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## **XVII International AIDS Conference report back session: Universal Action Now!**

ACA is collaborating with AIDS NGOs whose representatives attended the **XVII International AIDS Conference** in organizing a seminar on 20 September 2008 at the Lecture Theatre of the Public Health Laboratory Centre. The purpose of the seminar is to let the conference attendees share with the audiences the experiences and insights they learned from the biennial conference.

Details of the seminar are as follows:

**Date: 20 September 2008**

Time: 14:30-17:30

Venue: Lecture Theatre, Public Health Laboratory Centre, 382 Nam Cheong Street, Kowloon

### **Tentative Programme**



<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Speakers</u></b>
14:00-14:30	Registration	
14:30-14:35	Welcoming Speech	<i>Prof CHEN Char-nie</i>
14:35-15:05	HIV policy	<i>Miss Nora YAU, Miss Elijah FUNG</i>
	◆ Overview	
	◆ Travel Restriction	
15:05-15:10	Discussion	
15:10-15:55	Prevention in specific populations	<i>Mr. KO Chun-wa, Mr. Brian WONG, Mr. Joe CHAN</i>
	◆ MSM	
	◆ Youth	
15:55-16:00	Discussion	
16:00-16:15	Break	
16:15-16:45	Treatment and care	<i>Ms Elsie CHU, Mr. Man WONG</i>
	◆ Medical aspect	
	◆ Care services	
16:45-16:50	Discussion	
16:50-17:20	Report back of a side trip to San Francisco	<i>Ms Margaret PANG, Dr. Darwin MAK</i>
17:20-17:30	Discussion	

◆ *Vienna, Austria has been chosen to host the XVIII International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2010) from 18-23 July 2010.*

# ACA NEWSFILE

## Hong Kong delegates attending the XVII International AIDS Conference at Mexico City from 3 to 8 August 2008

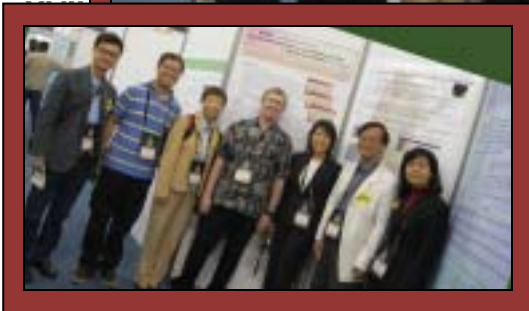
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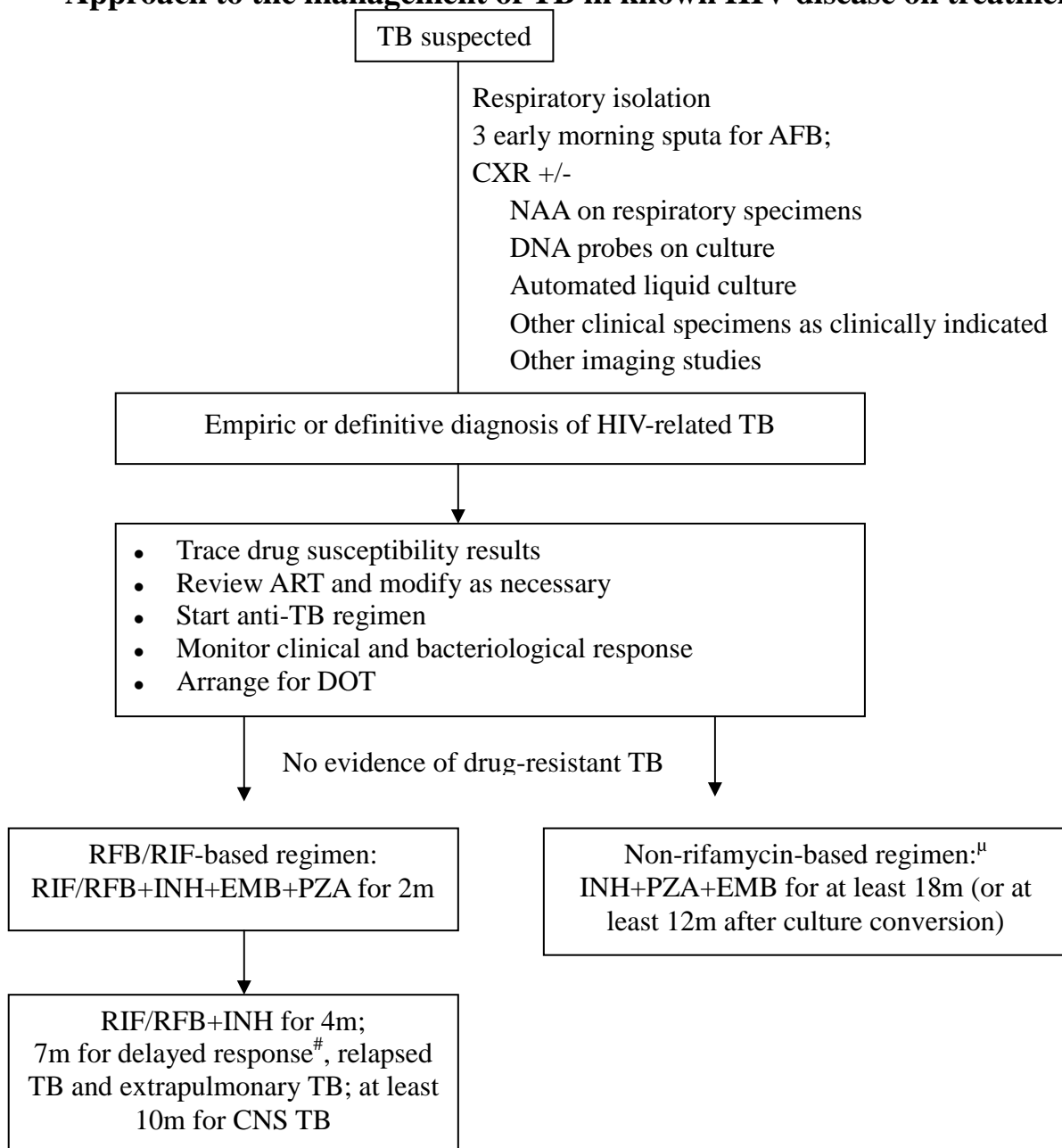
**From left to right:** Mr Brian WONG, Dr Darwin MAK, Ms Elsie CHU, Dr Tim Brown, Dr Jaime SIN, Mr KO Chun-wa and Miss Nora YAU

