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Flu 'could kill seven million'

THE bird flu virus that rampaged across Asia this year is the most likely cause of the next human flu pandemic, which could hit up to 30 per cent of the world's people, an expert warned today.

It was only a question of when another flu pandemic would sweep through the global population of more than six billion people, Dr Klaus Stohr told a conference in Bangkok.

He estimated that up to seven million people would die from the ailment.

Web links

- [Dept of Health - pandemic flu](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en)
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en>
- [WHO - Bird Flu fact sheet](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2004_01_15/en/)
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