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FLU - IS IT JUST FOR THE BIRDS?

There has been a lot of interest and alarm in the media about the emergence of a new strain of influenza which is feared could be as lethal as the 1918 H1N1 influenza pandemic which killed more than 30 million people worldwide.

Although most people think of "just a flu", the reality is that according to NUS researchers "regular influenza" kills hundreds of Singaporeans every year - predominantly older individuals.

The fear is that a new strain of influenza will emerge from birds that we humans have no immunity to. In that scenario, the number of people who die from influenza will be much higher and it will include a number of younger people. This fear has risen because of what seems to be an uncontrolled epidemic of avian flu in birds which fortunately has rarely affected humans.

Many of the factors which could turn avian influenza into pandemic influenza are beyond our control, but as informed individuals, we can prepare personally and influence decision makers into taking actions which minimise the damage to the world.

The writer of the above and the speaker for the evening, **Dr Paul Tambyah**, is the **Head of Infectious Diseases Department at NUS/NUH**. He is also the author of more than 200 medical publications and serve and have served on many healthcare and infectious committees here and in the United States.

Dr Tambyah has also won numerous awards for teaching, service and research.

Date : **11th January 2006 (Wednesday)**

Time : **6.45 pm onwards, fellowship**

7.15 pm Dinner

8 pm Talk on Avian Flu & Q&A

Venue : **NUSS GUILD HOUSE**

3 Temasek Boulevard

Tower 4 Suntec City

(L5 Above Carrefour)

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