## Recommendations on the management of HIV-TB coinfection

The Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI has recently released a set of recommendations on the management of HIV-TB coinfection in order to achieve a standard of care in Hong Kong

that will translate into clinical benefit and public health control. The recommendations address screening, diagnosis, treatment, concomitant use of anti-TB and antiretroviral therapy, immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome (IRIS) and infection control. Readers may go to CHP web site at [www.chp.gov.hk](http://www.chp.gov.hk) to have a look at the recommendations.

### Approach to the management of TB in known HIV disease on treatment



## **UNAIDS launches new report on global AIDS epidemic**

***Significant gains in preventing new HIV infections are being seen in a number of countries most affected by the AIDS epidemic. This is according to a new report released by UNAIDS on 29 July 2008.***

**The** report highlights specific examples of countries which are seeing changes in sexual behaviour followed by declines in the number of new HIV infections. Findings include increasing condom use among young people with multiple partners and encouraging signs that young people are waiting longer to have sexual intercourse in some of the most heavily affected countries.

**However,** the report also shows that despite the declines in new HIV infections the AIDS epidemic is far from over and that rates of new HIV infections are rising in many countries. AIDS also continues to be the leading cause of death in Africa.

**The** report outlines that AIDS is a long-term issue requiring a response grounded in evidence

and human rights and one that requires strong leadership and sustained financing.

**The** UNAIDS report clearly shows that stronger measures are needed to turn the epidemic around and that 'knowing your local epidemic' remains critical to an effective response.

**The** 2008 Report on the global AIDS epidemic is the most comprehensive report on the response to AIDS. It includes data from 147 countries against 25 core targets set in the UN declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS adopted in 2001, and the political declaration adopted at the 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS. The information presented in the report enables readers to assess progress made since 2001 and identify the strengths and weaknesses of the AIDS response to date.

## ***2008 report on the global AIDS epidemic***

