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Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)

Dear Mr. REYES,

Re: Report on MRSA infection in Filipinos

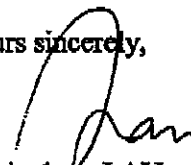
Thank you for your letter dated 25 February 2009.

Concerning the report on "MRSA infection on Filipinos" made by *The Standard* on 25 February 2009, we would like to clarify that the article does not represent the views of CHP. Like other communicable diseases, statistics of community-associated methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (CA-MRSA) infection has been regularly published through CHP website and the Communicable Diseases Watch (CDW) since Jan 2007 when CA-MRSA was made notifiable. The latest report on CA-MRSA is attached for your information.

For the 274 cases reported to the CHP in 2008, the majority of them were Chinese (59%). Caucasians, Filipino and other ethnicities comprised 13%, 14% and 14% of the cases respectively. Further studies are needed to explain the observation that some ethnic groups were found to be over-represented in the notified cases. CHP also issued a press release on 26 Feb 2009 to clarify the issue with the media and the public.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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