

Taiwan strengthens its anti-bird flu surveillance

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Singapore: Changhua's Animal Disease Control Center unveiled two new vehicles to keep bird flu virus at bay. The new equipments are capable of disinfecting the farm areas where domesticated birds are raised. The two new vehicles will be an addition to the existing four vehicles said deputy magistrate Mr Lin Tien-fu.

Mr Lin said, "Changhua wants to strengthen its surveillance against the highly contagious bird flu. Though there has not been any major outbreak, Changhua would not be complacent in taking precautions because Taiwan is situated on routes traveled by migratory birds."

The central Taiwan county is also known as the granary of Taiwan with 2500 poultry farms. Mr Lin said that strengthening bird flu surveillance was very essential. He also urged poultry farmers to follow good hygiene and disinfection practices in the farms.