

Enhancing International Partnership in Food Safety: ~ The Local Experience ~

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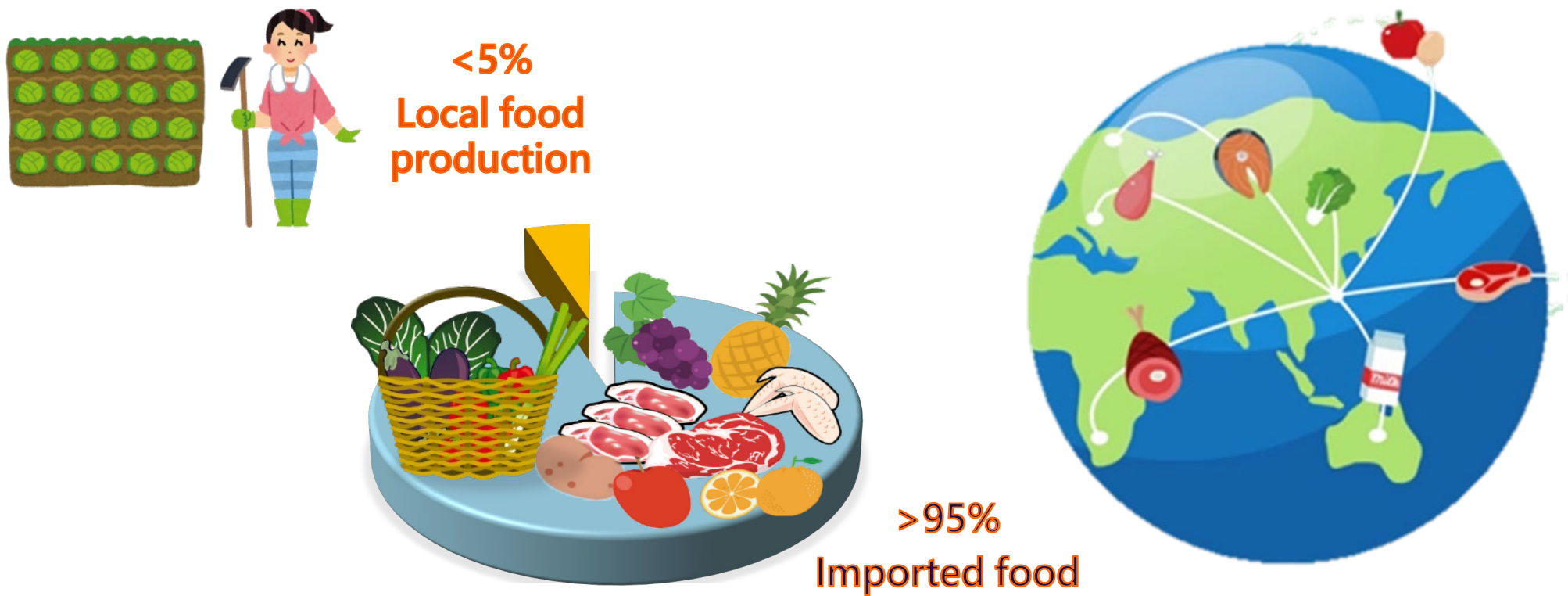
Centre for Food Safety

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

The Government of the Hong Kong SAR, China



Hong Kong Imports Over 95% of Its Food



International partnership is essential to ensure food safety in Hong Kong

Centre for Food Safety (CFS)



- Established in 2006
- Adopts a food safety risk analysis framework
- **Multi-disciplinary team of professionals:**
 - ✓ Public health physicians and nurses
 - ✓ Veterinarians
 - ✓ Food chemists and scientists (biotechnologists, microbiologists, nutritionists, toxicologists, etc)
 - ✓ Health inspectors
 - ✓ Others
- **Partnership** with stakeholders especially trade and consumers



Risk Assessment

Partnership to Support WHO and Western Pacific Region

WHO Collaborating Centre (WHOCC)

CFS is designated as WHOCC for Risk Analysis of Chemicals in Food since 2010

- To contribute to the WHO Global Environment Monitoring System / Food Contamination Monitoring and Assessment Programme (**GEMS/Food**)
- To provide **training** on food safety risk assessment
- To assist WHO in strengthening **food testing services support** to other countries

Partnership to Share Knowledge

Total Diet Studies (TDS)

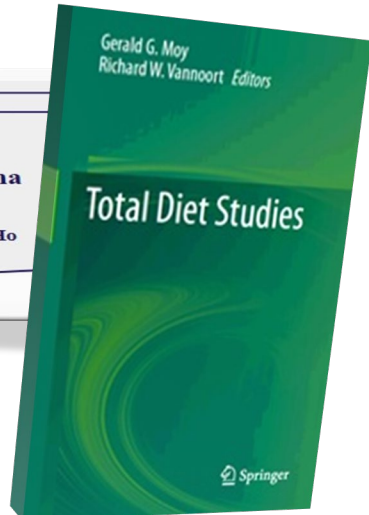
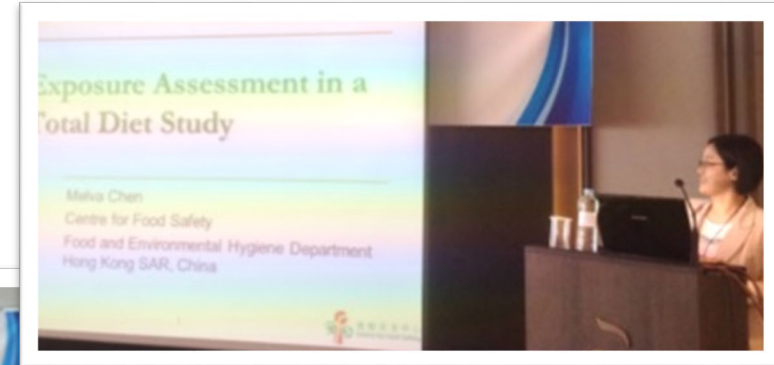
- TDS is recognised internationally as the most cost-effective way to estimate the dietary intake of chemicals across the entire diet and to characterize associated risk to public health.
- CFS collaborated with WHO organized an international TDS workshop



