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53rd ACA Meeting
 6 January 2006
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First Meeting of the Community Forum on AIDS

The ACA resolved at its first meeting in the sixth term of office to form a committee to take on the task of enhancing the quality of HIV prevention and care activities in Hong Kong and promoting acceptance of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

A new committee named the Community Forum on AIDS (CFA) has been formed with membership drawing from ACA, AIDS NGOs, vulnerable communities to HIV/AIDS and individuals with expertise and interest in related fields.

Dr Susan FAN has been appointed by ACA as the convener of CFA. Dr Fan, a veteran ACA member, is the Executive Director of the Family Planning Association of Hong

Kong.

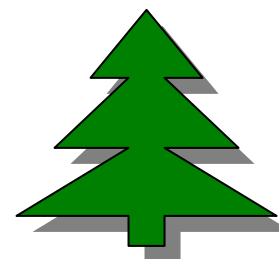
The first CFA meeting will be held on 6 December 2005. There will be three main items on the agenda:

- 1 Proposed Schema of Operation for the Community Forum on AIDS
- 2 Community Assessment and Evaluation for Preparing Hong Kong AIDS Strategies 2007-2011
- 3 Public Health Update on HIV Situation in MSM Community

Readers should look up the next issue for more information about the first meeting.



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



STATISTICS

| HIV/AIDS STATISTICS IN HONG KONG (updated 30 September 2005) | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | | This Quarter | | Cumulative | |
| | | <u>HIV</u> | <u>AIDS</u> | <u>HIV</u> | <u>AIDS</u> |
| Sex | Male | 76 | 14 | 2196 | 655 |
| | Female | 15 | 3 | 542 | 105 |
| Ethnicity | Chinese | 63 | 15 | 1898 | 596 |
| | Non-Chinese | 28 | 2 | 840 | 164 |
| Route of Transmission | Sexual Contacts | 64 | 11 | 2126 | 671 |
| | Heterosexual | 28 | 6 | 1455 | 509 |
| | Homosexual | 32 | 3 | 556 | 129 |
| | Bisexual | 4 | 2 | 115 | 33 |
| | Injecting drug use | 4 | 0 | 99 | 13 |
| | Blood/blood products recipients | 2 | 1 | 72 | 21 |
| | Perinatal | 2 | 0 | 17 | 6 |
| | Undetermined | 19 | 5 | 424 | 49 |
| | Total | | 91 | 17 | 2738 |



AIDS situation in third quarter of 2005

91 people tested positive for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) antibody in the third quarter of 2005, bringing the cumulative total of reported HIV infections to 2 738.

17 new cases of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) were reported in the same quarter, bringing to 760 the total number of confirmed AIDS cases reported since 1985. Sixty-five per cent of them were related to sexual contact.

The predominant route of HIV transmission in this quarter remains to be sexual contact. Of the 91 new HIV cases reported, 28 acquired the infection via heterosexual contact, 36 via homosexual or bisexual contact, four cases of injection drug use, two cases of blood/blood product infusion and two cases of perinatal transmission.

The routes of transmission of the remaining 19 cases were undetermined due to inadequate data.

The 91 cases comprised 76 males and 15 females.

In this quarter, Pneumocystic pneumonia is the commonest AIDS defining illness.

Of the 2 738 cumulative total of HIV infections since 1984, around 78% acquired infection through sexual contact and 4% through injection drug use.

The newly diagnosed cases for this quarter were reported by five major sources: public hospitals and clinics (41), private hospitals and clinics (22), DH's AIDS Counselling Service (12), the Social Hygiene Clinics (7) and AIDS non-governmental organizations (7).

Cumulatively, the five sources have respectively accounted for 44.2%, 21.8%, 15%, 13.2% and 1.8% of all reported infections.

Of the newly reported cases in this quarter, 69(75.8%) have received care at the DH's HIV Specialist Services or the Hospital Authority.

Seventy-four per cent of the reported cases in the first nine month of 2005 have attended these services where effective antiretroviral treatment is offered according to clinical indication.


Summary:

- **91 HIV infection were reported to DH in the third quarter 2005, the highest quarterly number ever recorded**
- **17 AIDS reports were received, a stable level in the past few years**
- **Infection among Chinese MSM continues to rise, a situation that causes a real concern**





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