

27 DECEMBER

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EPIDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

"Do you want to be a leader that looks back in time and says that you were on the wrong side of the argument when the world was crying out for a solution?"

- Jacinda Ardern -

## WHY DO WE MARK THIS DAY?



The first International Day of Epidemic Preparedness was held on December 27, 2020, after the COVID-19 outbreak called attention to the importance of advance plans in preventing and responding to epidemics.

The day aims to campaign on the importance of being prepared for any kind of epidemics and also be prepared to face and work together globally to prevent such outbreaks of infectious diseases.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- ✓ How can the establishment of an International Day of Epidemic Preparedness to prevent or reduce the impacts of future pandemics?  
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- ✓ Experts have been predicting and warning about the possibilities of epidemics and pandemics from 2000 to 2010. Why did COVID 19 take the world by surprise?  
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- ✓ Do you think the international community may have learned lessons from this pandemic that can be applied to other global challenges like climate change?  
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## MEET TODAY'S GLOBAL CITIZEN



### LOUIS PASTEUR

Louis Pasteur was a French chemist who is well known for the discoveries of the principles of vaccination, microbial fermentation and pasteurization. His research has greatly contributed to the understanding of the causes and preventions of diseases, and this has led the breakthrough in public health and hygiene. Numerous lives were saved through the development of vaccines, and he is honoured as the father of bacteriology and microbiology.