

## Editorial Board

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### **Schedule**

57th ACA Meeting on  
19 Jan 2007  
5th CFA Meeting on  
19 Dec 2006

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## **Publicity activities to promote awareness on AIDS**

The Chairman of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS, Professor C N Chen joined Dr PY Leung and other guests including the Deputy Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, Mr Patrick Nip; Chairman of the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund, Professor T K Chan; UNAIDS Special Representative, Miss Miriam Yeung Chin-wah; and Head of Radio II of RTHK, Mr Clarence Yang to officiate at the Kick-off Ceremony held on World AIDS Day (WAD) 2006 (1 December) at 3:00 pm at the Central Atrium of Olympic City 2, Kowloon.



**Speaking** at the ceremony, the Acting Director of Health, Dr P Y Leung, said that WAD was dedicated to raising awareness of the global AIDS epidemic caused by the spread of

HIV infection and the theme this year is '**Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise**'.

**Dr** Leung called on the community to work together in the fight against the disease. He said that to tie in with the theme, the department's Special Preventive Programme had organised a variety of promotional activities to raise the awareness on HIV/AIDS. He also urged members of the community to show their support for and acceptance of people living with HIV.

**Dr** Leung thanked Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) for its assistance in jointly organising the event. The premiere of promotional videos on AIDS/HIV produced by RTHK was also shown to the participants during the ceremony.

**Publicity** events in the coming months include the launching on television and trains of the re-edited 'Dom Dom' API on safer sex. Advertisements on safer sex and AIDS hotline will be put up in bars, pubs and public transports, including Lo Wu KCR station. Radio programmes and school visits will be arranged to disseminate the health messages to students and the general public.



## AIDS situation in the third quarter of 2006

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) revealed on 21 November 2006 that 96 people were tested positive for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) antibody in the third quarter of 2006, bringing the cumulative total of reported HIV infections to 3 100.

There were 17 new cases of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) reported in the same quarter, bringing to 841 the total number of confirmed AIDS cases reported since 1985.

Of the 96 new HIV cases reported, 29 acquired the infection via heterosexual contact, 31 via homosexual or bisexual contact and nine via injection of drug. The routes of transmission of the remaining 27 cases were undetermined due to insufficient data. The 96 cases comprised 81 males and 15 females.

In this quarter, the most commonly presenting AIDS defining illness is Mycobacterium tuberculosis infection (TB), which is closely followed by Pneumocystic Pneumonia (PCP), a kind of chest infection.

Of the 3,100 cumulative total of HIV infections since 1984, around 76% acquired infection through sexual contact. Of them, 67% were resulted from heterosexual transmission. There were 152 infections which occurred among injection drug users.

The newly diagnosed cases of this quarter were reported by four major sources: public

hospitals and clinics (48), private hospitals and clinics (17), Social Hygiene Clinics (13) and the DH's AIDS Counselling and Testing Service (9).

Cumulatively, the four sources have accounted for 45.2%, 21.5%, 14.6% and 12.6% of all reported infections.

Of the newly reported cases in this quarter, 67(69.8%) have received care at the HIV specialist services of the Department of Health or the Hospital Authority.

Seventy-six per cent of the reported cases in the year 2005 attended these services where effective antiretroviral treatment was offered according to clinical indication.

HIV is the cause of AIDS and, without treatment, half of the HIV-infected people will progress to AIDS within 10 years.

