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Cautionary Notification

This cautionary notification pertains to the outbreak of pneumonia caused by a new coronavirus in Wuhan, Hubei Province in China.

As per World Health Organization's report, there is no significant human-to-human transmission, and no infections among health care workers have occurred till date. However, if you have one or more of following symptoms with travel history to the affected areas (**Wuhan**, **Hubei Province in China**) within 14 days, you should report to the nearest health center:

- 1. Fever
- 2. Cough
- 3. Runny nose
- 4. Sore throat
- 5. Shortness of breath

To reduce the risk of infections while travelling in or from affected areas, travelers should:

- Avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections
- Practice frequent hand-washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment
- Avoid close contact with live or dead farm or wild animals
- Travelers with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, wash hands)

As a measure to strengthen the surveillance at the Paro International Airport, thermal fever scanner is in place at the arrival and all are requested to kindly cooperate with the health workers stationed at the airport.

This is also to note that there is no travel or trade restriction to the affected areas based on the information currently available on this event.

The Ministry of Health is closely monitoring the situation.

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i. PS to Hon'ble Lyonpo, MoH, for kind appraisal