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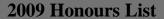
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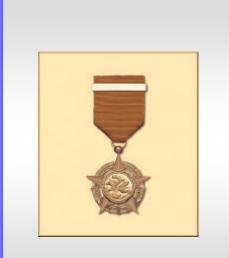
The 67th ACA Meeting on 10 July 2009



Congratulations to Prof FOK Tai-fai, JP, member of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS on his award of the Silver Bauhinia Star

in recognition of his distinguished contribution to the public health care sector and the development of paediatric care, as well as his exemplary efforts in nurturing the future generations of medical professionals.





Congratulations are also extended to Dr LAI Fook -ming, Lawrence, JP, member of Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS on his award of the Bronze Bauhinia Star in recognition of his loyal and meritorious service in the public health care sector, as well as his dedication to public and community work.

67th ACA Meeting Agenda

The 67th ACA meeting will be held on 10 July 2009 (Friday) at 2:30 pm at the DH Conference Room, 21/F Wu Chung House, Wan Chai. There are three main items on the agenda:

- Evaluation of the Hong Kong Universal Antenatal HIV Testing Programme
- Quality Assurance Guidelines on HIV Voluntary Counselling and Testing Services in Community Settings
- Interim review of the eight targets of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2007-2011

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



14th CFA Meeting Agenda

The 14th CFA meeting has been rescheduled to be held on 3 July 2009. There will be three main items on the agenda:

- Draft Quality Assurance Guidelines on HIV Voluntary Counselling and Testing Services in Community Settings
- Principles of Informed Consent, Discussion and Confidentiality related to Diagnostic HIV Test
- Syphilis Awareness Campaign in MSM 2009

Readers may look up the next issue of **ACA** Newsfile for more information about the meeting.

ACA's Visit

ACA's Visit to the AIDS Institute of the University of Hong Kong

As arranged by the ACA Secretariat, Prof CN CHEN led the visiting party and met the Director of the AIDS Institute, Dr CHEN Zhi-wei, on the afternoon of 18 June 2009 (Thursday). The purpose of the visit was to let ACA members have a better understanding of the researches and developments of HIV/AIDS science in Hong Kong and a glimpse of the laboratory facilities of the AIDS Institute.

The visiting party included Dr Samuel YU, Mr Tony PANG, staff members of the ACA Secretariat and the nursing officers of the Integrated Treatment Centre.

The AIDS Institute was established in 2007 with a seed fund of HK\$50 millions allocated by the University of Hong Kong and the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine.

Just before the World AIDS Day on December 1st, 2007, the launch of the AIDS Institute reflects a major strategic direction of the University on biomedical research. It aims to bring the university to become a major player in addressing the global HIV/AIDS crisis in the region by preventing a larger epidemic in Asia.

Scientists at the AIDS Institute will work with researchers in academic, clinical, and industrial laboratories through various types of collaborations and actively seek support from government agencies and private sectors in Hong Kong. A strategic partnership has been built with the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center/China AIDS Initiative, which is under the leadership of our Honorary Director. Dr David D. Ho.



Compilation of a List of Hong Kong Participants in the 9th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP9)

The ACA Secretariat as usual will compile a list of Hong Kong Participants attending the ICAAP9 to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 9 to 13 August 2009. If you or your organisation will attend the Congress, please send the following information to the ACA Secretariat at aca@dh.gov.hk by 13 July 2009:

- (a) Name of Participant,
- (b) Name of Agency,
- (c) Name of Hotel in Bali.
- (d) Hotel Address and Telephone No,
- (e) Period of Stay in Bali, and
- (f) Activities to be held in Bali.

All Hong Kong participants on the list will be given a copy of the list for communication in the Congress before their departure for Bali.

Farewell to the Executive Editor of the ACA Newsfile



Mr WONG Man-kong, the Executive Editor of the ACA Newsfile will be posted out from the Department of Health on 13 July 2009. His successor Mr Kenneth NG will take over from him with effect from the same date. The Editor Board wishes him all the best.

