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Health organizations including the Center of Disease Control had made their recommendations to Hong Kong authorities — slaughter every bird within its border. As the end of the lease approached, and by the time of serious negotiations over the future status of Hong Kong in the 1980s, it was thought impractical to separate the ceded territories and return only the New Territories to China. This system would extend current capabilities beyond those of the existing WHO Flu-Net by ensuring the existence of resources e.

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The evidence presented was clear: Since May, avian flu had affected birds in a small region of the nation. Second, National Health Authorities of WHO member nations might then make these commitments: to invite WHO team s to carry out investigations of pandemic threats without delay, agree with the Terms of Reference for the task force and its investigating teams, and designate national organizations to assist investigating teams.

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That controversy and other, seemingly innocuous disputes—ranging from the trading of parallel goods across the Shenzhen-Hong Kong border to shortages of maternity ward beds due to the influx of mainland Chinese women seeking to give birth in the territory—instilled a desire for a local government willing to stand up for local needs. Because influenza pandemic threats affect more than one country, facilitating multicountry studies could save critical time in the risk assessment process.

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In fact, as early as the mid-1970s, Hong Kong had faced additional risks raising loans for large-scale infrastructure projects such as its MTR system and a new airport. Epidemiologists began to unravel the mystery once they became aware of the Avian Flu outbreaks in the Northern Hong Kong.

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