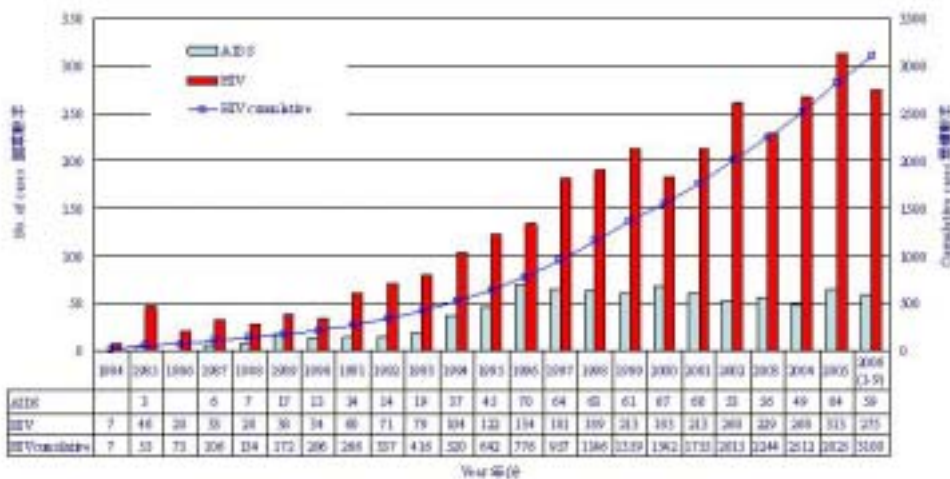
### Summary

1. 96 HIV infection were reported to DH in the third quarter 2006;
2. 17 AIDS reports were received, a stable level in the past few years;
3. Both hetero-sexual and MSM transmission are important modes of HIV spread in Hong Kong;
4. Only small proportion of newly diagnosed HIV progressed to AIDS at reporting. Most of those cases progressed to AIDS within 3 months, suggesting late diagnosis.





**Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics**  
**香港每年愛滋病病毒感染及愛滋病統計**  
**1984 – September 2006, Hong Kong (N=3100/841)**



<b>HIV/AIDS STATISTICS IN HONG KONG updated 30 September 2006</b>					
		<b>This Quarter</b>		<b>Cumulative</b>	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
<b>Sex</b>	Male	81	15	2495	719
	Female	15	2	605	122
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Chinese	72	15	2114	653
	Non-Chinese	24	2	986	188
<b>Route of Transmission</b>	Sexual Contacts	60	13	2350	733
	Heterosexual	29	7	1578	551
	Homosexual	27	6	645	148
	Bisexual	4	0	127	34
	Injecting drug use	9	3	152	23
	Blood/blood products recipients	0	0	72	21
	Perinatal	0	0	17	6
	Undetermined	27	1	509	58
	<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3100</b>	<b>841</b>



## Special Project Fund under the AIDS Trust Fund



infections among MSM in Hong Kong in the coming two financial years (2007/08 and 2008/09). The goal of setting up the SPF is to reduce HIV risk behaviour among MSM in Hong Kong by supporting community based prevention activities

The AIDS Trust Fund (ATF) launched a Special Project Fund on 1 December 2006. The ATF was established in 1993 to provide assistance to HIV-infected haemophiliacs and to strengthen medical and support services and public education on AIDS. It is administered on the advice of the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund.

There will be two rounds of application per year from 1 December 2006 for two years. The closing date for the first round is 1 February 2007. Interested parties can visit the website: <http://www.info.gov.hk/atf/> for application guidelines and forms.

Noting that reported local HIV/AIDS cases among men having sex with men (MSM) has increased quite markedly lately, the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund has decided to set up a Special Project Fund (SPF) to support community projects for preventing HIV

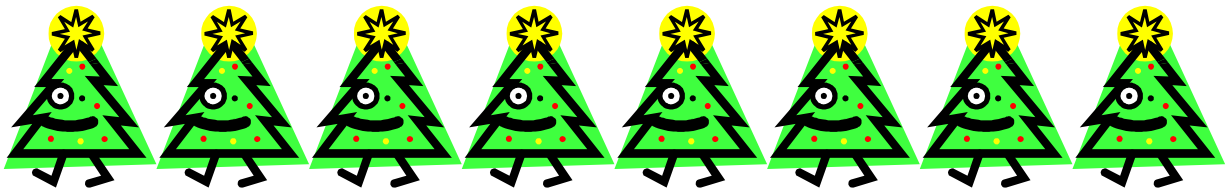
A briefing session will be held on 14 December 2006 at the Red Ribbon Centre to familiarize potential applicants with the objectives and application procedure of the Special Project Fund.



## Postponement of 57<sup>th</sup> ACA Meeting

The 57<sup>th</sup> ACA meeting originally scheduled for 5 January 2007 (Friday) has been postponed until **19 January 2007** (Friday). The time and venue of the meeting remain unchanged. To

provide adequate time for public consultation on the draft recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies 2007-2011 is the reason for the postponement.



*Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!*

