

# R-FETPV

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## USAID Delegation Visits Singburi Province to Observe R-FETPV Field Epidemiologists



“ Thanks to USAID and the R-FETPV program for transforming my life and connecting me with amazing vets! Epidemiology is intense, demanding and mostly male-dominated. But here I am, it is not as tough as it seems. Proud to inspire future female epidemiologists and promote One Health! ”

Dr. Nattanan Thuamsuwan (she/her),  
FETPV alumni 2016 and One Health Champion

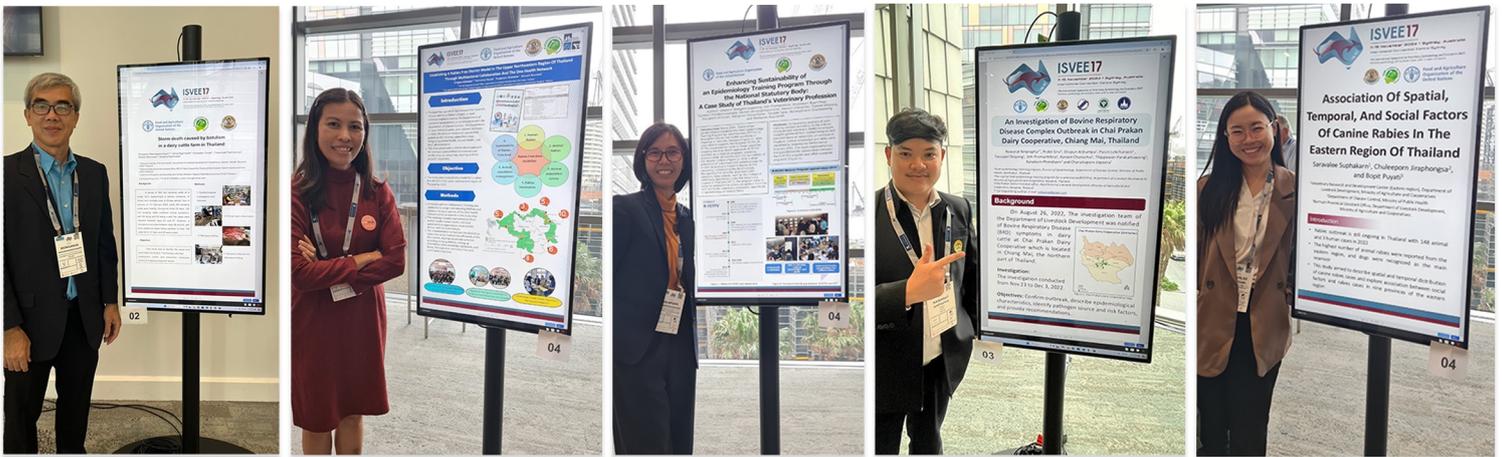
The Regional Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (R-FETPV), supported by USAID for over 15 years, has trained over 200 veterinarians. These alumni play a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing the program's impact.



On October 10, 2024, USAID officials visited Singburi Province for an insightful field study focused on the work of veterinarians under the Regional Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (R-FETPV). Dr. Nattanan Thuamsuwan, an R-FETPV alumnus, led the tour, showcasing how public health and animal health agencies collaborate on the ground. The visit emphasized the vital role of field epidemiologists in disease surveillance and outbreak response, highlighting the program's success in bridging these critical sectors.

## R-FETPV Participants Shine at ISVEE17 in Sydney, Australia

From November 11 to 15, 2024, R-FETPV trainees and mentors represented Thailand at the 17th International Symposium on Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE17) in Sydney. The biennial conference provided a global platform for sharing knowledge in veterinary epidemiology and economics.



Officials from Thailand's Department of Livestock Development (DLD) contributed their expertise and highlighted the country's efforts in animal disease control. This international exposure not only boosted their knowledge but also opened doors for future collaborations. The 6 DLD representatives who attended the event included:



1. Sith Premashthira – Bureau of Disease Control and Veterinary Services
2. Wonganun Narongwanichgarn – National Institute of Animal Health
3. Orapun Arjkumpa – 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Livestock Office (Upper Northeastern Region)
4. Vilaiporn Wongphruksasung – National Institute of Animal Health
5. Nawarat Ninprapha – Nan Provincial Livestock Office
6. Saravalee Suphakarn – Veterinary Research and Development Center, Eastern Region

This participation marks a significant milestone in strengthening Thailand's veterinary field through international exchange and collaboration.

## **R-FETPV Conducts Successful 3<sup>rd</sup> Module Training for Field Epidemiology Veterinarians**



From November 18 to December 5, 2024, the R-FETPV held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Module Training, welcoming its 14<sup>th</sup> cohort of participants. The advanced training, which attracted attendees from Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand, focused on enhancing skills in data analysis, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and presentation techniques.

Participants had the opportunity to present their research at the R-FETPV Scientific Conference, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange. The program also included a selection process for those interested in pursuing postgraduate studies in field epidemiology at partner universities. This training underscores R-FETPV's role in developing veterinary professionals to address emerging global health challenges.

## R-FETPV Scientific Conference 2024: A Gathering for Advancing Animal Disease Control in the Asia-Pacific



The R-FETPV Scientific Conference, held from December 2–4, 2024, at the Centara Grand Central Ladprao in Bangkok, brought together veterinarians and researchers from across the Asia-Pacific region. The conference, opened by Dr. Boonyagith Pinprasong, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Livestock Development, featured insightful presentations on animal epidemiology, disease investigations, and control measures for diseases like rabies, swine diseases, and aquatic animal health.

Keynote lectures by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sonthaya Tiawsirisup and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Theera Rukkwamsuk highlighted critical topics such as vector-borne diseases and hemorrhagic septicemia control. This event, co-organized by the FAO and the DLD, reinforced the importance of international cooperation in building sustainable epidemiological expertise to manage animal diseases across the region.

## R-FETPV Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Module Training on Animal Outbreak Investigation



From November 27 to December 21, 2024, the R-FETPV conducted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Module Training on Animal Disease Epidemiology, gathering 11 participants from 15th cohort for an in-depth experience. The training included crucial topics such as value chain analysis for disease risk management and presentation preparation. A key highlight was the hands-on demonstration of disease outbreak investigations in Phetchabun Province.

The opening ceremony, attended by Dr. Kraikaew Kamdee, Acting Director of the Phetchabun Provincial Livestock Office, set the tone for an engaging learning experience. Thanks to the collaboration of local agencies, farmers, and local DLD officials, the training offered invaluable field experience, equipping participants with the skills to respond to animal disease outbreaks effectively.