Establishing a Standardized Travelers' Electronic Health Summary Template (TET)

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Travelers in the APEC Region

- One-quarter of world international visitor arrivals (from APEC tourism working group)
- Fast-paced economies with huge amount of travelers
- Language/culture/knowledge barrier to access to healthcare during travel
- Difficult to track during epidemic

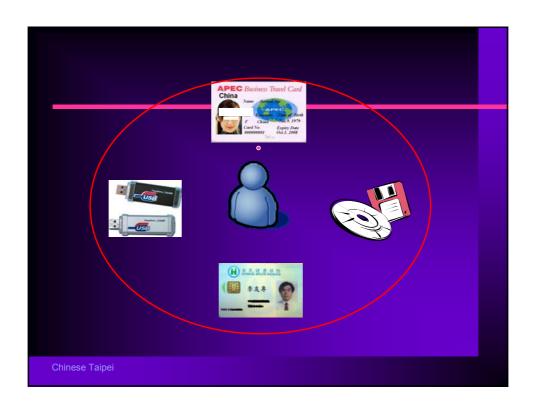
Interoperable Electronic Health Summary Needed

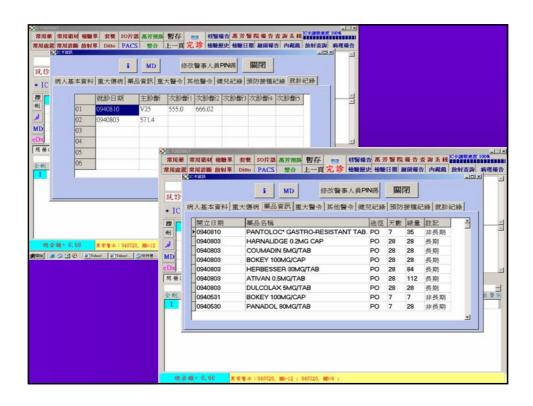
- Traveler's Electronic Health Summary Template (TET)
- A minimal set of data items crucial to travelers' own health needs and for public health data gathering during epidemic
- Basic demographic data, recent travel history, recent medication history, allergy history and current medical conditions...etc.

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Issues

- Standard format
 - XML, HL7 CDA compliant
- Interoperable across APEC economies
- Multi-lingual support
- Machine readable through a portable digital medium
- Data privacy and information security





Related APEC WGs

- Tourism Working Group
- APEC Business Travel Card
- Electronic Commerce Steering Group
 - Data Privacy Subgroup
- Telecommunications and Information Working Group
 - Information Security

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Benefits

- Travelers' Health Management
- Public Health Information Management during the epidemics

Issues

- IT development in healthcare not homogeneous in different economies
- Standard vocabularies
- Data source
- Workflow integration
- Multi-lingual support

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Strategies

- Focus on the minimally required data item
- Focus on the standard content and vocabulary
- Interoperability
- Kick-off meeting in the end of 2006
- Demonstration in the 2nd half of 2007



