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Dr Emelinda L. Lopez finished her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City. She had her Master of Science in Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics at the Utrecht University in the Netherlands. Dr Lopez had been in government service at the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) of the Department of Agriculture for 27 years now with various experiences in vaccine production, virology, veterinary epidemiology, veterinary public health, planning and administration.

She is presently the Head of the Immunization and Disease Control Section of the Animal Health Division and concurrent Head Executive Assistant to the BAI Director. She was the former Officer-in-Charge of the Philippine Animal Health Center, the research and animal disease diagnostic laboratory of the BAI.

Dr Lopez is a member of the Philippine College of Public Health (currently its Secretary), Philippine Society of Parasitology, Philippine Society for Microbiology, and Philippine Biosafety and Biosecurity Association. She is involved with the Zoonosis Technical Working Group of the Departments of Agriculture and Health jointly working for animal and human health sector collaboration for zoonoses prevention and control.

Dr Lopez worked briefly as a Zoonoses Epidemiologist for the World Health Organization in Lao PDR for Avian Influenza risk reduction. She is the Philippines' National Animal Health Contact Person for the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and is actively involved in the OIE Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathway of activities.