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**AIDS Hotline: 2780 2211**

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## World AIDS Day 2008

World AIDS Day (WAD), observed 1 December each year, is dedicated to raising awareness of the global AIDS epidemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. This year's theme for WAD is "Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise". Department of Health (DH) has taken the opportunity to launch a series of activities to promote the awareness of the general public on the acceptance of persons living with HIV.

Red Ribbon Centre (RRC) of DH collaborated with Commercial Radio Hong Kong in organising a kick-off ceremony on 1 December 2008 (Monday) at the central atrium of Olympian City 2, Kowloon. The ceremony also served as a premiere of a website featuring Miss Miriam Yeung, UNAIDS National Goodwill Ambassador Hong Kong SAR China. The website archived the AIDS preventive work of Miriam in her nine years' association with UNAIDS. Miss Miriam Yeung made a public appeal to accept persons living with HIV at the ceremony.



Dr LAM Ping-yan, Director of Health together with the following guests of honours officiated at the ceremony:

Dr York CHOW, Secretary for Food and Health;

Miss YEUNG Chin-wah, Miriam, UNAIDS National Goodwill Ambassador Hong Kong SAR China;

Dr CHEN Lin, Head of Department of AIDS Prevention, Shenzhen Centre for Disease Control and Prevention;

Dr LAM Chong, Secretary of Macau AIDS Commission;

Prof CHEN Char-nie, the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS Chairman;

Prof CHAN Tai-kwong, the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund Chairman;

Dr. Samuel YU, Management Advisory Committee of Red Ribbon Centre Chairman;

Miss Amy WONG, Director of External Affairs, Commercial Radio Co Ltd

To mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World AIDS Campaign, DH in collaboration with Shenzhen CDC, Macau CDC and NGOs launched a territory-wide roving AIDS exhibition. AIDS NGOs also participated in the distribution of red ribbon stickers and roving exhibition.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

# ACA NEWSFILE

ACA Members attended the ceremony



Officiating guests posed for a group photo at the kick-off ceremony

## HIV/AIDS situation in third quarter of 2008

A total of 119 cases of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infections were reported in the third quarter of 2008 to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health, bringing the cumulative total of reported HIV infections to 3,941 since 1984.

32 new cases of AIDS were reported in the same quarter, bringing to 998 the total number of confirmed AIDS cases reported since 1985.

The predominant route of HIV transmission in the third quarter of 2008 was still sexual contact. The 119 new cases comprised 97 males and 22 females. Of these cases, 35 acquired the infection via heterosexual contact,

34 via homosexual or bisexual contact, 14 cases of injection drug use and one case of blood/blood product infusion. The routes of transmission of the remaining 35 cases were undetermined due to insufficient data.

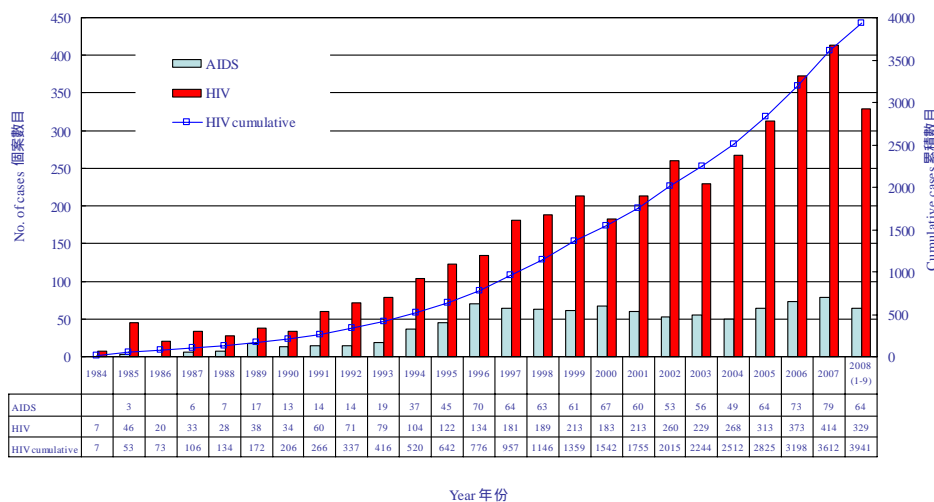
The majority of the newly diagnosed cases of this quarter were reported by four major

sources: public hospitals and clinics (52 cases), private hospitals and clinics (28 cases), the Department of Health's Social Hygiene Clinics (16 cases), and AIDS Counselling and Testing Service (10 cases).

Seventy-five (63%) of the patients 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).

Members of the public are reminded of the importance of using condoms and the prac-

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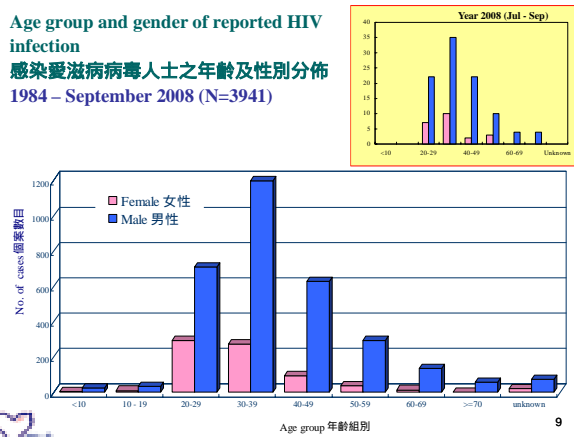


tice of safer sex in reducing the risk of HIV infection. HIV is the cause of AIDS and, without treatment, half of the HIV-infected people will progress to AIDS within 10 years. The Department of Health AIDS Hotline on 2780 2211 provides for a free, anonymous and confidential HIV antibody test.

## HIV/AIDS STATISTICS IN HONG KONG Updated 30 September 2008

		This Quarter		Cumulative	
		HIV	AIDS	HIV	AIDS
<b>Sex</b>	Male	97	28	3183	854
	Female	22	4	758	144
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Chinese	72	24	2641	776
	Non-Chinese	48	8	1300	222
<b>Route of Transmission</b>	Sexual Contacts	69	19	2930	855
	<i>Heterosexual</i>	35	13	1839	630
	<i>Homosexual</i>	29	5	932	187
	<i>Bisexual</i>	5	1	159	38
	Injecting drug use	14	6	249	43
	Blood/blood products recipients	1	1	78	23
	Perinatal	0	0	20	6
	Undetermined	35	6	664	71
<b>Total</b>		<b>119</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3941</b>	<b>998</b>

Age group and gender of reported HIV infection  
感染愛滋病毒人士之年齡及性別分佈  
1984 – September 2008 (N=3941)



估計愛滋病毒感染地區  
Suspected location of HIV infection  
January 2006 – September 2008,  
Hong Kong (N=1116)

