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55th ACA meeting

The 55th ACA meeting was held on 7 July 2006. There were three major items on the agenda. A summary of the discussion at the meeting is shown below.

On the consultancy report with the title “HIV/AIDS in Hong Kong 2006 – Living on the Edge” prepared by Dr Tim Brown, he estimated and projected HIV/AIDS situation in Hong Kong in accordance with applied AIDS modeling on the basis of local and regional epidemiological data and information gathered from government and NGOs. Six recommendations were made in the consultancy report:

- (i) urgently expand prevention programming and community mobilization efforts among MSM in Hong Kong;
- (ii) address the Mainland China sex work and IDU connection with a programme of focused research and expanded prevention programming;
- (iii) sustain active prevention efforts for IDUs in Hong Kong, while building understanding of recently reported increases in needle sharing;
- (iv) revisit, appropriately target, and expand prevention funding as necessary in Hong Kong;
- (v) sustain Hong Kong’s efforts to regularly collect, analyze and interpret population, behavioural, epidemiological and programmatic data relevant to the HIV

situation; and

- (vi) network more extensively with both nearby Chinese and regional colleagues on surveillance and effective prevention for MSM, IDUs sex workers and clients.

Members noted the report and agreed to take forward the recommendations and translate them into HIV/AIDS strategies for Hong Kong.

For community assessment and evaluation reports, the following three working group full reports were presented: (a) Cross-border travelers; (b) Men having sex with men; and (c) Youth Together with the below four reports presented at the previous meeting (a) Commercial sex workers and clients, (b) Injecting drug users, (c) Women and children, and (d) People living with HIV/AIDS, members noted the recommendations put forward by the working groups and would take them into account when preparing HIV/AIDS strategies for Hong Kong.

As regards UNAIDS Core Indicators for Monitoring Hong Kong’s AIDS Programme - 2005 Interim Report, the discussion of the item was postponed to the next meeting because the meeting had run short of time.

The next ACA meeting will be held on **13 October 2006**



ACA’s Participation in the XVI International AIDS Conference



Prof CHEN Char-nie and Ms CHAN Yu, respectively Chairman and Member of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS, will on behalf of ACA attend the XVI International AIDS Conference to be held from 13 to 18 August 2006 in Toronto, Canada. Participation in the conference will be sponsored by the AIDS Trust Fund.



The Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS will host “Hong Kong AIDS Dialogue”, a one-day conference on 16 September 2006 (Saturday). With the assistance of the Red Ribbon Centre, the conference will be organized at the Exhibition Hall of the Public Health Laboratory Centre at 382 Nam Cheong Street, Kowloon.

The Hong Kong AIDS Dialogue will be an ideal opportunity for all of us to share in an open forum the latest developments in our fields of interest and reflect on what we have learnt from the XVI International AIDS Conference (IAC) in Toronto. It is important to establish an effective and constructive AIDS dialogue between all AIDS stakeholders. To echo this year’s theme of the XVI IAC, “it is now time to deliver” by scaling up our existing HIV prevention efforts and working closely with all

sectors of the community to combat AIDS.

The Hong Kong AIDS Dialogue will invite participants including healthcare workers, other care providers, scientists, political, community and business leaders, government officials, non-governmental and intergovernmental representatives and workers, people living with HIV/AIDS and people affiliated with HIV/AIDS to take part in the one-day conference. AIDS workers from the neighbouring Pearl River Delta Region and South-East Asia are also welcome. There will be 3 sessions: (a) community based response; (b) sharing experiences from attending delegates to Toronto; and (c) skills building workshops.

➤ ➤ ➤ Readers are reminded to refer to the programme on next page for detailed information.



Programme

Date: 16 September 2006 (Saturday)
Venue: 1/F, Public Health Laboratory Centre, Exhibition Hall, Nam Cheong Street, Kowloon
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Programme: morning session

09:00-09:10 Opening Remarks

A. Revisiting community-based responses

Moderator: Professor CN Chen and Dr Samuel Yu

09:10-09:30 Brief Report on ACA's Community Needs Assessment and evaluation findings by
Dr Susan Fan on

- (a) MSM
- (b) IDU
- (c) Female sex workers and clients
- (d) People living with HIV/AIDS
- (e) Youth
- (f) Cross-border travelers
- (g) Women and Children

(Presentation Sessions by NGOs and academia 15 minutes each)

09:30-09:45 Voluntary Counseling and Testing Service by **AIDS Concern**

09:45-10:00 HIV prevention project in MSM by **Hong Kong AIDS Foundation**

10:00-10:15 HIV Prevention among Sex workers and their clients by **CHOICE**

10:15-10:25 Questions and Answers

10:25-10:40 HIV Prevention Programmes in Injecting Drug Users by **SARDA**

10:40-10:55 HIV Prevention in Youth -Playsafe by **CARITAS Hong Kong**

10:55-11:10 Community rehabilitation of people living with HIV by **Society for AIDS Care**

11:10-11:20 Questions and Answers

11:20-11:35 TEA BREAK

11:35-11:50 "Outreach Clinic to reduce the spread of STI in the sex workers' community" by **Prof William Wong**
(Action for Reach Out)

11:50-12:05 "Migration and HIV/AIDS" by **St. John's Cathedral HIV Education Centre**

12:05-12:20 HIV Prevention in Women by **Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres**

12:20-12:30 Questions and Answers

12:30-12:45 Inmate education as a strategic approach for HIV/AIDS prevention in Hong Kong prisons by **Society for Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention**

12:45-13:00 Talking about Sex with Adolescents and Youth by **Boys and Girls Clubs Association of Hong Kong**

13:00-13:15 Supporting the HIV effort in Community **Dr Albert Au (Red Ribbon Centre)**

13:15-13:25 Questions and Answers

13:25-14:25 LUNCH

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Programme: afternoon session

B. Rapporteur Report-back from Toronto

Moderators: Prof SS Lee and Prof Joseph Lau

- 14:25-14:40 Latest Update on HIV Policy by **Ms Chan Yu**
- 14:40-14:55 Recent Advances in HIV Management by **Dr Lee Man Po**
- 14:55-15:10 Latest Update on HIV Prevention in MSM by **Mr. Kenneth Cheung**
- 15:10-15:20 Questions and Answers
- 15:20-15:35 Issues of the MSM community by **Mr To Chung(Chi Heng Foundation)**
- 15:35-15:50 HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Update by **Dr Raymond Ho**
- 15:50-16:05 **HKCASO** on Advocacy or Capacity Building
- 16:05-16:20 Latest Update on HIV preventive in sex workers & their clients by **Mr. Marco Chau (AIDS Concern)**
- 16:20-16:30 Questions and Answers
- 16:30-16:45 TEA BREAK

C. Skills-building Workshop

- 16:45-17:05 What do People Living with HIV/AIDS really need? **Prof CN CHEN/Dr Raymond Ho**
- 17:05-17:25 Case Management in HIV Nursing What makes a difference? **Ms Rita Chung**
- 17:25-17:45 Culturally competent HIV prevention by **AIDS Concern**
- 17:45-18:00 Round-up and Final Discussion
- 18:00 Meeting Ends

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