

Letters to the Editor

Big Flooding in Thailand: Emerging of Red Eye Problem

Dear Editor:

The big flooding in Thailand is the present well-known natural disaster. This flooding attack many millions people in Thailand and leads to several health problems. Emerging of red eye (conjunctivitis) is one of the most common problematic conditions to be considered. Based on the record data, several thousand cases of conjunctivitis emerged during the flooding period (October-November 2011). At the first week of the flooding, the accumulated number of patients exceeded 1,700 cases (data from Thai CDC, <http://www.ddc.moph.go.th>). Indeed, red eye problem is usually the most common health disorder identified during the flooding period. The recent report from Hanoi, a nearby country to Thailand, also showed the same problem.¹

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