

PRESS RELEASE

HAND-FOOT-MOUTH DISEASE

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I would like to touch on the following issues during this press conference

1. Statistics on Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) as of 24/03/2006 at 10.00am:

Total cumulative reported cases : 6,424

Divisions with the highest number of cumulative cases are as follows:

1. Sibu	- 2,041	4. Kuching	- 773
2. Miri	- 957	5. Sarikei	- 560
3. Bintulu	- 825	6. Mukah	- 545

Total new reported cases : 218

Divisions with the highest number of new cases are as follows:

1. Sarikei	- 50	4. Kapit	- 26
2. Miri	- 39	5. Sibu	- 24
3. Mukah	- 27	6. Bintulu	- 19

Total number of cumulative admissions : 1,032

Divisions with the highest number of cumulative admission are as follows:

1. Sibu	- 419	4. Miri	- 81
2. Bintulu	- 129	5. Kapit	- 74
3. Mukah	- 87	6. Sarikei	- 72

No. of new admission : 57

1. Sarikei Hospital	- 19	4. Mukah Hospital	- 7
2. Sibu Hospital	- 9	5. Bintulu	- 6
3. Kapit Hospital	- 8		

No. of HFMD patients still in the ward : 103

The hospital with the highest number of patients in the ward are :

1. Sarikei	- 32	4. Mukah Hospital	- 12
2. Sibu Hospital	- 21	5. Bintulu Hospital	- 7
3. Kapit Hospital	- 16		

2. Ill Cases

There is no ill case today

3. Other Related Measure With HFMD Outbreak

- i. Nine primary schools were closed, seven schools from Sarikei Division (SK Sentebu, SK Kung Cheng, SK Mador, SK Ulu Meradong, SK Bukit Kinyau, SK Agama & SK Sarikei) and another two from Limbang Division (SK Batu Danau & SK Gadong).
- ii. All pre-schools i.e TABIKA, TADIKA, TASKA and other child care centers will continue to be closed for another one week from Monday, 27 March 2006 until Sunday, 2 April 2006.