



## Editorial Board

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93rd ACA Meeting  
8 January 2016

## 93rd ACA Meeting

Date : 8 January 2016 (Friday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue : Conference Room, Department of Health, 21/F Wu Chung House,  
Wanchai, Hong Kong

### **Three main items on the Agenda -**

- ◆ Update on AIDS Epidemic Model estimates for Hong Kong and implications on HIV prevention and control (Dr Tim BROWN)
- ◆ Recommended principles and practice of HIV clinical care in Hong Kong
- ◆ Life skill-based HIV education programme for youth

## A Summary of the 92nd Meeting held on 9 October 2015

### Current HIV situation and AIDS programme in Shenzhen

Dr ZHAO Jin (from HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Division, Shenzhen Center for Disease Control and Prevention) updated the ACA on the HIV situation in Shenzhen and the various AIDS programmes. She highlighted the rapid growth of reported HIV infections to more than 1,500 in 2014 with sex between men becoming an increasingly significant risk factor, and the pressure on provision of antiretroviral treatment. She also mentioned that the primary drug resistance rate remained lower than 1% so far.

The meeting further exchanged views on the high HIV prevalence in MSM, HIV education in schools, and eligibility of receiving HIV treatment in Shenzhen. Dr ZHAO noted that the increasing popularity of social media and mobile app facilitated MSM to find sex partners more easily. She added that the MSM population has become more accepted by the society and more attention is being paid to their health problems. She informed that HIV education is already in place for university students, and the Chinese government is now putting more emphasis on HIV education in secondary schools. All people with a residential address in Shenzhen, irrespective of which province or city they came from, could receive free HIV treatment from Shenzhen CDC.

### Report of the Community Forum on AIDS

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 37th CFA Meeting held on 23 September 2015 (a summary of this CFA Meeting was contained in the ACA Newsfile issued in November 2015).



## **Revisiting the Guidelines on HIV infection and health care workers**

The ACA agreed that in updating its Guidelines on HIV infection and health care workers, time-bound information would be removed and information on the Expert Panel would be updated as well as streamlined. The updated Guidelines has been uploaded to the ACA website <http://www.aca.gov.hk/publication/278.pdf>.

## **The World Health Organization and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Strategy on AIDS (2016 – 2021)**

In the process of formulating the next ACA Strategies, it was noted that WHO and UNAIDS were working on their next HIV/AIDS Strategies (2016-2021). The key principles guiding the global AIDS response include sustainable development, universal health coverage for treatment and prevention, sustainable financing and prioritization, HIV cascade (three-90s targets), health indicators, end AIDS, reduce new HIV and fast tracking the response.



## World AIDS Campaign 2015 – “Getting to Zero”

This year, the Red Ribbon Centre (RRC) of the Department of Health collaborated with the Metro Broadcast Corporation Limited to launch a series of activities during the World AIDS Campaign 2015. To echo the theme of “Getting to Zero” as set by UNAIDS, an egg design competition (零雞蛋設計比賽) was organized to raise the public awareness on HIV prevention. An award presentation ceremony was held on 28 November 2015 at the Whampoa Garden Fashion World. The winning and outstanding pieces were exhibited on 28-29 November and 5-6 December 2015 in four shopping malls.

Apart from the above, Professor LEE Shui-shan was invited to talk about the 30-year history of HIV/AIDS and the future prospect in the radio programme “還看今天”. Some patients were also invited to share their stories in “香港仲有好能量” and “新香蕉俱樂部”. To see the art pieces and listen to interview excerpts, please visit the website : <http://www.metroradio.com.hk/campaign/2015/997/AIDS/main.html>



The Secretary for Food and Health (SFH), Dr KO Wing-man, the Director of Health, Dr Constance CHAN, and the Chairman of the RRC Management Advisory Committee, Dr Richard TAN, officiated at the Getting to Zero - Egg Design Competition Award Presentation Ceremony of the World AIDS Campaign 2015.