Regional Workshop for Veterinary Education Establishment (VEEs) and Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSBs)  
Incheon, Korea (Rep. of), 31 August to 1 September 2017

RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDERING THAT:

1. that the OIE continues to support the strengthening of the Veterinary Services (VS), Veterinary Education Establishments (VEEs) and Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSBs) globally and regionally through its global programme for PVS pathway, VEE and VSB twinning projects, global conferences, and other initiatives;

2. there has been significant progress in the implementation of OIE guidelines, recommendations and standards on VEE and VSB globally as reported during the 4th Global Conference on Veterinary Education held in Bangkok, Thailand on 24-26 June 2016;

3. the members in East Asia sub-region have provided benchmark information on the status of their VEE and VSB during this workshop;

4. the OIE recommendations and guidelines on veterinary education, namely Day 1 Competencies and Core Curriculum, are being used globally to improve the existing programmes and curricula;

5. Significant progress has been obtained among ASEAN member states on networking and/or harmonization of VEEs and VSBs through series of workshops organized by OIE SRR SEA, this is the
first opportunity for East Asian members to share information on this topic after the East Asia CVOs Forum recognized Veterinary Education as one of priority issue in its 1st meeting in Tokyo, Japan, in July 2016,

THE MEETING RECOMMEND:

1. Members to continue to implement programmes in strengthening Veterinary Services through the adoption of OIE standards and guidelines, taking into account the significant role of VEE and VSB in the strengthening of Veterinary Services;

2. Members to continue to implement the recommendations of the 4th Global Conference on Veterinary Education held in Bangkok, Thailand, June 2016;

3. VEEs to continue to improve curriculum development through the adoption of OIE recommendations and guidelines for Veterinary Education, learning from other VEEs in the region especially those who have experienced OIE VEE twinning projects, and encourage VEEs to explore the possibility to apply for twinning projects.

4. The OIE to continue its efforts in developing recommendations on minimum competencies and guidelines on core training curricula for veterinary paraprofessionals, actively communicate about the on-going work and, once such work is completed, encourage Members to use them to strengthen their veterinary services.

5. Members to closely follow the progress of OIE’s on-going work on VPPs and actively participate in the Regional Conference on VPP in Asia to be held in Bangkok in December 2017 to provide their experience of the work of VPPs and share their challenges
6. Members to further discuss on the development of guidelines for continuing veterinary education in close cooperation with national and regional veterinary associations and veterinary authorities and in consultation with OIE.

7. Members to strengthen in-country collaboration among the VS, VEE, VSB and VA through regular consultations and dialogues;

8. Members to enhance cooperation among VEEs and VSBs in the Asia Pacific region, and at the Sub-regional level where appropriate, through continuous exchange of expertise, information and face-to-face meetings to address specific issues and the proposals of the group-work report in this meeting (annexed to the summary);

9. OIE to work closely with existing regional VEE organizations such as AAVS and SEAVSA, and also with regional and global veterinary professional organizations such FAVA and WVA, in the improvement of veterinary curriculum through the implementation of OIE guidelines and recommendations;

THE MEETING THANKED:

1. The Government of The Republic of Korea through Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) for hosting the Regional Workshop for Veterinary Education Establishments (VEEs) and Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSBs); as well as the Korean Veterinary Medical Association and the World Veterinary Congress for their support of the workshop, and partners and observers for their active participation.