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**30th CFA Meeting
11 September 2013**

**84th ACA Meeting
4 October 2013**

HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong - updated 30 June 2013

		This Quarter		Cumulative	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	105	18	4,801	1,168
	Female	18	4	1,244	219
Ethnicity	Chinese	87	17	4,008	1,071
	Non-Chinese	27	5	1,961	316
	Unknown	9	0	76	0
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	91	20	4,528	1,193
	- <i>Heterosexual</i>	27	7	2,446	800
	- <i>Homosexual</i>	58	10	1,836	334
	- <i>Bisexual</i>	6	3	246	59
	Injecting drug use	2	0	321	56
	Blood/blood products recipients	1	0	83	24
	Perinatal	0	0	27	8
Undetermined	29	2	1,086	106	
Total		123	22	6,045	1,387



A Summary of 83rd ACA Meeting held on 26 July 2013

Discussion on abandoning condom as prostitution evidence

ACA had sent a letter dated 10 June 2013 to the Hong Kong Police Force (the Police) to notify them of developments in USA on ending the use of condoms as evidence in prostitution-related cases, and to request that the Police consider taking similar action to help encourage the use of condoms to fight the spread of HIV infection. However, the Police replied in its letter dated 23 July 2013 that there would be no change to their policy. Relevant information on recent developments in San Francisco (that besides New York, the district attorney would no longer introduce condoms as evidence in its criminal prosecution cases) were also tabled for Members' reference. After discussion, the meeting resolved to further pursue this matter. ACA would issue another letter to the Police, copied to Secretary of Justice, Secretary for Security and Secretary of Food and Health.

Baseline study on life-skills based (LSB) HIV education in secondary schools

Members were reported on the preliminary findings of a baseline study conducted from November 2012 to April 2013 on LSB HIV education (2011/12) in local secondary schools, including the background, the current HIV/AIDS and sex education in Hong Kong, research methodology, preliminary results and training for teachers on HIV/AIDS, sex or LSB education. The subject was discussed actively. The ACA Secretariat would take into account members' views and suggestions for working with EDB to compile an action plan for deliberation by the Task Force.

Draft ACA Annual Report (2011-12)

The draft ACA Annual Report (2011-12) would be circulated to the members after the Chairperson's clearance.

Report on the National HIV/AIDS and STI Programme Managers 2013 Meeting for Asian Countries in the Western Pacific Region

A report on the National HIV/AIDS and STI Programme Managers Meeting for Asian Countries in the Western Pacific Region held in February 2013 in Kunming, China were presented during the meeting. In brief, Africa and Asia bore the highest and second highest burden of HIV respectively. In Asia, many cities across countries had high HIV prevalence among MSM, ranging from 5-30%. Members' attention was also drawn to the alarming increase of reported HIV cases in the Philippines from 342 cases in 2007 to 3338 cases in 2012. Besides, domestic funding in AIDS response had increased significantly in many countries from 2006 to 2011 but global funding had gradually decreased.

Population viral load to enhance HIV surveillance in Hong Kong

The paper which was prepared by Prof LEE Shui-shan, CUHK, and had been discussed at the 27th meeting of the Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI (SCAS) on 14 May 2013 was presented during the meeting. In brief, the SCAS regarded incorporating viral load monitoring as feasible and worthwhile for enhancing HIV surveillance in Hong Kong.

Report of the Community Forum on AIDS

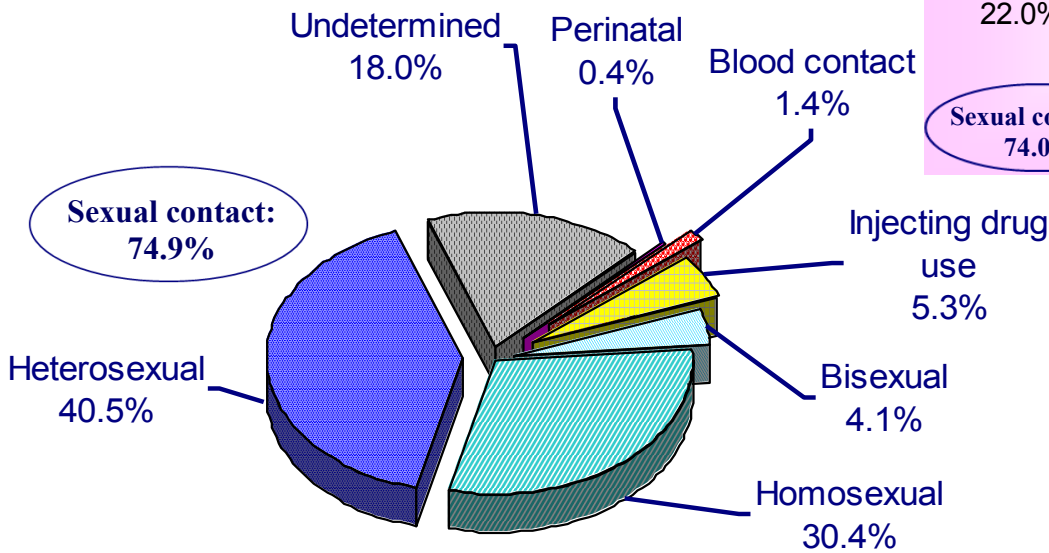
Members were briefed on the major discussion of the 29th CFA Meeting held on 10 June 2013 (and a summary of this CFA Meeting was given in the ACA Newsfile issued in August 2013).

A Summary of the 27th SCAS Meeting

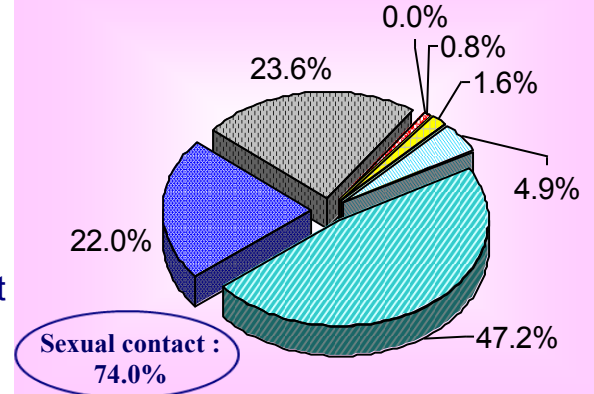
A summary of the 27th Meeting of SCAS held on 14 May 2013 was tabled at the meeting for members' general reference.

HIV/AIDS Statistics

Routes of transmission of HIV infection 1984 – June 2013 (N=6045)



Year 2013 (Apr - Jun), n=123



Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics 1984 – June 2013, Hong Kong (N=6045/1387)

