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56th ACA Meeting on
13 Oct 2006

4th CFA Meeting on
5 Oct 2006

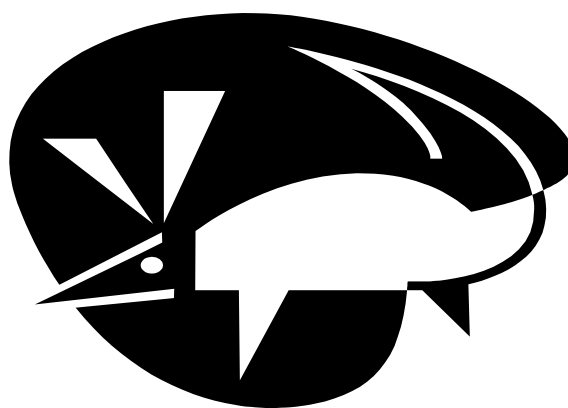


56th ACA Meeting

The 56th ACA meeting will be held on 13 October 2006 (Friday) at 2:30 pm at the DH Conference Room, 21/F Wu Chung House, Wan Chai. There will be four main items on the agenda:

1. **Promotion of HIV/Sex Education in School**
2. **Draft Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2007-2011**
3. **UNAIDS Core Indicators for Monitoring Hong Kong's AIDS Programme - 2005 - Interim Report**
4. **Report on Toronto International AIDS Conference and Hong Kong AIDS Dialogue 2006**

Interested readers may watch for the next issue of the ACA Newsfile for more details.

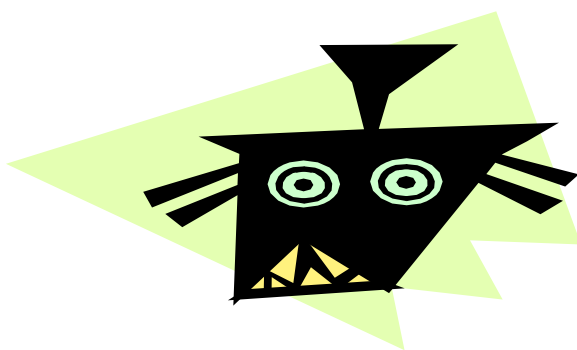


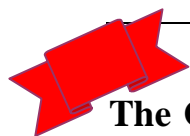
Fourth Meeting of the Community Forum on AIDS

The 4th CFA meeting has been rescheduled to be held on 5 October 2006. There will be three main items on the agenda:

1. **Matrix for Community Assessment and Evaluation for Preparing Hong Kong AIDS Strategies 2007-2011**
2. **Report on XVI International AIDS Conference and Hong Kong AIDS Dialogue**
3. **HIV Prevention Campaign in MSM**
4. **Hong Kong AIDS Publications**

Readers may look up the next issue for more information about the 4th meeting.





The Outstanding Young Persons of the World

Congratulations to Mr TO Chung-chi (Chung TO) on his award of “*The Outstanding Young Persons of the World*” (TOYP) in 2006 for his contribution to children, world peace and human rights.

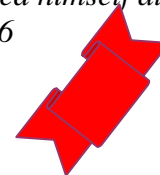
Mr To is a member of the Community Forum on AIDS and the founder of the Chi Heng Foundation.

The Junior Chamber International (JCI) will honor Mr To together with the nine outstanding young persons at an Awards Ceremony the week of November 12, 2006, during the 61st JCI World Congress in Seoul, Korea. The Ceremony will highlight each winner’s career in narrative form and provide a stage from which the honorees will inspire young people from around the world. For each honoree, there will be a video presentation

profiling his or her accomplishments, followed by the trophy presentation and an acceptance speech.



Mr TO Chung-chi presented himself at the Hong Kong AIDS Dialogue 2006



HIV/AIDS STATISTICS IN HONG KONG updated 30 June 2006					
		This Quarter		Cumulative	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	71	21	2414	704
	Female	19	4	590	120
Ethnicity	Chinese	50	15	2041	638
	Non-Chinese	40	10	963	186
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	48	17	2280	720
	Heterosexual	22	11	1537	544
	Homosexual	24	5	620	142
	Bisexual	2	1	123	34
	Injecting drug use	13	3	140	20
	Blood/blood products recipients	0	0	72	21
	Perinatal	0	0	17	6
	Undetermined	29	5	495	57
	Total	90	25	3004	824



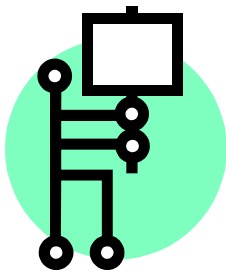
Hong Kong AIDS Dialogue 2006

16 September 2006



A Photo Gallery





The third 1000 HIV case reported in Hong Kong

Hong Kong has recorded the third-thousand human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) case recently since the first local HIV infection was reported in 1984. While the HIV epidemic in Hong Kong has taken 13 and 5 years to rise to the first and second thousand cumulative cases, it took less than 4 years to hit the third 1000 mark. On the quarterly scale, we recorded 90 new HIV reports in the second quarter (Apr to Jun) of 2006. It is the third consecutive quarter that the quarterly HIV number is greater than 85. The HIV incidence seems to be increasing at a greater rate.

Analysis of the cases reported in the second quarter of 2006 through the voluntary case-based notification system supported by clinicians and laboratories yielded the following observations. Males accounted for 80% of cases, all age over 13 years-old, mostly in the age range of 30 to 39 years-old (37.8%). 53.3% have contracted the infection through sexual contact, 14.4% through injecting drug use, and the remaining had the mode of transmission undetermined. Further analysis showed that men who have sex with men (MSM), i.e. homosexual and bisexual men, have been more often quoted as the mode of transmission as compared to men who have only had heterosexual contact. For the second quarter of 2006, 28.9% of all HIV infection was MSM, as compared with 24.4% of heterosexuals. This rising trend in MSM infections has been observed since early 2005. The ratio of heterosexual man to MSM has decreased gradually from 1.1 in 2004, to 0.7 in 2005, and 0.6 for the first 6 months of 2006.

Since late 2005, we have requested the reporting physician to determine whether the patients have contracted the infection locally or from a place outside of Hong Kong. For the 179 cases reported in the first six months of 2006, 33% were reported to have acquired HIV in Hong Kong, 24% contracted the virus elsewhere, and 16% reported undetermined location. Such information is not available for the remaining 27% of cases. For those who contracted the virus outside of Hong Kong, 16 quoted Mainland China as the place of infection, 23 reported other Asian areas and the remaining five have been to American or African countries. Hong Kong recorded 3000 cumulative reported HIV cases this quarter and the epidemic has become notably more furious. Sexual transmission remains the commonest route of HIV infection. The number of MSM cases persisted at high levels in recent quarters. People were found to have become HIV-infected both in Hong Kong and in other places. However, incomplete and under reporting may have compromised the quality of data and the analysis. Doctors are encouraged to report HIV infections using standard form DH2293, which can be downloaded at <http://www.aids.gov.hk/report.htm>.

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