

MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (23 February 2020, 8:00PM) ([Link](#))
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1. The Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) has been working on monitoring and preventive measures of the COVID-19, which has been spreading in China and some countries in the world, at international entrances/gates, at public hospitals and among communities, as well as in cooperation with private hospitals.
2. There was no new Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19 in Regions/States between 8:00 PM of 22 February 2020 and 8:00 PM of 23 February 2020.
3. According to the result of the designated laboratory as of 6:00 PM on 23 February 2020, there were five PUIs at designated hospitals of relevant Regions/States to keep under further 48 hours according to guidelines, although they had tested negative for COVID-19. They all were in good health.
4. The MoHS has been monitoring the cases of COVID-19 and ensured that the following cases were not relevant to the COVID-19.
 - (a) A 41-year-old Chinese national flew from Ruili of Yunnan Province in China to Myanmar on 31 January 2020 and arrived in Ye Town of Mon State in Myanmar on 14 February 2020. On the morning of 22 February, the Chinese man blacked out and collapsed while getting on a car at Seikkalay Village in Ye Town. At the Ye Township Hospital, the man was examined and found that he had bleeding in the brain. No acute respiratory symptoms were found. The patient passed away at around 11:05 AM while he was being transferred to Mawlamyine Hospital. According to the post-mortem examination at the Yangon Hospital, the cause of the death was brain hemorrhage due to elevated blood pressure.
 - (b) A 24-year-old man, who returned from South Korea and arrived at Yangon International Airport at 5:40 AM on 23 February 2020, stated on the YBS Bus on the way home from the airport that he thought he was infected with COVID-19. Therefore, a team of medical staff from Public Health Department went and examined him. It was found that he had no fever (only 35.2 C of body temperature) and no other acute respiratory symptoms but was sent to Weibargi Hospital for further investigation and health care at 8:30 on 23 February 2020. According to examination by special doctors, the patient was found with no symptoms of COVID-19 but continued to be treated as an out-patient as he was so concerned.

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