

## **Editorial Board**

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- 9<sup>th</sup> CFA Meeting on 18 December 2007

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### **Kick-off Ceremony for the 2007 World AIDS Day Activities**



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !*

**Organised** by the Red Ribbon Centre of the Department of Health and the Radio Television Hong Kong, the Kick-off Ceremony for the 2007 World AIDS Day Activities was held at the Central Atrium, G/F Olympian City 2 on 30 November 2007 (Friday) at 2:15pm. Mrs Selina TSANG, Patron of the Red Ribbon Centre together with the following guests officiated at the ceremony:

- **Dr York CHOW**, Secretary for Food and Health
- **Dr LAM Ping-yan**, Director of Health
- **Ms Gracie FOO**, Ag. Director of Broadcasting
- **Miss Miriam YEUNG**, Special Representative of UNAIDS
- **Dr CHEN Lin**, Director of AIDS Prevention, Shenzhen CDC

- **Dr LAM Chong**, Secretary of Macau Fight Against AIDS Committee
- **Prof CHEN Char-nie**, Chairman of Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS
- **Prof CHAN Tai-kwong**, Chairman of the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund
- **Dr Samuel YU**, Chairman of the Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee
- **Dr Billy HO**, Convener of the Working Group on World AIDS Day Activities

A new API featured by Miss Miriam Yeung in promoting the acceptance of people living with HIV and a video giving a brief introduction of the AIDS prevention work currently conducted by various AIDS and mainstream NGOs were shown during the ceremony.



**Reported HIV/AIDS Quarterly Statistics - 3rd Quarter, 2007**

	<u>This Quarter</u>		<u>Last Quarter</u>		<u>Same Quarter</u> <u>Last Year</u>		<u>Cumulative</u>	
	HIV	AIDS	HIV	AIDS	HIV	AIDS	HIV	AIDS
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	101	20	96	15	81	15	2845	784
Female	24	4	15	3	15	2	680	133
<b>Ethnicity/race</b>								
Chinese	77	20	69	14	72	15	2380	714
Non Chinese	48	4	42	4	24	2	1145	203
Asian	17	3	19	1	16	2	597	128
White	6	0	9	3	2	0	263	65
Black	1	1	3	0	1	0	48	8
Others	24	0	11	0	5	0	237	2
<b>Age at diagnosis</b>								
Adult	124	24	111	18	96	17	3484	907
Child (age 13 or less)	1	0	0	0	0	0	41	10
<b>Exposure category</b>								
Heterosexual	22	13	37	9	28	7	1693	586
Homosexual	50	6	37	6	28	6	799	169
Bisexual	2	0	3	0	5	0	141	36
Injecting drug use	12	1	11	1	13	3	206	30
Blood/blood product infusion	0	0	0	1	0	0	73	22
Perinatal	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	6
Undetermined	38	4	23	1	22	1	593	68
<b>Source of referral</b>								
AIDS Unit	9	0	17	1	9	1	439	64
Social Hygiene Clinics	13	1	14	0	13	0	501	40
Private hospitals/clinics/laboratories	44	0	23	3	17	0	779	139
Public hospitals/clinics/laboratories	45	23	50	14	48	16	1582	660
Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	4	0	1	0	2	0	77	8
AIDS service organisations	9	0	4	0	5	0	90	5
Drug rehabilitation services	1	0	2	0	2	0	57	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3525</b>	<b>917</b>

## *HIV/AIDS situation in third quarter of 2007*

A total of 125 cases of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) -- the cause of AIDS infections were reported in the third quarter of 2007 to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), bringing the cumulative total of reported HIV infections to 3 525.

24 new cases of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) were reported in the same quarter, bringing to 917 the total number of confirmed AIDS cases reported since 1985.

**Reviewing** the HIV/AIDS situation in Hong Kong, it was noted that the predominant route of HIV transmission in this quarter remained to be sexual contact.

