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35th CFA Meeting 18 March 2015 90th ACA Meeting 17 April 2015

HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong-updated 31 December 2014

| | | Q4 2014 | | Cumulative | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | | <u>HIV</u> | <u>AIDS</u> | <u>HIV</u> | <u>AIDS</u> |
| Sex | Male | 125 | 15 | 5,592 | 1,293 |
| | Female | 27 | 6 | 1,401 | 252 |
| Ethnicity | Chinese | 105 | 17 | 4,707 | 1,187 |
| | Non-Chinese | 41 | 4 | 2,181 | 358 |
| | Unknown | 6 | 0 | 105 | 0 |
| Route of Transmission | Sexual Contacts | 107 | 16 | 5,303 | 1,334 |
| | - Heterosexual | 25 | 8 | 2,649 | 873 |
| | - Homosexual | 76 | 8 | 2,372 | 394 |
| | - Bisexual | 6 | 0 | 282 | 67 |
| | Injecting drug use | 0 | 2 | 329 | 61 |
| | Blood/blood products recipients | 0 | 0 | 84 | 24 |
| | Perinatal | 0 | 0 | 27 | 8 |
| | Undetermined | 45 | 3 | 1,250 | 118 |
| Total | | 152 | 21 | 6,993 | 1,545 |

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A Summary of the 89th ACA Meeting held on 9 January 2015

Mid-term review of the implementation of the Recommended HIV/ AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2012-2016

DH presented a mid-term review of the ACA Strategy 2012-2016. With the effort of NGOs, DH and Hospital Authority, most of the targets were on schedule and/or achieved.

It was agreed that effective HIV prevention needed long term effort to be sustained, and a diversity of educational strategies should be adopted. It was noted that on-going as well as new initiatives were being implemented by the public and community sectors.

Early commencement of HAART had led to a rise in the cost of HIV care, but correspondingly there was improvement in patient survival and reduction of onward HIV transmission.

Targeted awareness and publicity campaigns in 2014/15 for men who have sex with men (MSM)

The "Be Negative" HIV/HCV awareness campaign rolled out in August through November 2014 was presented. The background, objectives, key messages, publicity materials, delivery channels, HCV testing programmes and methodology of evaluation were described. Members noted and discussed the upcoming production of the announcement of public interest (API) and online video series to promote safer sex and HIV testing among MSM.

A Summary of the 31st SCAS Meeting

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 31st Meeting of SCAS held on 28 October 2014.

Risk behaviours and HIV prevalence among men who have sex with men and transgender – findings from the HARiS 2014

The 2nd HARiS survey was conducted in mid-2014. The background, aims, sampling method, inclusion criteria, use of behaviour questionnaires, urine collection for HIV prevalence, findings, limitations and recommendations of the survey on MSM and TG population were presented. Members were concerned about the HIV prevalence of 5.85% among MSM, noticeably higher than those of the previous PRiSM surveys of around 4%. On the other hand, both the condom use rate and HIV testing showed an increasing trend. Among TG, although condom use rates with different types of sex partners were satisfactory, the high HIV prevalence of 18.6% as gauged from a small number of subjects was also perturbing. ACA recommended that the Survey findings should be publicized to raise awareness in the community.

Report of The Third HIV/AIDS Forum 2014

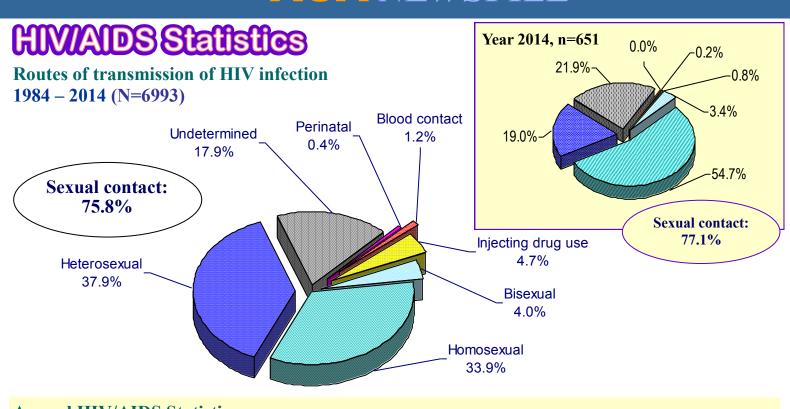
The Chairperson briefly reported on the forum organized by the AIDS Institute of HKU and The Hong Kong AIDS Foundation with ACA as a local co-organizer, held on 22-23 November 2014. She had presented Hong Kong's experience in tackling the issue of HIV infection and health care workers, which was well received by the audience.

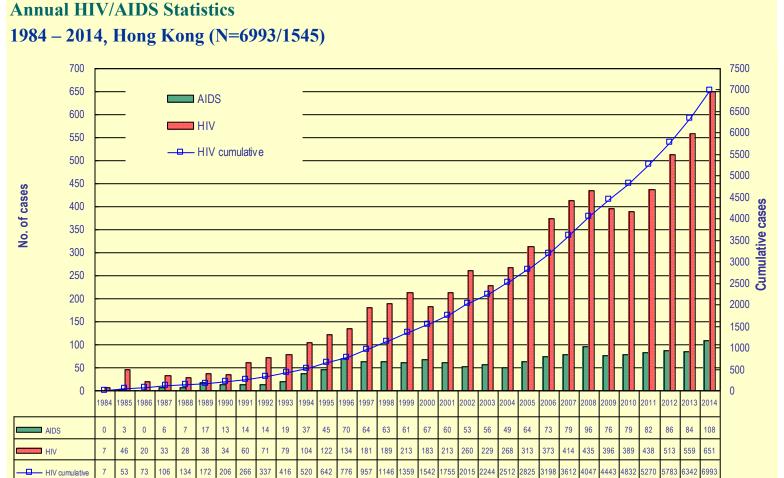
HIV statistics in nearby regions

DH summarized the HIV situation in nearby regions where MSM often visited and might have sex, including the major cities of the Mainland and South East Asia. These non-local factors might affect the HIV situation in Hong Kong.

Report of the Community Forum on AIDS

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 34th CFA Meeting held on 16 December 2014 (a summary of this CFA Meeting was contained in the ACA Newsfile issued in February 2015).





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