Regional HFMD activity, following seasonal patterns, is declining. Hong Kong (China) and Japan have experienced more than a three-fold increase in the number of reported cases in 2013 than in 2012 for the same time period.

**Hong Kong (China)** experienced a relatively large HFMD year, characterized by rapid increase and peak in mid-2013, followed by gradual decline with currently low levels. The current low level is reflected by the low hospitalization rate, also among outpatient sentinel surveillance: 0.2 cases per 1000 consultations among general out-patient clinics and 0.7 cases per 1000 consultations among general practitioners. Cumulatively for 2013, there has been almost a greater than three-fold increase relative to 2012.

**Japan** also experienced a large HFMD year, characterized by rapid increase in the number of reported cases in mid-2013, followed by a relatively rapid decline with currently low levels. Cumulatively for 2013, there has been almost a greater than four-fold increase relative to 2012.

**Table. Cumulative reported number of HFMD cases in 2013 and 2012 (for the same time period), by country.**

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<th>No. reported cases per latest reporting period*** (week (w) or month (m))</th>
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<td>China</td>
<td>∩</td>
<td>98 379 /m</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>127 205/m</td>
<td>1 855 457</td>
<td>2 198 442</td>
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<td>∩</td>
<td>1/w</td>
<td>22 – 28 Dec</td>
<td>9/w</td>
<td>1 630</td>
<td>514</td>
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<td>23 - 29 Dec</td>
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<td>16 – 22 Dec</td>
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*HFMD reporting systems vary by country and any change in the surveillance system over time is not reflected in the above figures. Number of reported cases listed for 2012 and 2013 are for the same time period for each respective year.

**Recent trend is based on the 3 week moving average for countries reporting by week and monthly comparisons for the last complete month for countries reporting by month

*1; data for Hong Kong (China) are number of sentinel hospitalized cases reported by Hospital Authority

*2; data for Japan are number of cases reported by sentinel reporting units only
China, up to end of December 2013
(source National Health and Family Planning Commission) (No. of cases)

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Hong Kong, China, up to 28 December 2013
(source Hong Kong Center for Health Protection) (No. of cases)
Macao, China, up to 29 December 2013
(Source Macao Center for Disease Control and Prevention) (No. of cases)
Japan, up to 22 December 2013
(source National Institute of Infectious Diseases) (No. of cases)

Singapore, up to 28 December 2013
(source Ministry of Health) (No. of cases)