Partnership to Share Experience

Total Diet Studies (TDS)

- CFS conducted first TDS in Hong Kong, published 1st TDS study reports in CFS website and technical papers in peer review journals
- Shared experience in International TDS Workshop
- Contributed a chapter on Hong Kong's experience



Chapter 24
The First Total Diet Study in Hong Kong, China
Waiky W.K. Wong, Ying Xiao, Stephen W.C. Chung and Y.Y. Ho

Partnership to Share Data

Total Diet Studies (TDS)

- Data also submitted to GEMS/Food
 - To support the establishment of **international food safety standards** by contributing food chemical exposure data
 - **Local data** would also be taken into account in the international standard



Risk Management

Partnership to React Rapidly

Food Incident Surveillance System

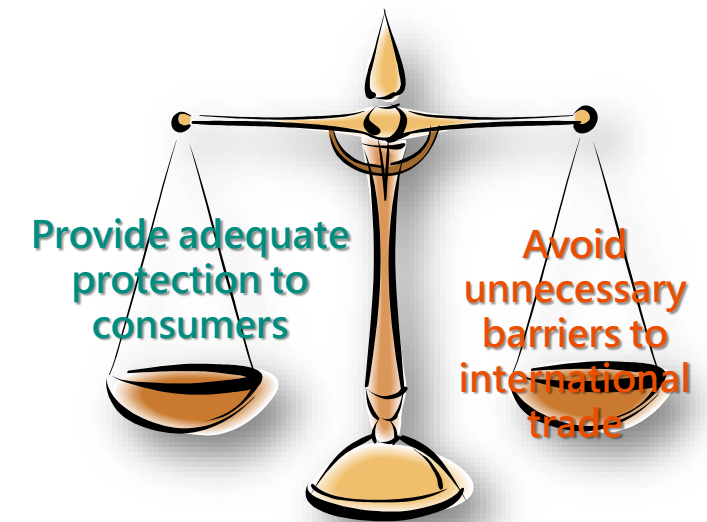
- CFS collects information of food incidents with potential food safety implications from multiple sources
 - International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN)
 - Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) of the EU
 - Overseas food safety authorities
 - Consulates-General
- To remove potentially dangerous products from the market in a **timely manner**



Partnership on International Food Standards (1)

Codex Alimentarius Commission

- Representatives from CFS participate in Codex meetings and working groups as members of China delegation
 - To keep abreast of the latest **international food standards**
 - To establish international partnership in food safety
- Codex standards form the backbone in setting local food safety standards



Partnership on International Food Standards (2)

- Assist in organizing CCFA meetings



53rd Session of Codex Committee on Food Additive



46th Session of Codex Committee on Food Additive

Risk Communication

Building Partnership Through Communication

- Organising International and Regional Symposiums and Meetings

Seminar on Enhancing International Partnership in Food Safety

Regional Symposium: "From Food Incidents to Crisis Management"

Regional Symposium: "Food Claims: Truth and Myth"

3rd Regional meeting of INFOSAN members in Asia

International Symposium on Safety and Uses of Food Additives

International Symposium on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food



Building Partnership through Experience Sharing (1)



Technical training on risk analysis for the SAARC countries 2013,
New Delhi, India, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Building Partnership through Experience Sharing (2)



BIREGIONAL ADVOCACY MEETING ON RISK MITIGATION IN TRADITIONAL FOOD MARKETS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION (2021)

Building Partnership through Experience Sharing (3)



Enhancing INFOSAN in Asia and
Implementation of Regional Food Safety Strategies

Building Partnership Through Exchange of Expert Opinion

Expert Committee on Food Safety

- Members from local, Mainland China and overseas
- To advise on various aspects on food safety

Mainland China

- Professor CHEN Jun-shi
- Dr KAN Xuegui
- Professor QIAO Xiong-wu
- Professor YE Gui-biao
- Professor WU Yong-ning

Australia

- Dr Marion Joy HEALY
- Dr Paul BRENT
- Dr Scott CRERAR

New Zealand

- Professor Steve HATHAWAY

Germany

- Professor Andreas HENSEL

Singapore

- Dr CHUA Sin-bin
- Dr CHEW Siang Thai

Partnership for Synergy

Food Safety Day (Hong Kong)

- An annual signature event organised by CFS
- Echoes World Food Safety Day to celebrate the events globally in June



World Food Safety Day

- 1st World Food Safety Day celebrated on 7 June 2019
- Every 7 June is a time to celebrate the myriad benefits of safe food

International Partnership in Ensuring Food Safety



Thank you!