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○ The Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) has released the results of the epidemiological investigation on the confirmed cases (5 th , 6 th , and 7 th cases)
○ The 5 th confirmed case, 33-year-old Korean male, had visited Wuhan and returned on 24 January. He did not have any symptoms on the day of arrival but developed malaise on 26 th . The contacts of the case were 10 in total including his family members, one of which(#9 confirmed case) was tested positive of 2019 novel Coronavirus(2019-nCoV) on 31 st January.
○ The 6 th confirmed case, 55-year-old Korean male, dined together with the 3 rd confirmed case on 22 January. He have been under active monitoring since the 3 rd case was confirmed on 26 th , and he tested positive on 30 th . A total of eight contacts were isolated in home, two of which(#10 and #11 confirmed cases), his family members, got tested positive on 31 st . In-depth investigation on these additional cases are currently underway.
○ The 7 th confirmed case, 28-year-old Korean male, had visited Wuhan and returned to Korea via Qingdao on 23 January. He developed the symptoms on 26 th . Two contacts including the family member, are ioslated in home.
○ KCDC has also confirmed the 8 th case, a 62-year-old Korean female returning from Wuhan via Qingdao on 23 January. She is currently isolated at the national designated isolation hospital. The epidemiological investigation is being conducted.
○ As of 31 January, the confirmed cases in Korea are 11 in total.
○ WHO declared Public Health Emergency of International Concern on the current outbreak of 2019-nCoV on 30 January. KCDC updated risk assessment and strengthened the response measures accordingly.
* Link to the further information in Korea : https://www.cdc.go.kr/board/board.es?mid=a20501000000&bid=0015
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