

# The Threat of Bird Flu



Bird flu has infected human since 2003 mainly in the Southeast Asia, and then has expanded onto Central Asia, Europe, and Africa since Jan. 2006. In May 2006, infection from human to human has been confirmed by WHO in Indonesia.

Based on an analysis made by WHO, it is becoming increasingly likely that bird flu virus would mutate into a type that would easily be infected from man to man, and is expected that once it becomes wide spread, 5 – 150 million people would die from it all over the world.

The number of cases where it had been determined that human was infected by highly-pathogenic bird flu type A (H5N1) had been 379 persons as of Apr. 8th, 2008, and deaths had totaled to 239 persons among them.

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# Protecting Businesses from the New-type Flu

**We propose you to stock  
antivirus masks as part of  
your countermeasure**

## Specific countermeasures to be considered by businesses

### ■ Restricting contacts

- ◆ Flexible working hours
- ◆ Home-based working style
- ◆ Cancelling or postponing unnecessary or non-urgent meetings or trainings
- ◆ Conference calls, video conferences

### ■ Stocking supplies at company

- ◆ Protective supplies such as **masks**, gloves, and soaps
- ◆ Supplies such as emergency food or drinking water

### ■ Infection prevention and health control for the employees

- ◆ Health control for the employees and their families
- ◆ Wearing masks and encouraging hand washing
- ◆ Stocking protective supplies and food at home
- ◆ Taking flu shots

**Prepare in advance  
before they get unavailable!**