kong with a view to better protect vaccinated flocks against currently circulating strains of AI viruses in the region.