Of the 125 new HIV cases reported, 22 acquired the infection via heterosexual contact, 52 via homosexual or bisexual contact, 12 via injection of drug and one case of perinatal transmission. The routes of transmission of the

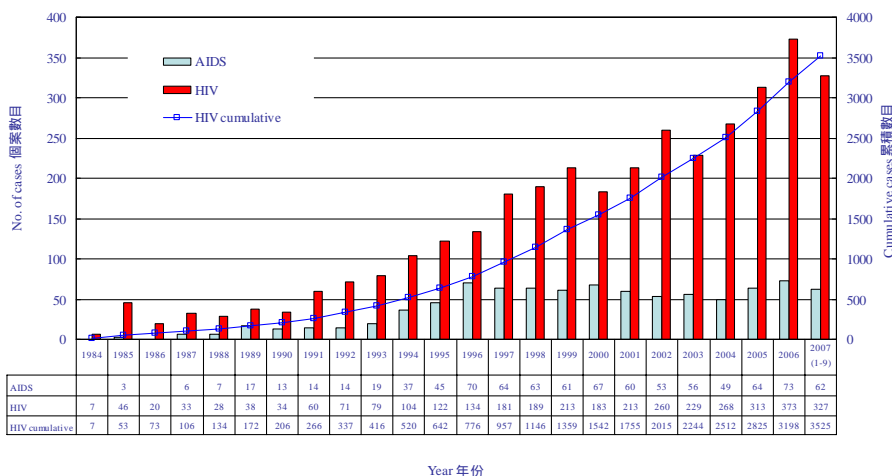
remaining 38 cases were undetermined due to insufficient data. The 125 cases comprised 101 males and 24 females.

The newly diagnosed cases of this quarter were reported by four major sources: public hospitals and clinics (45 cases), private hospitals and clinics (44 cases), Social Hygiene Clinics (13 cases) and the DH's AIDS Counselling and Testing Service (9 cases).

Of the newly reported cases in this quarter, 82 (65.6%) of the patients have received care at the HIV specialist services of the Department of Health or the Hospital Authority.

In this quarter, the most common AIDS defining illness was *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection (TB) which was closely followed by *Pneumocystis pneumonia* (PCP), a kind of chest infection.

**Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics  
1984 – September 2007, Hong Kong (N=3525/917)**



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***Global HIV prevalence has levelled off; AIDS is among the leading causes of death globally and remains the primary cause of death in Africa***

*Improvements in surveillance increase understanding of the epidemic, resulting in substantial revisions to estimates*

**Geneva, 20 November 2007** – New data show global HIV prevalence—the percentage of people living with HIV—has levelled off and that the number of new infections has fallen, in part as a result of the impact of HIV programmes. However, in 2007 33.2 million [30.6 – 36.1 million] people were estimated to be living with HIV, 2.5 million [1.8 – 4.1 million] people became newly infected and 2.1 million [1.9 – 2.4 million] people died of AIDS.

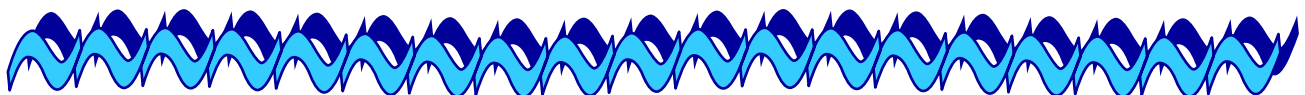
**There** were an estimated 1.7 million [1.4 – 2.4 million] new HIV infections in sub-Saharan Africa in 2007—a significant reduction since 2001. However, the region remains most severely affected. An estimated

22.5 million [20.9 – 24.3 million] people living with HIV, or 68% of the global total, are in sub-Saharan Africa. Eight countries in this region now account for almost one-third of all new HIV infections and AIDS deaths globally.

**Since** 2001, when the United Nations Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS was signed, the number of people living with HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia has increased by more than 150% from 630 000 [490 000 – 1.1 million] to 1.6 million [1.2 – 2.1 million] in 2007. In Asia, the estimated number of people living with HIV in Viet Nam has more than doubled between 2000 and 2005 and Indonesia has the fastest growing epidemic.

**These** findings were released on 20 November 2007 by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in the report *2007 AIDS Epidemic Update*.

**To** read the full report, please visit the official website at [www.unaids.org](http://www.unaids.org)



## ***CHP Symposium – 18 to 19 January 2008***

The CHP Symposium is a flagship event of the Centre for Health Protection. The theme of the coming Symposium is "**Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases - New**

**Perspectives, New Approaches, and New Tools**". A number of renowned overseas and local experts are invited to share their experience on preventing and controlling infectious diseases. The target audience is mainly local health professionals. CME/CNE credits points have been applied. The Symposium will be held at **Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Kowloon.**

Registration is free of charge. Details of the Symposium can be found at CHP website <http://www.chp.gov.hk>.