These new knowledge and skills in GIS and spatial epidemiology that I have gained will be beneficial when I apply it to my current work in malaria elimination in my home state of Sarawak in Malaysia.

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Now home in Sarawak, Malaysia, Dr Choo Huck Ooi plans to:

a) perform spatial analysis of current surveillance data on malaria distribution in Sarawak,
b) use the results of the spatial analysis of distribution of malaria in Sarawak to enable better decision making in malaria elimination activities,
c) present the outcomes of his work on application of spatial analysis in malaria elimination in Sarawak at scientific conferences, and
d) publish these outcomes in scientific journals.

The highlight of the fellowship program was that I had the chance to learn about application of spatial epidemiology in infectious epidemiology from the world experts in spatial epidemiology of malaria at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The experts are very willing to share their knowledge in the field which makes learning very interesting and encouraging - they are really very knowledgeable in the field.