

## 64th ACA Meeting Agenda

The first meeting of the seventh term of ACA, the 64<sup>th</sup> ACA meeting, will be held on **10 October 2008 (Friday)** at 2:30 pm at the DH Conference Room, 21/F Wu Chung House, Wan Chai.

There are four main items on the agenda:

- \* Introduction to Hong Kong HIV Situation and AIDS Programme
- \* Proposed Schema of Operation for the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS 2008-2011
- \* Report on the XVII International AIDS Conference held from 3 to 8 August 2008 at Mexico City
- \* Appraising HIV Prevention in San Francisco - Recap of Study Visit

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

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### The 7th Term



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## Report Back Seminar



Miss Yau Ho-chun, Nora



Ms CHU Kam-ying, Elsie



Mr Ko Chun-wa

ACA Members presented at the Report Back Seminar held on 20.9.2008

Mr Giovanni NICOTERA (on the left) and Dr Peter LUNDING (on the right)



ACA Chairman discussed with UNAIDS and UNODC representatives Dr Peter LUNDING and Mr Giovanni NICOTERA at the Red Ribbon Centre on 20.9.2008



## HIV/AIDS situation in second quarter of 2008

A total of 121 cases of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), the cause of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), infections were reported in the second quarter of 2008 to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), bringing the cumulative total of reported

HIV infections to 3 822 since 1984.

**15** new cases of AIDS were reported in the same quarter. Sixty-seven per cent of them were related to heterosexual contact, bringing to 966 the total number of confirmed AIDS cases reported since 1985.

**The** 121 new cases comprised 98 males and 23 females. The predominant route of HIV transmission in the second quarter of 2008 remained to be sexual contact. Of those cases, 33 acquired the infection via heterosexual contact, 33 via homosexual or bisexual contact, 9 cases of injection drug use and 2 cases of blood/blood product infusion. The routes of transmission of the remaining 44 cases were undetermined due to insufficient data.

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**Sixty-five** (53.7%) of the patients have received care at the HIV specialist services of the Department of Health or the Hospital Authority.

**In** the quarter, *pneumocystis pneumonia* (PCP), a kind of chest infection and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection (TB) were the most common AIDS defining illness.

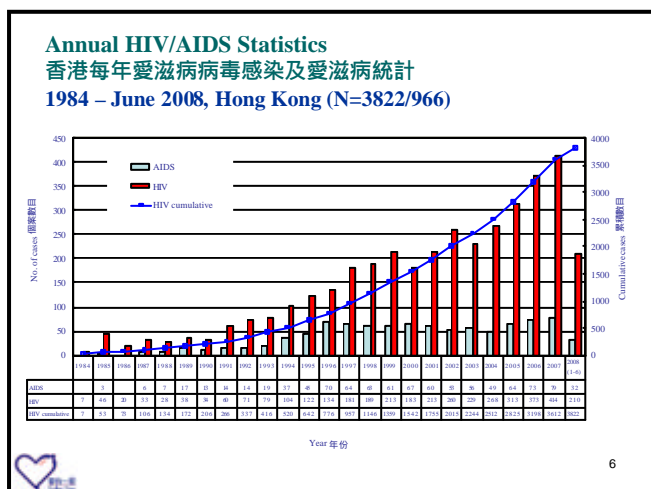
**The** importance of using condom and the practice of safer sex is the key factor in reducing the risk of HIV infection. HIV is the cause of AIDS and without treatment half of the HIV-infected people will progress to AIDS within 10 years.



## HIV/AIDS STATISTICS IN HONG KONG updated 30 June 2008



		This Quarter		Cumulative	
		HIV	AIDS	HIV	AIDS
<b>Sex</b>	Male	98	12	3086	826
	Female	23	3	736	140
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Chinese	73	13	2569	752
	Non-Chinese	48	2	1253	214
<b>Route of Transmission</b>	Sexual Contacts	66	13	2844	835
	<i>Heterosexual</i>	33	10	1795	617
	<i>Homosexual</i>	31	3	894	181
	<i>Bisexual</i>	2	0	155	37
	Injecting drug use	9	0	234	37
	Blood/blood products recipients	2	0	77	22
	Perinatal	0	0	20	6
	Undetermined	44	2	647	66
	<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3822</b>	<b>966</b>



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