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Written Statement of Dr. Melissa Ho

1. I am the microbiologist working in Kwong Wah Hospital. I have the following professional qualifications : MBBS (Rangoon), F.H.K.C. Path, F.H.K.A.M.
2. On 22nd February 2003, Saturday, a doctor (AA) from Mainland China working in Chung San hospital was admitted to Kwong Wah Hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) through our Accident & Emergency department (A&E department). AA had a history of contact with atypical pneumonia patients in China. AA
3. The Intensive Care Unit reported the case to HAHO as a Severe Community Acquired Pneumonia (CAP), according to HAHO guidelines, on Saturday.
4. The Intensive Care Unit nurse phoned and informed the Infection Control Nurse (ICN) about the case.
5. The ICN visited the Intensive Care Unit, filled in the clinical record form with AA's clinical details and faxed the form to the Secretariat IFIC and to Dr Dominic Tsang (subject officer for severe CAP working group) at 6:40 p.m. on 22 February 2003.
6. On 3rd March 2003, Monday, a meeting was held with Dr. C C Luk, the Intensive Care Unit director and other senior doctors of M&G Department, GM (Nursing), myself and ICN.
7. We discussed about atypical pneumonia cases and their isolation. Agreement was reached whereby an alert mechanism would be set up at the A&E department and the following cases would be notified by A&E to the admission office to initiate direct admission into isolation room :-
 - (i) severe CAP cases requiring ventilation or under ICU care
 - (ii) severe CAP cases with history of travel to China or history of exposure to persons with severe pneumonia who had been in China or
 - (iii) severe CAP cases with exposure to poultry
8. On 3rd March 2003, AA's brother-in-law was reported by Kwong Wah Hospital to the Secretariat IFIC (HAHO) as a severe CAP case.
9. I also informed Dr Dominic Tsang about the cases of AA's sister and brother-in-law.

10. Dr Dominic Tsang informed me that open lung biopsy would be done for ^{AA} [redacted]'s brother-in-law on 4th March 2003 and asked me to arrange for specimens to be sent to both the Department of Health (DH) and Queen Mary Hospital laboratories. These steps were taken.
11. On 4th March 2003, Dr Dominic Tsang, myself and other doctor visited the Intensive Care Unit where cases of severe CAP were discussed with the ICU director and other ICU doctors.
12. ^{AA} [redacted] passed away on 4th March 2003. Subsequently, it was confirmed that ^{AA} [redacted] was a SARS case.

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